

**January 10, 2021**  
**9:30 a.m. Worship Service**  
**Baptism of our Lord**



# Jesus' Baptism

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church Waukesha, Wisconsin**

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## + GATHERING +

### CALL AND RESPONSE

P: Prepare a way for the Lord!

**C: Clear a pathway!**

P: The valleys and mountains will be leveled,

**C: Everyone will see it.**

P: Prepare a way for the Lord!

**C: Clear a pathway!**

### GATHERING SONG

#### On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's banks the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - ken,  
way for God with - in, and let us all our  
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We confess our sins *before God and* one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: God of light,

**C: You light a fire within us and ask us to shine, but we are quick to hide and make excuses. We shrink from challenges, avoid responsibility, and deny the goodness of your creation. We seek hollow praise and then don't believe it. Forgive us for hiding our God-given light and remaining self-absorbed.**

P: Children of God, never fear, for you have always lived in the mercy of your creator. Hear the words of absolution and believe them: you are forgiven, you are made whole, you are restored to God. Hallelujah!

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*Share a sign of peace with your neighbor expressing God's peace: a handshake, hug, high five, or however your neighbor is comfortable.*

*If you are joining us for worship online, please share a sign of peace in the comments section of the live stream.*



Peace

# HYMN OF PRAISE

## This Is the Feast

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of 14 staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score includes several 'Apostrophe' markings and a 'Final refrain' marking. The lyrics describe the feast of victory for God, mentioning the Lamb who was slain and the people of God.

*Apostrophe*  
This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 1 Who - dy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
*Apostrophe*  
This is the feast of vic-tory 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.  
*Apostrophe*  
This is the feast of vic-tory 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 - ture. Bless - ing, hon - or,  
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
*Apostrophe*  
This is the feast of vic-tory 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-tory for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of truth, Through John you challenged your people to repent. Move us also to put aside the things that get in the way of truly serving you, for the sake of Jesus our savior. **Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

## **FIRST READING Psalm 51:6-17**

6 But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there.

7 Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

8 Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me— now let me rejoice.

9 Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.

11 Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

13 Then I will teach your ways to rebels, and they will return to you.

14 Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves; then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness.

15 Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you.

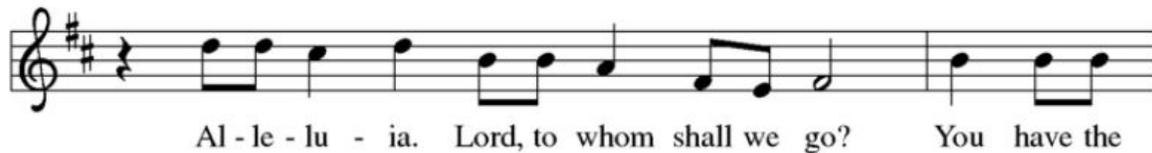
16 You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering.

17 The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## ACCLAMATION



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## SECOND READING Luke 3:1-22

3 It was now the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius, the Roman emperor. Pontius Pilate was governor over Judea; Herod Antipas was ruler over Galilee; his brother Philip was ruler over Iturea and Traconitis; Lysanias was ruler over Abilene. 2 Annas and Caiaphas were the high priests. At this time a message from God came to John son of Zechariah, who was living in the wilderness. 3 Then John went from place to place on both sides of the Jordan River, preaching that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. 4 Isaiah had spoken of John when he said, "He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord's coming! Clear the road for him! 5 The valleys will be filled, and the mountains and hills made level. The curves will be straightened, and the rough places made smooth. 6 And then all people will see the salvation sent from God.'" 7 When the crowds came to John for baptism, he said, "You brood of snakes! Who warned you to flee the coming wrath? 8 Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. Don't just say to each other, 'We're safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.' That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones. 9 Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire." 10 The crowds asked, "What should we do?"

11 John replied, “If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry.” 12 Even corrupt tax collectors came to be baptized and asked, “Teacher, what should we do?” 13 He replied, “Collect no more taxes than the government requires.” 14 “What should we do?” asked some soldiers. John replied, “Don’t extort money or make false accusations. And be content with your pay.” 15 Everyone was expecting the Messiah to come soon, and they were eager to know whether John might be the Messiah. 16 John answered their questions by saying, “I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. 17 He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire.” 18 John used many such warnings as he announced the Good News to the people. 19 John also publicly criticized Herod Antipas, the ruler of Galilee, for marrying Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for many other wrongs he had done. 20 So Herod put John in prison, adding this sin to his many others. 21 One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.”

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON “Back on Track” Pastor Andy Fetters**

*A brief silence follows the sermon.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

## I'm Going on a Journey

The musical score is written in a single system with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of nine staves of music. The first staff begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = ♩. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 indicating the start of new phrases. The music is a simple, melodic hymn tune.

1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to-day. My  
head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;  
it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!  
2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It  
real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod. Wher-ev-er I go, God's  
been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through.  
3 There are oth-er saints who have said a-men. They'll  
keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A - long the way  
I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.

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Music: WET SAINTS, Edward V. Bonnemère, 1921-1996  
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## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

***Response: I renounce them.***

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

***Response: I renounce them.***

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

***Response: I renounce them.***

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting.**

### **Affirmation by the Assembly**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*The assembly makes affirmation:*

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray. - We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. - **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We offer prayers during this time of meditation and singing. If you have prayers you would like to have offered up during this time, please place names and concerns in the prayer request box prior to the hymn of the day.*

*If you are joining us for worship online please begin typing names in the comment section so we might pray continuously during worship. We will sing the song responsively after each petition is offered.*

### Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system has the lyrics: 'Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;'. The second system has the lyrics: 'Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943  
Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema  
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## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

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

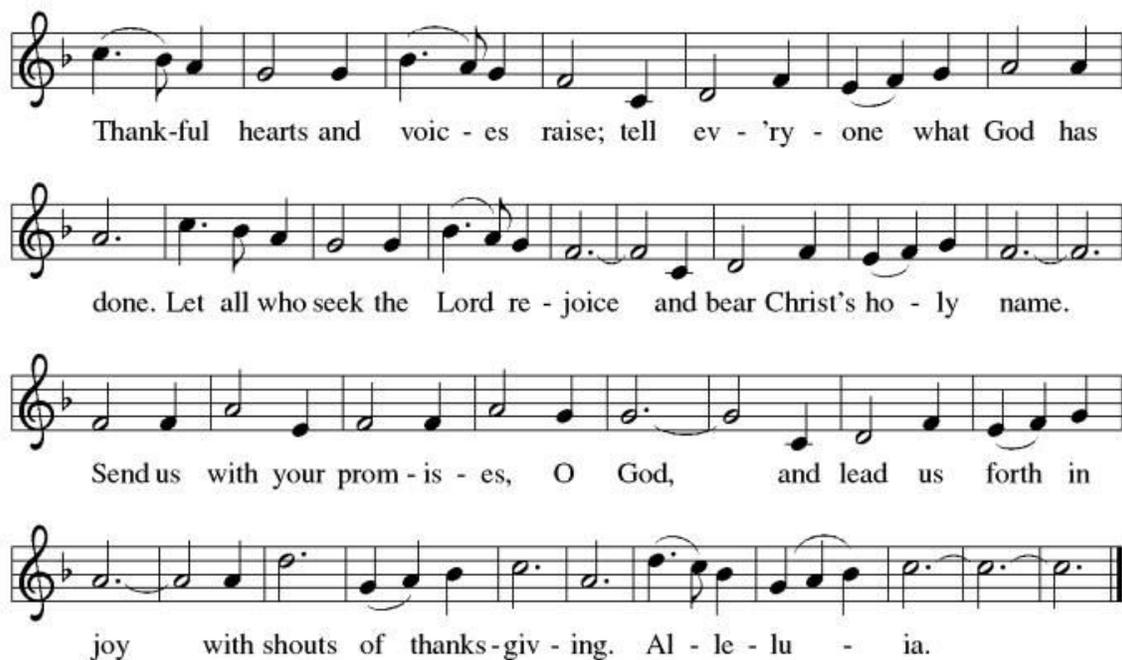
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**OFFERING** *We give thanks for our continued offerings during this time when we are unable to gather together physically. You may mail your offering to church (424 Hyde Park Ave Waukesha WI 53188); if you prefer to give digitally, follow this [link](#). If you'd like to **text** your contribution, please use this number: (262) 383-2338. We are very grateful for all your offerings and give thanks to God, the giver of all things.*

## OFFERTORY SONG

### Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has  
done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in  
joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

You taught us that whoever has two coats can share with those who have none. Bless these gifts which we offer and multiply them so that no one needs to go without basic necessities, and so that all may thrive in your love. Amen.

## **+MEAL +**

**A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION** As we remain connected to God and one another through our online worship on Sundays, the church building will remain closed until further notice. Our leadership is continually conversing on this subject. Holy Communion at this table and invite you to celebrate this meal at home in your own OIKOS (household). Please feel free to set out some bread or crackers and a fruit of the vine drink such as wine or grape juice and commune one another or yourself. You are also invited to come to the drive up Communion.

The next drive-up communion will be today, Sunday, February 7th from 1pm-1:30pm and Wednesday, February 10th from 6pm-6:30pm.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

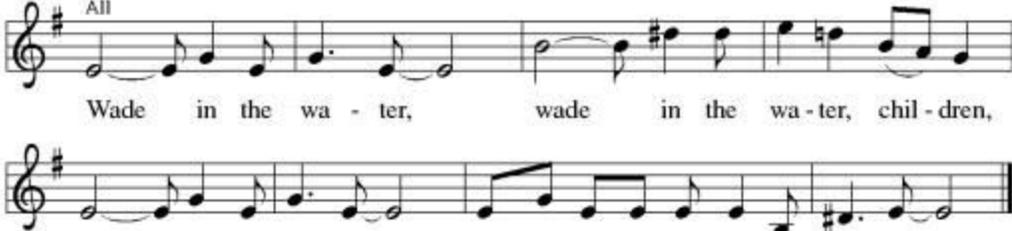
### **BLESSING**

- P:** May the Lord go before you to lead you,  
behind you to encourage you,  
above you to watch over you,  
beside you to befriend you,  
and within you to give you + God's peace.
- C:** **Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN

## Wade in the Water

*Refrain*  
All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,  
wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader All



1 See that host all dressed in white,  
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the  
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?  
4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader



wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.  
looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led.  
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.  
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All *Refrain*



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American spiritual

# DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!



Jesus' Baptism

January 10, 2021

Luke 3:1-22

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

God of truth, through John you challenged your people to repent. Move us also to put aside the things that get in the way of truly serving you, for the sake of Jesus our savior. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and 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." (Luke 3:21-22)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

John the Baptist prepared those in the wilderness for Jesus' coming. Once baptized, people would need to decide... were they ready for change or resistant to it?

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**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What do you open your mind to? What do you close your mind to?

How does baptism shape your life? Why do you think Jesus wanted to be baptized?

For the littles: Do you like to swim? Why or why not? What do you like most about water?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God fulfill God's baptismal promises for you. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Play with water. Freeze it. Melt it. Boil it. Clean with it. Drink it. Consider why God chose water to be a symbol of new life.



**Go Deeper:** Visit [clergystaff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystaff.com/daily-devotions).

Monday: *Genealogy of Jesus*, Luke 3:23-38

Tuesday: *Jesus is Tempted in the Wilderness*, Luke 4:1-13

Wednesday: *Comfort, O Comfort My People*, Isaiah 40:1-11

Thursday: *God Will Restore Jerusalem*, Isaiah 52:1-12

Friday: *Elijah's Flight*, 1 Kings 19:1-9a

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