

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” LBW #90

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness LBW pg. 77

Prayer of the Day

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 64:1-4

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Romans 6:1-11

L: The Word of the Lord.

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Faith Seeds Pastor Paul Knudson

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation:

“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.”

The Announcement of the Gospel **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel Mark 1:1-11

Response after the Gospel **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

Sermon “Tearing Open Reality” Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn “When Jesus Came to Jordan ” WOV #647

Apostles’ Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Offering/Special Music “Coventry Carol” Sharon Barton (harp)
and Bailey Fields (flute)

Offertory Response ... “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

Prayers of the Church

The Words of Institution

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.

The Distribution “Lamb of God” LBW pg. 92

Communion LBW #198, 248, 496

Benediction

Closing Hymn “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” LBW #87

Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota
8:00 a.m. First Word Service
January 7, 2024
Baptism of Our Lord

What Does This Mean?

1. What is unusual about how Mark began his account of the Gospel?
2. What tension or contradictions fill this opening text of Mark?
3. What hints does Mark provide to help resolve that tension?
4. What does Jesus' baptism imply for you and your life?



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