

Baptism of our Lord
New Year, Same Promises
“God’s Promise of New Life”
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As We Gather

A new year means a new start. And because of that, many of us take up new commitments and resolutions to improve ourselves: diet, exercise, lifestyle, etc. Sometimes things actually change. Other times the change is only temporary.

But despite changes that may come, we can rely on God’s promises to be the same. No matter how much our lives change, or this world changes, His promises do not. No matter what good or ill may be around the corner in the coming year, His promises can be counted on to be true and trustworthy through it.

Our Epiphany Worship series starting today is entitled “New Year, Same Promises.” We will consider the enduring grace, mercy and blessing of God’s familiar promises and what they mean in the challenges and opportunities of the new year. Today, Baptism of our Lord Sunday, we rejoice in God’s promise of new life.

Welcome

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” LSB 590

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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 own
Serve any will but Yours alone.

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
People: **Amen.**

Baptism Remembrance

Pastor: Since last year's Baptismal remembrance, the following people were received into the family of God through Baptism. We invite them now to come forward and light their Baptism candles to symbolize the light of Christ that you are called to shine to all the world.

Teagan Ryan Chagonjian
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Teresa Jennene Price

Pastor: When you were baptized, you were washed with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. God put His name upon you and called you to be a witness of His grace.

And so today, as we celebrate this gift and re-affirm this relationship, I ask, Is it your earnest intention to live your Baptismal identity: a redeemed child by His grace, a disciple by His calling, a witness to His name, and a priest to the nations?

People: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor: As we see your light burning,

People: We are reminded to live always by the Light of Christ and to let His light shine on us, and in us, and through us.

Pastor: Let us pray

People: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, the 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 the light of His grace to shine His light to all the world.

People: Amen.

Baptismal Reaffirmation

Pastor: In Holy Baptism our sins are forgiven and we are granted a new life in Christ, our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I ask you, as a reaffirmation of what God has done for you in your Baptism, do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

People: I do renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

People: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

People: Yes, I 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: **Yes, I 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. Amen.**

Pastor: Is it your earnest intention to continue steadfast in this faith and in the promise of your Baptism, and as a member of the Church, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace and prayer?

People: **Yes, with the help of God.**

Pastor: Almighty God, the 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.**

“Welcome Without End”

Welcome to your world	To feed in pastures green along the quiet waters.
Welcome to your home	On paths of right I'll be your light
Welcome to a family to call your own	Until I lead you home.”

Welcome to a love for you

A love that will never end

Welcome to the mercy

Welcome to the peace

Welcome to the life that will never cease

Welcome to the Kingdom Come

in the Father, Spirit, Son

May God who has begun

A blessed and holy work in you

Uphold you till His work is through.

May every day be filled with joy and kindness

With all the love from heav'n above

Shining down on you

And to the little lambs

The Shepherd calls “come unto Me

That I may claim you as My own,

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Amen!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,

This is the welcome without end!

Children Excused to Children's Church

Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;

I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.

² He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.

³ A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged

till he establishes justice on earth.
In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

⁵ This is what God the LORD says—
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:

⁶ “I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,
⁷ to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

⁸ “I am the LORD; that is my name!
I will not yield my glory to another
or my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have taken place,
and new things I declare;
before they spring into being
I announce them to you.”

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—
⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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Thanks be to God!

Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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

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

¹⁶ As 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. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You O Christ!

Sermon

"God's Promise of New Life"

Offering

Prayers

Please add your prayer requests to the live chat

Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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+ The Service of Holy Communion +

Communion Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

People: Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

People: Amen.

Communion

Pastor: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

People: Amen. *(Take and eat)*

Pastor: Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

People: Amen.
(Take and drink)

Communion Hymns

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” LSB 411

I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God sent the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus
In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my
path
And show me the way to the Father

In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

“Who You Say I Am”

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am **(Repeat)**

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

In my Father's house
There's a place for me. I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. His peace be with you.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith through our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" LSB 596

1 All Christians who have been baptized
Who know the God of heaven
And in whose daily life is prized
The name of Christ once given.
Consider now what Christ has done
The gifts He gives to everyone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!

2 You were before your day of birth,
Indeed from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth,
None good without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood
Turned inward from the highest good
You constantly denied Him.

3 But all of that was washed away
Immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your Baptism
Restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed
And all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.

4 In Baptism we put on Christ
Our shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed
And freely for us suffered
For here the flood of His own blood
Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heavenly Father.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new—
In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do
Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever

Offering

<http://stjohnslutheran.net/give/>

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Memory Verse for This Week

**"In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin
but alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

Romans 6:11

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