

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Chaos Reigns—Chaos Broken

January 6 & 7, 2018

AS WE GATHER

When we think of the “In the beginning” of God’s creation, we usually think of the perfection and paradise of the Garden of Eden. But the Bible tells us more about God’s work of creation. We can peek under the curtain of what was even before God’s creative work. The Bible tells us, “The earth was without form and void.” The Hebrew word means primeval chaos—formlessness, confusion, unreality, emptiness. Life cannot exist in chaos. We know that as a practical matter. Lies, accidents, and frustrations—sin—does not produce life. The wages of sin is death! God’s Word, however, “Let there be,” brought order, peace, and the paradise of His creation. As God spoke His creative Word in the beginning, so at our Lord’s Baptism, God spoke again, “You are My beloved Son.” By Baptism into God’s beloved Son, God’s Word is spoken over you, bringing order, peace, and salvation. That’s because Jesus took all our chaos—our sin—into Himself to the depths of its wages, namely, death on a cross. By faith in the crucified Lord, our sin and the power of the chaos around us is taken away. In Christ, we have peace.

WELCOME

"To [the saints] God chose to make known
how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery,
which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Colossians 1:27)

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #405 “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

To Jordan’s river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav’nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light, The Lord of glory, pow’r and might.

The Savior came to be baptized – The Son of God in flesh disguised –
To stand beneath the Father’s will And all His righteousness fulfill.

As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav’nly dove, Descended on Him from above.

Then from God’s throne with thund’rous sound
Came God’s own voice with words profound:
“This is My Son,” was His decree, “The one I love, who pleases Me.”

The Father’s word, the Spirit’s flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God’s own choice, from Adam’s fall To save the world and free us all.

Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan’s stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

(Rise)

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

People: The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

Pastor: John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

People: The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

Pastor: Beloved, all who are baptized into Christ have been buried with Him that
we may also be united in a resurrection like His. Let us recall our Baptism
and receive again the forgiveness of our sins.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Dear Christians, one and all, do you renounce the devil?

People: Yes, I renounce him.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his works?

People: Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his ways?

People: Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

People: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and
sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will
come to judge the living and the dead?

People: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

People: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

People: Yes.

Pastor: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE #527 “O Savior, Precious Savior” Stanzas 1 & 2

O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor, All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.

O bringer of salvation, Who wondrously has wrought
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our gracious Lord and King.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, at your Word you brought order and beauty to a dark world and at the Baptism of your Son you restore order and life to us. Help us to live our Baptism joyfully, looking to you in faith for the forgiveness of our sins and the hope of eternal life; through Jesus Christ,

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our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

BAPTISM HYMN #605 “Father Welcomes”

**Refrain: Father welcomes all His children To His fam’ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.**

Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. **Refrain**

In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured;
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. **Refrain**

Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him.

Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. **Refrain**

BAPTISM of Hadley Jean Emmer (10:30)

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☩ WORD ☩

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1:1–5 (The creation of the world)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

EPISTLE Romans 6:1–11 (Dead to sin, alive to God)

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also

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live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

CHOIR ANTHEM (5:00) *“A Spotless Rose”*

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:4–11* (The Baptism of Jesus)

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #590 “Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy”

Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.
My loving Father, here You take me To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior here You make me The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me When threat’ning clouds around I see.

My faithful God, You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

All that I am and love most dearly Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or won Serve any will but Yours alone.

SERMON

“Baptized Into Christ!”

Romans 6:1-11

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us approach our Father in heaven in the confidence of faith that he will hear and answer our prayers. Almighty God, your Son was baptized by John in the Jordan, placing Himself under the Law and wondrously foreshadowing our adoption by grace.

People: **Grant us to rejoice in our Savior who stood firm against Satan’s schemes and walked the way of sorrows to the cross for our redemption.**

Pastor: Father in heaven, we pray for all the baptized, that united with Christ in His death we may daily die to sin and rise with Him to walk in newness of life.

People: **As we have been set free from the dominion of sin and death, fill us with faith to walk daily in grace and perform the good deeds you desire us to accomplish.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we rejoice this weekend as Hadley Jean Emmer is baptized into Christ, redeemed as God’s precious child and made an heir of eternity.

People: **Bless her parents to raise her in the faith, her sponsors to faithfully pray for her, and grant that she grow up to live a faithful and godly life as your child.**

Pastor: Lord of all creation, at the beginning of time you said that it was not good for the man to be alone, and you created woman and instituted marriage. We rejoice this day with Roger and Lonna as they celebrate 46 years of marriage.

People: **We thank you for the gift of marriage and family and pray that we would love and cherish all the people you place in our lives.**

Pastor: Lord of all, we pray for the nations of the world still in darkness, that the Spirit would bring them life and light through the preaching of the Gospel and call them to the waters of the new creation.

People: Bless the work of all pastors, missionaries, and church workers, especially our Together in Mission partners, Pastor Chuck Ferry and family and Rachel Meyer.

Pastor: Lord of life, we pray for all who make, administer and judge the laws of our land, that they be given wisdom, integrity and honor to serve according to your good and gracious will.

People: Give us faith to acknowledge that you are the source of all authority, that we might live in humble and obedient ways in submission to those in authority over us.

Pastor: Compassionate Lord, we pray for the lonely and homebound; the grieving and dying; and all who are afflicted in body, mind or spirit, and especially for Dolores, Pat, Cliff, Jerry, Dee, Dan, Manley, Debbie, Pat, Charles, Ruth, Shirley, Gladys, Herb, Matthew, Russ, Arlene, Dorothy, John, Arlene, LuEva, Jean, Jack, Shirley, Jonathan, Helen, Leonard and Sarah. Bless them by your abiding presence.

People: Fill them with faith to see that Christ is their companion in solitude, their comfort in sorrow, their health in sickness and their life in death.

Pastor: God of grace, we pray for all who will partake today of the Holy Supper of our Lord, that they be given grace to approach the altar with humility and faith.

People: Strengthened by our Savior's body and blood, move us to live as children of the day, living lives of love, purity and peace.

Pastor: Lord of the Church, we pray for all who remember loved ones among the faithful departed who rest now in Christ.

People: We give you our thanks and praise that they have finished the race of life in faith, and we pray that you would help us live our days looking for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (5:00 & 8:00)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #594 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!

He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.

Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any

That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!

Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!

I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.

Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me

In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!

Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.

Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
and, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

Death, you cannot end my gladness; I am baptized into Christ!

When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!

Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:

Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.

There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

HYMN #400 "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on His cradle the dew-drops are shining;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,
Fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure.
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

HYMN #399 "The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"

The star proclaims the King is here; But, Herod, why this senseless fear?
For He who offers heav'nly birth Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.

The eastern sages, saw from far And followed on His guiding star;
And, led by light, to light they trod And by their gifts confessed their God.

Within the Jordan's sacred flood The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood
That He, of whom no sin was known, Might cleanse His people from their own.

And oh, what miracle divine, When water reddened into wine!
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.

For this Thy glad epiphany All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: With thankful hearts, we give you praise, gracious Father, for renewing
and strengthening our baptismal faith by your Holy Spirit with the very
body and blood of your Son. Help us to live lives ordered by the power of
your Word; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give
you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #737 "Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing"

Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing, A cheerful trust maintain;
For God, the source of ev'rything, Your portion shall remain.

He is your treasure, He your joy, Your life and light and Lord,
Your counselor when doubts annoy, Your shield and great reward.

Why spend the day in blank despair, In restless thought the night?
On your Creator cast your care; He makes your burdens light.

Did not His love and truth and pow'r Guard ev'ry childhood day?
And did He not in threat'ning hour Turn dreaded ills away?

He only will with patience chide, His rod falls gently down;
and all your sins He casts aside In ocean depths to drown.

His wisdom never plans in vain Nor falters nor mistakes.
All that His counsels may ordain A blesses ending makes.

Upon your lips, then, lay your hand, And trust His guiding love;
Then like a rock your peace shall stand Here and in Heav'n above.

Preacher	Pastor Harold Bender
Liturgist	Pastor Gregg Stanton
Lectors	Jane Adams, Beth Truby, Dalen Heinzen
Acolytes	Riley Zacharias, Ryann Gutknecht, Cameron Skenandore
Organist	Michelle Prince
Choir Director 5:00	Nancy Hoelke

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