

(Please stand)

Gospel Lesson Reading

Luke 3:15-22

Luke doesn't give us much detail of Jesus' baptism but rather focuses on the work of the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus and God the Father's personal declaration that this Jesus was indeed the son of God sent to save the world.

*"Living together in trust and hope,
we confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:"
Apostles' Creed (LSB inside back cover)*

Sermon Hymn:

"Take My Life and Let It Be" (LSB 783, 6 verses)

Sermon :

Post Sermon Hymn:

"As with Gladness Men of Old" (LSB 397, 5 verses)

Offering:

*We offer our gifts to God in humble gratitude acknowledging
that all we have comes from Him.*

"Offertory"

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" (LSB 394, verses 1 & 5)

Installation of officers and elders

Prayers of the Church:

"Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:"

The Lord's Prayer: (LSB, inside back cover)

Benediction:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Closing Hymn:

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" (LSB 803, 3 verses)

P: Go in Peace,
Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

*Thank you for worshiping with us today.
Please join us downstairs for coffee and fellowship*

Prelude:

"Emmanuel" (CH 243)

"Let's Worship and Adore Him" (CH 247)

Theme:

Today is the Festival of the Baptism of our Lord when we celebrate not only His baptism but our baptism as well. Interestingly Luke writes more of the work of the Holy Spirit today than of the verbal exchange between John and Jesus. He also focuses on God's words declaring Jesus as his beloved son assuring us that the man just baptized is indeed his Son and the savior of the world.

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

Opening Hymn:

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" (LSB 395, 6 verses)

Baptism

Confession & Absolution:

Collect Of The Day:

First Lesson Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

God speaks through the prophet Isaiah telling his readers and us in two separate verses that we need not fear anything because he has bought us back and we are His. No matter what the calamity that befalls us, we are "precious in (his) eyes. . . and I love you, . . ." He will sacrifice men and even whole nations in exchange for our lives. Who says there is no gospel in the Old Testament?

Psalm 29

Epistle Lesson Reading

Romans 6:1-11

Paul may be responding to a criticism posed by his Jewish opponents. They argued that his teaching must be mistaken since it seem to lead people to continue to sin. Paul explains that Christians died to sin at their baptism and are buried with Christ so that has he rose from the grave so they too can be raised on the last day. The power of sin has been broken in Christians and they are no longer enslaved to sin.