



Baptism of Our Lord

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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by filling out a worship attendance form (located in your bulletin) and placing it in the offering plate.

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BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 10, 2016

9:30 AM

PRELUDE *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* Wilbur Held
Two Settings Charles Ore

GATHERING SONGS *Wind of the Spirit* Purple #157
You Are Mine Purple #158

WELCOME Pastor Lyn Crase

OPENING HYMN *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* Red Book #308
ALL v. 1, 3, 5; Women v. 2; Men v. 4

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who creates us and forms us,
who redeems us and calls us,
who unites us and sends us.

C Amen

P Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin. *(silence for reflection)*
Mighty and loving God, ...

C we lift up our souls.

**You know us through and through;
we confess our sins to you.
Remember not our sins;
remember us with your steadfast love.
Show us your ways;
teach us your paths;
and lead us in justice and truth,
for the sake of your goodness
in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

P Hear the voice of Jesus:
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
to proclaim release to the captives."
In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ,
I proclaim to you
that your sins are forgiven and you are released.
The joy of the Lord is your strength,
and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

C Amen

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



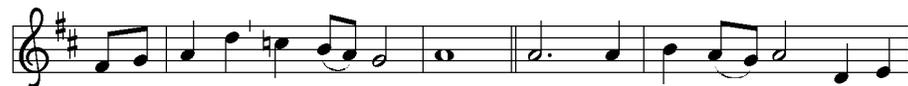
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.

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HYMN OF PRAISE (CONTINUED)

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together....

C Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29 (Spoken Responsively)

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴ **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶ **the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

8 **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

9 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

10 **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

11 O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: ACTS 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 3

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

SERMON HYMN

When Jesus Came to Jordan

Red Book #305

NICENE CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the 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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Giving thanks for the gift of baptism and the gifts of grace in the world, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Response: ... let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **hear our prayer.**

TITHES & OFFERINGS

What Child Is This

Ephrose/Stark

Barry Schroeder & Kaya Stanford, Flutes

OFFERING PRAYER

A Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
were gathered together to become one bread,
so let your church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C **Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en 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 who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

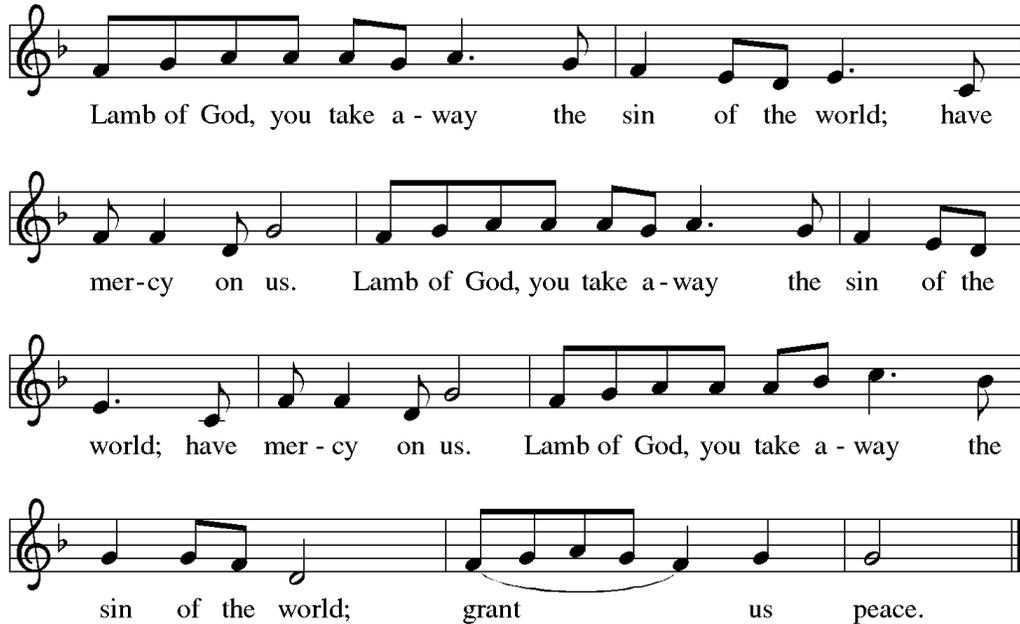
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table.

Feast on God's abundant life for you.

We will practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Spirit of Gentleness

Red Book #396

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Red Book #445

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Red Book #800

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We thank you, O God,
that you have fed us at your banqueting table
with bread and wine beyond compare,
the very life of Christ for us.
Send your Spirit with us now,
that we may set the captive free,
use your gifts to build one another up,
and in everything reflect your glory
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS

Home Communion Minister comes forward.

P Let us pray,

C **O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

P God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life.
The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the **+** Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and forever.

C **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

Red Book #304

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Paul Manz

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister Paula Barton
Acolyte Emily Cline
Song Leader Marilyn Rowland
Readers Suzanne Wilke, Zack Cline
Communion Assistant Suzanne Wilke
Home Communion Minister Mary Lou Dieterich
Recipient Shelda Fritts
Usher/Greeter Shank/Skustad
Altar Care Pat Norquist, Barbara Bauman

Announcements

Please use your “soft” voice during and following the Prelude, as others may be in prayer and meditation. Thank you.



The flowers this morning are given by Jack and Pat Smith in honor of their son John’s 48th birthday.

The rose on the altar is given in thanks to God for the birth of Abraham Martin Cox, born January 4, 2016 to Emily and John Cox. Margaret and David Holtz and Patty and Bill Cox are the grateful grandparents.



Choir Rehearsals will begin on January 17 following the service. This is an excellent time to join the choir, and we welcome new members. Rehearsals start after the service around 11:00, after you’ve had a chance for some coffee, and end promptly at noon. I’m looking forward to another great year!

Confirmation Class today after service with Pastor Lyn.

Text Study meets Tuesdays at noon in Katie’s Room. All are welcome. Be sure to bring a sack lunch.

Thursday Morning Bible Study meets this week at Casa de Modesto.

2016 Altar Flowers Calendar has been posted in the Narthex.

WELCA Steering Committee will meet in Augustana Hall on Sunday, January 24 following the service.

ELDC Cookbook the deadline for submitting recipes has been extended to January 15. Contact Laura Marquez, Day Care Director for more information.



Peace of Mind Seminar

TODAY after service // 11:00 am

Learn how to plan for your final wishes.
Brought to you by Franklin and Downs Funeral Home.

New Adult education opportunity!

Sunday evenings once a month beginning January 24th 5:30—7:00 pm (will meet in Katie’s room) for a light meal, video, and discussion on C.S. Lewis “Screwtape Letters.” You can find the book at used book stores, on line or at the library. See the sign up on the narthex table & Lois Owen for further detail.

Hope to see you there!



Help our outreach to Family Promise.

Our guests arrive Sunday, January 24.

We will be providing dinner meals and a warm place for families to stay for the week. Sign-up chart is in the Narthex.....questions???? Ask anyone for information, especially David Holtz.

WITHOUT PERMISSION 4TH ANNUAL Benefit Dinner

Thursday, January 14 2016

Doors Open at 6:00 PM

Martin Petersen Event Center

\$75 ea. (table & sponsorship opportunities)

Purchase Tickets at [WITHOUT PERMISSION.ORG](http://WITHOUTPERMISSION.ORG)



January 31, 2016

Youth Sunday followed by a

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sponsored by the Fellowship Committee



Emanuel Lutheran Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. **Life Line Screening**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on **3/4/2016**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 11	TUE 12	WED 13	THUR 14	FRI 15	SAT 16	SUN 17
		7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED		9:30 am Worship Service Birthday Blessings
	12:00 pm Lectionary Study					10:45 am Confirmation Class
7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ M. Waggoner's		7:00 pm Ministry Mtg.	7:00 pm Leah Circle Location TBD			5:00 pm Emanuel Youth Group

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lectors	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Jan 17 Epiphany 2	Pastor Lyn Crase	Eric Obermeyer	L Owen B Crawford	Barbara Crawford	Kailyn Knoll	Owen Family	Norquist/ Crawford
Jan 24 Epiphany 3	Pastor Lyn Crase	Garry Hayes	D Holtz Y Troedson	David Holtz	Emma Hoover	Petersen/ Troedson	Norquist/ Crawford
Jan 31 Epiphany 4	Pastor Lyn Crase	Barbara Crawford	P Kroeze S McCready	Susan McCready	Faney Bjargardottir	Clarke Family	Lois Silva

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

January 17 Epiphany 2	January 24 Epiphany 3	January 31 Epiphany 4
Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30



New Prayer Requests: Beverly Selland—healing and comfort; John Hopkins—healing (Wilke); Roger Benson—healing/terminal illness (Clarke);

Our Members: Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Carolyn Crenwelge; Bob Dailey; Kelly Dailey; Gary Knoll; Pat & Jack Smith; Bill Fox; Tom Watkins; Elaine Urch; Jill Klenz; Keith Thurston

Our Homebound Members: Florence Broden, Kay Altmas, Esther Johnson, Shelda Fritts, Alma Johnson

Our Family: Sharon (Owen); Elisabeth Maddox and baby Julianne (Jones); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Ian & Marian McKenzie (Schmidt); Marsha Schlipman (Nelson); Cameron Brown (Tina La Vornia); Sean Sizemore (Sizemore); Keegan Lyons (Turner); Rich Crawford (Crawford); Joy & Michael Morgan (Scott); Joyce Morgan (Scott); Dona Molet (Dieterich); Sabrina Hill (ELDC); Vince and family (Ixcot); Elizabeth Parchem (Nelson); Carla Thurston (Thurston); Janet Sullivan (Hollmann); Susan Young (Dieterich); Gregory & Alley Taylor (Scott); Erin Clarke (Clarke); Charles Shirley (Shirley); Dan Harris (Jones); Dan & Nathan Porter (Ixcot)

Our Friends: Tom Aja (Crawford); Dr. Roger Vogelzang and family, Bethany Metcalf & family (Reinheimer); Jennifer Turner, Pam & Tom (Dieterich); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Georga Butterfield (Petersen); Emmet Pletschette (Smith); Priscilla Pino, Don Rousseau (Ixcot); Nathan Yarbrough (Marquez); Felicia & Kendra (Barton); Kathy Nicholas (Skustad); Dennis Medford (Silva); Jerry Larson (Clarke); Steven Perry; Rich Crawford (Crawford)

We Pray for Peace in the Middle East, and for all those serving in our armed forces.

T/Sgt. Ryan Dangerfield, USAF in Ramstein AB, Germany and **SSgt. Joey Sabel, USMC** in Kaneohe Marine Corps Base, Hawaii (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law), **Capt. Tim Kramer** (Megan Armes' brother) will be in Kuwait through June of 2016, **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Giving thanks for the gift of baptism and the gifts of grace in the world, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *(Pause for silence.)*

For your church on earth, that your Spirit guides your children. Unite us in our common call to live out your justice and stand with our siblings of every faith community. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For this world, which you redeemed, that the powerful in all nations foster its health and care for all its creatures. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give your people of every land the tools and strength to care for one another. Give passion to strive for justice to your people. Bless all countries with the courage to follow what is wise and good. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lift up the poor and oppressed, ease the troubled minds and hearts of those in turmoil, and surround those who are ill with the comforts of good medicine and good friends, signs of your healing. We pray especially for Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Guide those preparing for baptism, their sponsors, and this assembly so that we all live into the promises made in baptism. Lead us all to scripture, the holy supper, and toward justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for your healing touch on those we name before you now, aloud or in silence *(Pause for silence.)* Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the lives of the faithful departed and for the assurance of the same resurrection by our baptism into Christ's death. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all of your beloved for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Entrance Hymn #308

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

- 5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,
the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
for the day of your returning.

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Sermon Hymn #305

When Jesus Came to Jordan



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune

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Sending Hymn #304

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

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