

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

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The Baptism of Our Lord

The mission of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is to know and praise Christ, to grow in Christ and to share Christ with others.



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As we gather together for worship, we remember...

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you”
- Isaiah 60:1-2

Jesus invites his followers to participate in **The Lord’s Supper**. He gives His very body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine (Matthew 26:26-28). Paul encourages us to **examine** our hearts and our relationships as we prepare to share in this meal together (I Corinthians 11:27-29). For those unable to drink wine, the center ring holds cups intinctured with wine. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Pastor.

- Psalm 139:23-24

~WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

~INVOCATION

~OPENING HYMN

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

LSB 596

~CONFESSION OF OUR SINS

C: God of grace, we start each new year and each new day with the promise to follow ever more faithfully in the footsteps of your son. From the birth of love in Bethlehem, we journey to Jordan and stand on the banks of the river. Let the coolness of the water refresh us. Let it restore us and wash away thoughts that soil our lives. Let us allow ourselves to be renewed with the water of life that is given in Jesus. As we stand on the banks of the river, O God, give us the strength to release into the swirling waters those things that separate us from you. And in these moments of stillness, may we hear Your voice echo in the quiet calm corners of our hearts, “This is my beloved Son; this is my beloved daughter; this is my beloved child...with thee I am well pleased.” Amen

(Silent confession)

~ABSOLUTION

Please be seated

~HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

Refrain

■ 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
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



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 CHURCH

All: Blessed Lord, You wonderfully foreshadowed the promise of Baptism in the passing of Your people through the Red Sea and Jordan River. In Christ and by His Baptism, You have kept Your Word and made Baptism the water of new life. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we would walk as the new and holy people You have declared us to be. We ask this to the Glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

~OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 43:1-7 (Israel's Only Savior)*

*But now thus says the Lord,
 he who created you, O Jacob,*

he who formed you, O Israel:

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

² *When 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.

³ For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴ Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
⁵ Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
⁶ I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

~EPISTLE *Romans 6:1-11* (*Dead to Sin, Alive to God*)

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ We know that our old self^[a] 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. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free^[b] from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

~GOSPEL *Luke 3:15-22*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with

water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son;[a] with you I am well pleased.”[b]

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

~CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

~HYMN OF PRAISE

Children of the Heavenly Father
Kim Ressler, Piano

LSB 725

~MESSAGE

*“Jesus Christ is Baptized for You”
Luke 3:15-22*

~OUR BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

P In Holy Baptism our sins are forgiven and we are granted new life in Christ, our Lord. We renounce the devil and all his works and ways; we confess our faith in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I invite you now to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism.

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C I do renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C 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.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C 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

P What is baptism?

C Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.

P What does baptism give?

C Baptism works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

P How can water do such great things?

C Certainly, it is not just water, but the word of God in and with the water that does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water.

P What does such baptizing with water indicate?

C It indicates that the Old Adam in us – our sinful nature – should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new person should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

P Is it your earnest purpose to continue steadfast in this faith and in the promise of your baptism?

C It is, with the help of God.

P Will you be diligent in the use of the means of grace and prayer to sustain the new life given you in your baptism?

C I will.

P 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.

C Amen.

~OFFERING

Please stand

~PRAYERS

**following all prayers, the response will be:*

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

~LORD'S PRAYER

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++ THE LORD'S SUPPER ++

~PREFACE

~WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**Please be seated.*

~DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

**The usher will direct you down the center aisle. Please take the communion elements back to your pew for everyone to commune together. The cup may be disposed into the trash upon exiting the sanctuary.*

~DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Holy Water

Verse 1 God I'm on my knees again
 God I'm begging please again
 I need You
 Oh I need You
 Walking down these desert roads
 Water for my thirsty soul
 I need You
 Oh I need You

Chorus Your forgiveness
 Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
 Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
 Like holy water on my skin

Verse 2 Dead man walking, slave to sin
 I wanna know about being born again
 I need You
 Oh, God, I need You
 So take me to the riverside
 Take me under, baptize
 I need You
 Oh, God, I need You oh; (Chorus)

Bridge I don't wanna abuse Your grace
 God I need it ev'ry day
 It's the only thing that ever really
 Makes me wanna change; (repeat x4)

Chorus x2

Ending Yeah, Like holy water on my skin
 Oh, it's like holy water

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Of the Father's Love Begotten

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Verses 1-4

~BENEDICTION

~CLOSING SONG **Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)**

Verse 1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me
 I once was lost but now I'm found
 Was blind but now I see

Verse 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
 And grace my fears relieved
 How precious did that grace appear
 The hour I first believed

Chorus My chains are gone I've been set free
 My God my Savior has ransomed me
 And like a flood His mercy rains
 Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3 The Lord has promised good to me
 His word my hope secures
 He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures. Chorus x2

Verse 4 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
 The sun forbear to shine
 But God who called me here below
 Will be forever mine
 Will be forever mine
 You are forever mine

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