

Baptism of our Lord
“Who Are You?”

January 7, 2024

As We Gather

What is my identity? Who am I? It's popularly stated that we can be whomever we want to be, that we can determine our own identity. While there are aspects of our identity that we can choose and change along with the roles that we play, the most fundamental parts of our identity are given to us by God. For those who are baptized in Christ, our primary identity is in Jesus.

Welcome

+ Gathering +

“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

+ Baptism Remembrance +

Prayer

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.

Austin Neal Roberts
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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.

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.

(please rise)

+ The Reaffirmation of Our Baptism +

Pastor: In Holy Baptism, God claimed us as His own, put His name upon us, and called us to a life of following Him as His disciples. I ask you to reaffirm your Baptismal identity, confessing the Triune Name placed upon you, and embracing the new life given you.

Pastor: 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 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: 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.

“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

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

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
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

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
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Prayer

Children Excused to Children's Church

+ Service of the Word +

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You O Christ!

Sermon

"Who Are You"

Offering

Musical Offering

"Come, Follow the Star"

Don Besig, Nancy Price

Sanctuary Choir

Andy Schweiger, saxophone

There's a star in the east and we must follow,
a star in the east and we must follow,
There's a star in the east and we must follow
if we want to find the love of the tiny child.

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if we want to find the love of the tiny child.

Sent from heaven above, He will change the
world with His love!
We must find Him. We must follow that star.
Kings and travelers come from afar.

Filled with hope and wonder they are.
Seeking ever, doubting never, led by that
shining star.

O star of wonder star so bright, guide us
through the dark of night.
Now we seek Him, soon to greet Him, tiny child
of truth and light.

There's a star in the east and we must follow,
There's a star in the east and we must follow,
follow that star,
There's a star in the east and we must follow
If we want to find the love of the tiny, holy child.
Come, follow that star. Come, follow that star.

Prayers

Please add your prayer requests to the chat.

Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

St. John's People and Families

Ken & Michele Arnold
Paul, Shau Ching, & Jonathan Han
Dawnette and Kaylie Martindale
Todd & Terri Mitchell
Cal & Pam Watkins
Chris, Erin, & Ryker Bowman
Mikhail, Tiffany, & Lev Gishizky
Mychael, Tiffany, & Marie Holloran
Audrey and Zoe Nagle
Cardiff, Jennifer, & Emma Scott-Robinson

+ The Service of Holy Communion +

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life.

With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

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.

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)

“Your Table I Approach” LSB 628

1 Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.

2 Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at Your hands.

3 Your body and Your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality.

4 Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.
5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

“Make Us One in You”

Lord, as grains of wheat from the fields
And as grapes from fruitful vineyards so are we
Gathered here as one
Gathered in Your Son
Make us one in You

As the grains become one loaf of bread
As the grapes become the wine we drink
Gathered here as one
Gathered in Your Son
Make us one in You

Chorus

Bread which is the body given for us
Wine which is the blood shed for our sins
To take away the stain
Till only you remain
Make us one in You

Gather all your scattered people, Lord
Bring them all to share this holy meal
Gather us as one
Gathered in Your Son

Make us one in You

Here we share a foretaste of the feast
That one day You'll share with us forevermore
Gathered then as one,
Gathered in Your Son
Forever one in You **Chorus**

Make us one in You
Make us one in You
Make us one in You
Make us one in You

To take away the stain
Till only you remain
Make us one in You **(Twice)**

Chorus

Bread which is the body given for us
Wine which is the blood shed for our sins
To take away the stain
Till only you remain
Make us one in You

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.

+ Sending +

Prayer

Benediction

"God is For Us"

1 We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night

We will walk the Valley with you by our side
You will go before us, You will lead the way
We have found a refuge, only You can save

Chorus

Sing with joy now; our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now, no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us?

2 Even when I stumble, even when I fall
Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure
You will not abandon, You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward

With never-ending grace **Chorus**

Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave His Son to free us
Holds me in His love **(Twice)**

Sing with joy now; our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now, no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us?

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Offering

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Memory Verse for This Week

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher	Rev. Michael A. Schmid
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