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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

St. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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About Today's Service

Epiphany, comes from a Greek word that means "to appear." Salvation has appeared in the person of Jesus Christ. In Epiphany, the Church explores everything that Christ makes apparent about God. Not only is God beyond our understanding, his works and his ways are contrary to our natural assumptions about him. The truth about God needs to be uncovered for us. That's what the Spirit is doing for us through God's Word during this season of Epiphany. Week after week, surprising truths about Jesus our King and life in his kingdom will be uncovered.

Our sight tends to be the sense we trust most. We say we will believe something when we see it. That presents a problem when it comes to the work of God. So often what our eye sees differs from what God decrees. This is true of the life of Jesus. In the eyes of the world, he was nothing special. This is also true in the life of the Christian. To the world, the believer does not look more blessed than the unbeliever. In fact, the believer may appear to have more hardships as the devil and his allies attempt to destroy him. So, to assure his children, God connects his grace, power, and blessing to something we can see—a visible sign: the anointing of baptism.

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar in which we joyfully receive Christ's body and blood, in, with, and under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament we also give public confession of our complete unity in the Christian faith. We invite communicant members of St. Lucas Lutheran Church, or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) to commune. If you are a guest visiting with us today, please refrain from communing until you have spoken with our pastor.

Opening Hymn

“The Star Proclaims the King Is Here”

Christian Worship Hymnal 91

Stand for the last stanza.



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,
2 The wis - er Ma - gi saw from far And fol - lowed
3 With - in the Jor - dan Riv - er stood The pure and
4 At Ca - na - mir - a - cle di - vine - When wa - ter
5 All glo - ry un - to Je - sus be And praise for



why this sense-less fear? For he who came from heav - en's
on his guid - ing star, And, led by light, to Light they
ho - ly Lamb of God; The Fa - ther's voice, the Spir - it -
red - dened in - to wine, The faith - ful saw his glo - ry
his e - piph - a - ny, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



throne Does not de - sire an earth - ly crown.
pressed And by their gifts their God con - fessed.
dove, Con - firmed the Sav - ior from a - bove.
shown And put their trust in him a - lone.
dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Coelius Sedulius, 5th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: O HEILAND, REISS DIE HIMMEL AUF (LM) *Rheinfeßsisch Deutsches Catholisches Gesangbuch*, Augsburg, 1666.

Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

Confession of Sins and Absolution

M: Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

Glory Be To God

Gloria in Excelsis



C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



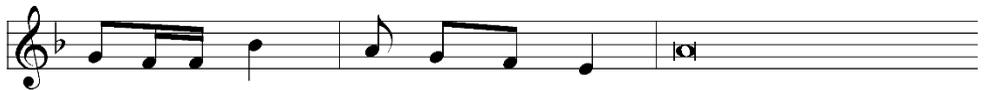
God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



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

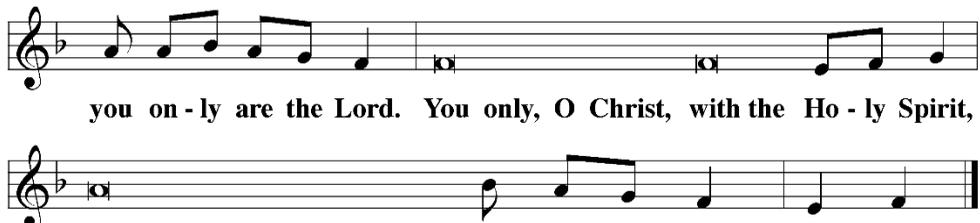


sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;

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you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated

First Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13

To the eyes of the average Israelite, the young boy David was not the best choice to be king. Yet he was God's choice, a man after God's heart. The Lord made his choice known through an anointing.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

² But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

⁴ Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

⁵ Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord."

⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." ⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2

The congregation sings the refrains and the portions of the verses in bold type

Refrain



Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-



lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone



Why do the nations conspire*
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers
gather together against the LORD*
and against his Anointed One.

Refrain

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;*
the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,*
"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:*
**He said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have become your Father."**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

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Second Lesson

Titus 3:4-7

In the eyes of the world, baptism appears to be just a ceremonial washing. St. Paul tells us it is so much more. It is a second birth that bestows salvation and the Spirit.

⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia. (Mark 1:11)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-23

In the eyes of the Israelites, John the Baptist looked like he could be the Messiah. He was a powerful preacher who lived a unique life. Jesus looked ordinary by comparison. Yet, he was God's Anointed One, a choice made clear in Jesus' baptism.

M: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke chapter 3:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am

not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

²³Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

Christian Worship Hymnal 89



1 To Jor - dan’s riv - er came our Lord, The
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And
 4 Then from God’s throne with thun - d’rous sound Came
 5 The Fa - ther’s word, the Spir - it’s flight A -



Christ, whom heav’n - ly hosts a - dored, The
 Son of God in flesh dis - guised— To
 John bap - tized the Lamb of God, The
 God’s own voice with words pro - found: “This
 noint - ed Christ in glo - rious sight As



God from God, the Light from Light, The
stand be - neath the Fa - ther's will And
Ho - ly Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, De -
is my Son," was his de - cree, "The
God's own choice, from A - dam's fall To



Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
scend - ed on him from a - bove.
one I love, who pleas - es me."
save the world and free us all.

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

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Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

Sermon

Text: Matthew 3:13-17

Theme: Rejoice in God's Chosen Servant!

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Following the sermon please stand for the Creed

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be Seated

Prayer of the Church

M: Lord Jesus, at your baptism you revealed yourself as the obedient Son of Man, fulfilling all righteousness. Your heavenly Father revealed you as his beloved Son, in whom he is well pleased. The Holy Spirit revealed you as the Christ, anointed and armed to destroy the work of the devil.

C: **We thank you, beloved Son of God, that you took on yourself the nature of a servant, became like us, and were obedient to the will of your heavenly Father.**

M: Lord Jesus, eternal Word of God, you have connected your mighty Word and gracious promises to the water of Holy Baptism. In Baptism you cleansed us from sin, redeemed us from death, and clothed us in your perfect righteousness. We praise you for the promise and treasure of Baptism.

C: **Encourage us to remember our baptisms daily as we die to sin and rise to new life with you.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Baptized into your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
We 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.

**C: All that I am and love most dearly—receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely, and help me your own child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own serve any will but yours alone.**

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Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Stand

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



O Christ, Lamb of God



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



Be Seated

Distribution Hymn

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" Christian Worship Supplement 737



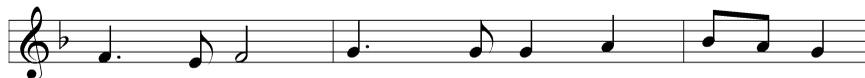
1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it:
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er:
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion:
4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness:
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing



I am bap - tized in - to Christ! He, be -
I am bap - tized in - to Christ! I have
I am bap - tized in - to Christ! Drop your
I am bap - tized in - to Christ! When I
To this life - long com - fort sure! O - pen -



cause I could not pay it, Gave my full re -
com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus' cleans - ing
ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion; I am not so
die, I leave all sad - ness To in - her - it
eyed my grave is star - ing: E - ven there I'll



demp - tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures
sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con - science
soon en - ticed. Now that to the font I've
par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and
sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its



man - y? I have one worth more than an - y
seize me Since my bap - tism did re - lease me
trav - eled, All your might has come un - rav - eled,
ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es:
rais - ing, Still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing:



That brought me sal - va - tion free,
In a dear for - giv - ing flood,
And, a - gainst your tyr - an - ny,
Bap - tism has the strength di - vine;
I am bap - tized in - to Christ;



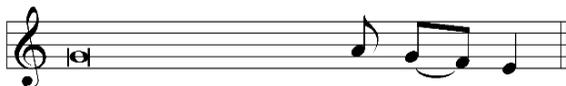
Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
Sprink - ling me with Je - sus' blood?
God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
To make life im - mor - tal mine.
I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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Tune: BACHOFEN (87 87 88 77) Johann Caspar Bachofen, 1695–1755, alt.

After all have communed the minister says, "The true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Amen."

Stand

M: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: **And his mercy endures for - ev - er.**

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: **A - men.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: **A - men. A - men. A - men.**

Hymn

“Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert” Christian Worship Supplement 709



1 Christ, your foot - prints through the des - ert Led to
2 Christ, you heard the stir - ring sum - mons As by
3 Son of God, the road from Jor - dan Led at
4 God, in Bap - tism you have made us One with



Jor - dan's flow - ing stream. There you heard the
Jor - dan's bank you stood; Bathed, though sin - less,
last to Cal - v'ry's hill. There up - on the
Christ, our ris - en Lord; Freed us, claimed us,



her - ald cry - ing Is - rael's old pro - phet - ic
with your peo - ple In the riv - er's cleans - ing
cross for - sak - en, You ful - filled the Fa - ther's
cleansed, for - giv - en Through the wa - ter and the



dream: “He is com - ing! He is com - ing! He will
flood. High a - bove, the heav - ens o - pened; Came the
will. Lamb of God, we see you dy - ing, Sin - less,
Word. Help us hear your ur - gent sum - mons, Call - ing



cleanse the earth with flame! Sin - ners, plunge be - neath the
Spir - it as a dove; Spoke a voice be - yond all
yet for sin - ners slain. But where death rose up to
us to serve you now. Send us forth, your sons and



wa - ters! Wash a - way your guilt and shame!”
hear - ing; “See my Son, the one I love!”
tri - umph, You be - gan your glo - rious reign!
daugh - ters, With the cross up - on our brow.

This hymn not only underscores the significance of our Lord's baptism in his work of salvation but also demonstrates the intimate connection between his baptism and our own.

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CALENDAR

January 8 – 16, 2022

Suggested readings for each day of the week are listed in parenthesis.

Saturday	<i>(Ezekiel 2:1-11, Romans 1:18-32)</i>	
6:00pm	Worship w/Communion	Ushers: Peters
Sunday	<i>(Ezekiel 3:12-27, Romans 2:1-16)</i>	
8:00am	Worship w/Communion	Ushers: Stoltz
9:15am	Family Bible Hour and Sunday School	
10:30am	Worship w/Communion	Ushers: Strack
Monday	<i>(Ezekiel 18:1-4, 19-32, Romans 2:17-29)</i>	
Tuesday	<i>(Ezekiel 33:1-20, Romans 3:1-18)</i>	
6:30pm	Bible Study	
Wednesday	<i>(Ezekiel 34:1-24, Romans 3:19-31)</i>	
3:30pm	Public School Instruction	
Thursday	<i>(Ezekiel 36:13-28, Romans 4:1-25)</i>	
10:00am	Bible Study	
Friday	<i>(Ezekiel 36:33-37:14, Romans 5:1-21)</i>	
7:45am	Chapel Service	
Saturday	<i>(Ezekiel 37:15-28, Romans 6:1-23)</i>	
7:30am	Leadership Team Meeting	
6:00pm	Worship	Ushers: Beyer
Sunday	<i>(Ezekiel 38:1-23, Romans 7:1-20)</i>	
8:00am	Worship w/Communion	Ushers: Schacht
9:15am	Family Bible Hour and Sunday School	
10:30am	Worship w/Communion	Ushers: Strack

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