

The Old Testament Reading.Genesis 1:1–5

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.

The Epistle Reading.Romans 6:1–11

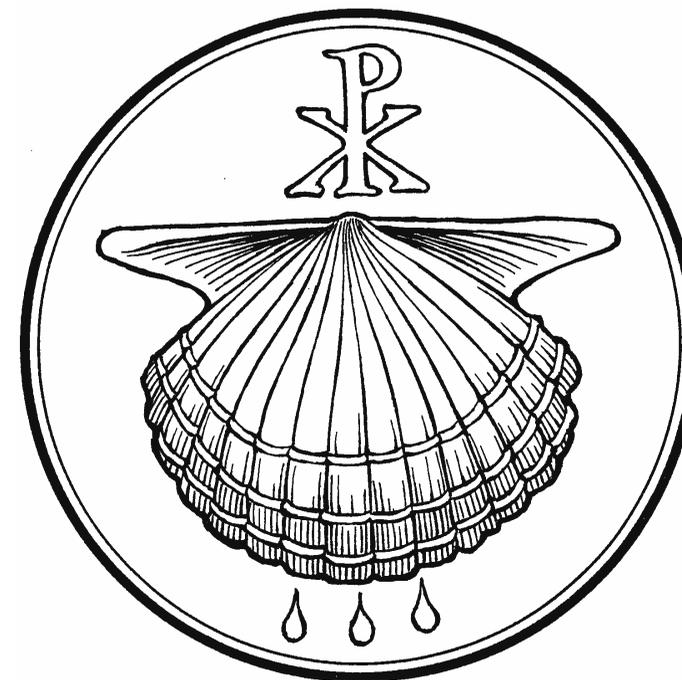
What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, 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 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.

The Gospel Reading.Mark 1:4–11

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 opening 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.”

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Baptism of Our Lord
January 10, 2021

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Receiving the Lord's Supper at Holy Cross

Our Lord gives both directions and warnings in Scripture when it comes to the precious gift of Holy Communion, which we take great care to follow. A small brochure is available in the pew which describes the importance of the Biblical and historic practice known as "Closed Communion." If you are not under the spiritual care of Holy Cross, please speak with the pastor before communing so that our unity with Christ and with one another may be genuine. Our aim is not to insult, but to instruct and prepare those who earnestly desire to join our communion. So, if you or your children are not yet communicants, you may come forward for a blessing tied to baptism, and you are encouraged to signify this by crossing your arms over your chest as the pastor comes by. The Blood of Christ is offered either in individual glasses, or simply hold out your hand to take the chalice by the base as you drink from it.

Notes on the service: The Baptism of our Lord is always celebrated on the first Sunday of the Epiphany Season, the season of revealing. We have just seen Jesus, born of Mary in Bethlehem at Christmas, revealed by a star to the Wise Men as one born "King of the Jews." Now Mark, uniquely among the Gospels, begins his revealing with the Baptism of Jesus at the beginning of his book. This reveals that Jesus is the Savior, who now begins His ministry of preaching good news about the kingdom of God. The *Old Testament Reading* reveals the amazing news that in the beginning, God created the world out of nothing by the power of His Word alone. The *Epistle* speaks of our connection with Christ in our Baptism, uniting us with Christ in His death and resurrection, so that we might die to sin and live in the victory of the Resurrection.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Organist. Linda Rusche
Communion Elders. . . . (10:45 A.M.) Randy Wilson & Steve Hoffman
January Elders. Curt Wendt & Steve Hoffman

Psalm 2



Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*

my chosen, in whom my | soul delights;

I will tell of | the decree:*

**The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have
be- | gotten you.**

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,*

and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

You shall break them with a | rod of iron*

and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*

be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

Serve the LORD | with fear,*

and rejoice with | trembling.

for his wrath is quickly | kindled.*

Blessed are all who take ref- | uge in him.

All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning, *

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*

my chosen, in whom my | soul delights;

Note: Standing and Kneeling are optional

8:00 A.M.—Matins LSB 219

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn—LSB #401

Opening Verses—LSB 219

Psalm 2—(printed at left)

Office Hymn—LSB #594

The Lessons: (printed on back)

Common Responary - LSB 221

Catechetical Instruction— The Sacrament of
the Altar—LSB 326-327

Sermon Hymn—LSB #405

Sermon - "Baptism Is Revealing!"

Text: Mark 1:4-11

Canticle—Te Deum - LSB 223-225

Offering

Prayer—LSB 227

Benediction—LSB 228

Closing Hymn— LSB #922

10:45 A.M.

Divine Service Setting One—LSB 151

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn—LSB #401

Confession and Absolution—LSB 151

Service of the Word—LSB 152

Introit—Psalm 2 (printed at left)

Kyrie - LSB 152-153

Hymn of Praise - Gloria in Excelsis - LSB 154

Collect of the Day

The Lessons: (printed on back)

Hymn of the Day - LSB #405

Sermon - "Baptism Is Revealing!"

Text: Mark 1:4-11

The Nicene Creed - LSB 158

Prayer of the Church - LSB 159

Offering

Offertory - LSB 159-160

Service of the Sacrament—LSB 160

Sanctus - LSB 161

Lord's Prayer (right column) - LSB 162

Agnus Dei - LSB 163

Distribution - LSB 164

Hymns—LSB #399, #594, #394

Nunc Dimittis - LSB 165

Benediction - LSB 166

Closing Hymn— LSB #922