

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

The Baptism of Our Lord

BROOKLYN LUTHERAN CHURCH | Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

January 13, 2019

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are thankful that you've chosen to worship with us.

We love children worshipping with us, but we understand that kids can get restless. We have a few options for your convenience: Quiet Bags in the back of church, a Quiet Area in the library area of our Commons, and Changing Tables in both washrooms down the hallway to the right as you exit the chapel.

Most of the service is projected on the front wall. You can also find the service and hymns in the hymnal. Bibles are available on request. If you want, you may follow along with the today's readings from your mobile device.

Please be sure to silence your mobile device so you don't disrupt the service or distract people's worship.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

What is the meaning of Baptism for Jesus? for us? Jesus did not need to be saved; he needed to be our Savior. His baptism shows him to be just that. Even from birth he endured the effects of our sin. Jesus did no wrong, but he carried our sickness and pain. He needed the assurance of God's love, just as if he were a sinner himself. Jesus received such gifts in baptism, like we do.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, thank you for your approval of your Son at his baptism. With it, I have full confidence that Jesus is my sufficient Savior. Grant me peace knowing that, connected to Christ in my own baptism, I have your full approval as well. Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist

Organist

Ushers

Pastor Erich Westphal

Sasha Schallert

Ron Stelter, Russ Wyman

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MORNING PRAISE

This service is a revision of the historic liturgy called "Matins." Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we rise to the activities of this new day.

OPENING HYMN

Arise and Shine in Splendor | 81

Stand

OPENING RESPONSES

L O Lord, o-pen my lips.

C And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.

L Hasten to save me, O God.

C O Lord, come quickly to help me.

L Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

Venite

1

Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

2

let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

3

come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

Repeat for use with canon

come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verses

1. You are a great and a won - drous God,

2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,

cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,

to Refrain

you made the seas and the dry land,
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- L If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- C **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**
- L Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
- C **Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart:
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his holy life and innocent death.
Trusting in him, I pray:
God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection.

ABSOLUTION

- L Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He so loved us that he gave his one and only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. Jesus was lifted up on the cross where he died to pay the penalty for your guilt. By his resurrection, he has freed you from death. Everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. You are at peace with God. Live in the comfort and joy of his forgiveness.
- C **Amen.**

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

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. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs 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.

C Amen.

Be seated

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1-13

As young David was anointed by Samuel to Shepherd the Lord's people, Israel, so Christ was anointed by his Father to shepherd all believers.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I see a king for myself among his sons."

²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will let you know what you are to do. You are to anoint for me the person that I point out to you."

⁴So Samuel did what the LORD had told him to do and went to Bethlehem. Trembling with fear, the elders of the city came to meet him. They said, "Do you come in peace?"

⁵He said, "Yes, in peace. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." He consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they had come, he looked at Eliab and said, "Certainly this is the LORD's anointed."

⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at how tall he is, because I have rejected him. For the LORD does not look at things the way man does. For man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.”

⁹Then Jesse had Shammah pass by. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.”

¹⁰Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel. Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Is that all of the young men?”

Jesse said, “There still is the youngest, but he is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him, for we cannot sit down to eat until he comes.”

¹²He sent for him and brought him in. David had red hair and striking eyes, and was good-looking. The LORD said, “Get up! Anoint him, because this is the one.”

¹³So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers. The Spirit of the LORD rushed on David with power from that day forward. After that Samuel set out and returned to Ramah.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 2 | CW page 65

SECOND LESSON

Titus 3:4–7

When we were baptized, the Spirit was poured out on us. It was a washing that brought rebirth for sin-deadened hearts and spiritual renewal for fleshly minds.

⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward mankind appeared, ⁵he saved us—not by righteous works that we did ourselves, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life.

SEASONAL RESPONSE

We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son,
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22

Just as the sinless Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit at his baptism, so our baptism is an anointing by the Spirit. But ours is for the forgiveness of our sins.

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John could be the Christ. ¹⁶John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But someone mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. While he was praying, heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you.”

After the reading of the Gospel:

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord | 89

SERMON

*“God Approved”
Based on the Gospel*

SERMON NOTES

Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22

1. What is the **MAIN THING** that God teaches me in this passage?
2. What **SIN** does God lead me to confess, based on this passage?
3. What does God lead me to **GIVE THANKS** for, based on this passage?
4. What does God lead me to **PRAY** for or about, based on this passage?

Stand

YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

Te Deum

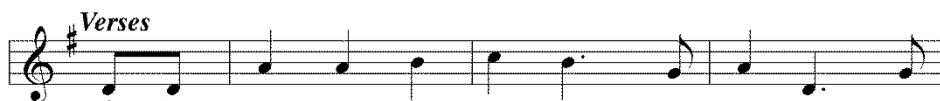


You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

Verses



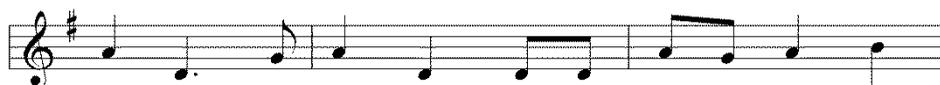
1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We**
You have ris - en to free us;

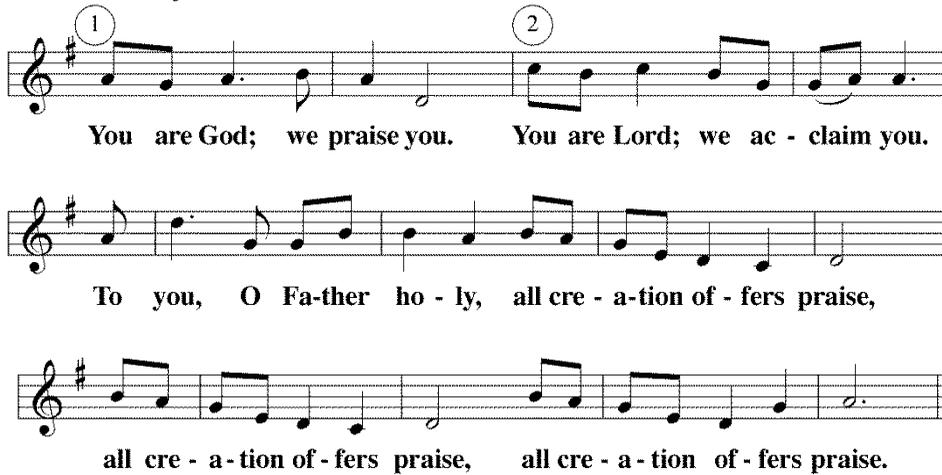


praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tirs and your
To the Trin - i - ty most
And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,
bless - ed, **We sing in end - less** *to Refrain*
glo - ry, **praise!** *to Refrain*
to Final Refrain

Final Refrain



1 2

You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.

To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise,

all cre - a-tion of - fers praise, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

Be seated

OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

Please record your visit on the Connection Card.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L Created in your image, formed for your glory, called by your name and washed clean in Baptism, we come this day as the people of your promise with the intercessions and prayers for all people as they have need.

Brief silence

L Blessed Lord, you wonderfully foreshadowed the promise of Baptism in the rescue of Noah from the flood, in the passing of your people through the Red Sea, and in the ceremonial washings of your law. In Christ and by his Baptism, you have kept your Word and made Baptism to be the water of new life. You gave us your Holy Spirit, that we may become the new and holy people you have declared us to be. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- L Holy God, the nations still live in darkness and the despair of death. Raise up prophets who will address them with your Word of Truth, and accompany this preaching with your Holy Spirit so that those who hear may believe. Grant that all mission work reach your desired goal, through our own congregation here, in our Minnesota district and in every place where our Synod shares the Gospel. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- L Gracious God, bless your Church; bless Pastor Mark Schroeder, president of our Synod; Pastor Dennis Klatt, president of our district; Pastor David Russow, our circuit pastor; our pastor and teacher; and all church workers. Make them wise unto salvation and faithful in all the duties and responsibilities assigned to them for our benefit. Bless also those preparing for public ministry Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- L Lord of all power, all the might of man is nothing before you. We pray you to place your blessing on all those who serve your people in government: the police, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, disaster relief and the armed forces. Give them good and honest hearts for their service, and lead them by your Word to know and do what is good and right for all people and in accordance with your will. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- L Lord of compassion and mercy, no suffering passes before you unnoticed. Give to the sick, those hospitalized, those recuperating from illness, those in treatment and those troubled in mind and heart both your healing presence and your healing peace. [Especially hear us on behalf of _____ and] those now named in our hearts. (*Brief silence.*) Be their companion in solitude, their healing in affliction, their deliverer from trouble and their life in death. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- L Eternal God, you have made us your own people by Baptism and granted us your Holy Spirit to confess Christ in words and in works. Make us as faithful in our own time, and keep us faithful to the baptismal covenant in which we died with Christ so that we may be raised with Christ in perfect freedom to live ever, only, all for you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom be glory now and forever.
- C Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.

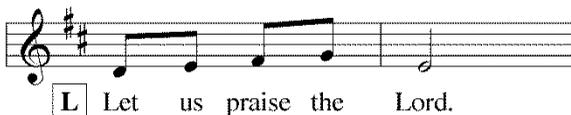
HYMN

The Only Son from Heaven | 86

Stand

PRAYER FOR GRACE

- L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.



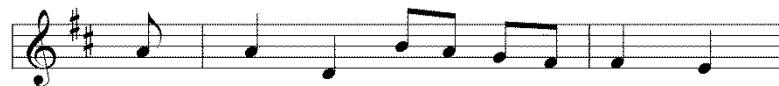
BLESSING



L The Lord bless and keep you.



C A - - men.



L The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



C A - - men.



L The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



C A - - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy | 294

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YEAR END OFFERING STATEMENTS are on the table by the bulletin board. Please be sure to pick yours up.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR has been a huge success. We want to continue this time for the upcoming year. There is a sign-up sheet in the Information Center for the next quarter. We appreciate everyone that has had the opportunity to help with this!

2019 FLOWER SIGN-UP SHEETS are in the Information Center. Please consider signing up to beautify our altar on a Sunday.

ANNUAL TOWN HALL meeting will be on Sunday, January 20, after the service. This is an important meeting as we will discuss the upcoming year for Brooklyn Lutheran.

ANNUAL VOTER'S MEETING will be on Sunday, January 27, after the service. This is when the vote will be taken on the topics discussed at the Town Hall Meeting . If you are a voting member, please try to attend this meeting.

TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS is starting a new book, "The Screwtape Letters", by C. S. Lewis. Read the bulletin board for a full description.

Calendar Week

Today

Sunday School	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am
Fellowship	11:00 am
Elder's Meeting	11:15 am

Monday

Wise Penny Work Day	
BBS Meeting	6:00 pm

Tuesday

Bible Class	3:15 pm
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Wednesday

Choir	6:45 pm
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Sunday

Sunday School	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am
Annual Town Meeting	11:00 am

Serving in The Lord

Ushers

Today:	Ron Stelter Russ Wyman
Next Sunday:	John Nueman Guy Schimenz

Organist

Today:	Sasha Schallert
Next Sunday:	Sasha Schallert

Blessings from The Lord

Attendance

Sunday School – 4
Bible Study – 18
Sunday Service – 64
Monday Growth Group – 2
Tuesday Bible Class – 9

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