

# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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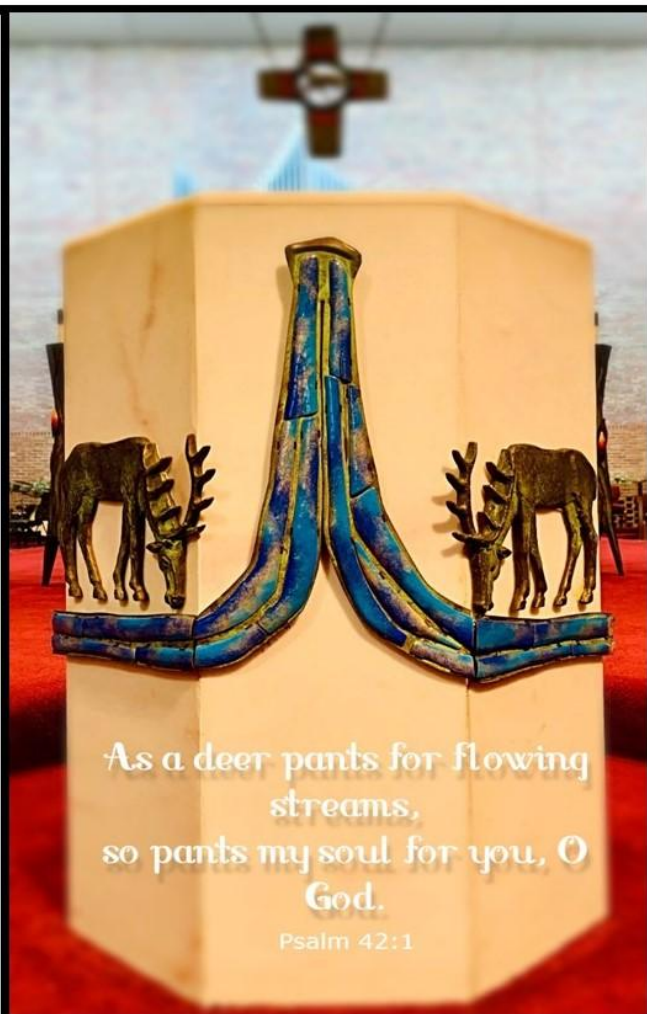
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As a deer pants for flowing  
streams,  
so pants my soul for you, O  
God.

Psalm 42:1

# St. Paul

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## Prelude

## Opening Hymn

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

LSB 394



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;  
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;  
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring-ing good from ill;  
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;  
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
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An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

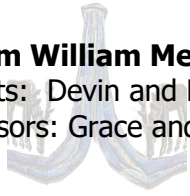
## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Holy Baptism (11:00am)

✠ **Liam William Mendez** ✠  
Parents: Devin and Madison  
Sponsors: Grace and Owen



### Opening Sentences

*Psalm 139*

- P** O Lord, you have searched me and known me!  
**C** **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;**  
**P** Even before a word is on my tongue,  
**C** **behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.**  
**P** For you formed my inward parts;  
**C** **you knitted me together in my mother's womb.**  
**P** I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
**C** **Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.**

*-Kneel/Sit for a Time of Private Confession-*

### Confession and Absolution

- P** Search me, O God, and know my heart!  
**C** **Try me and know my thoughts!**  
**P** And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
**C** **and lead me in the way everlasting!**  
**P** Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth;  
**C** **keep watch over the door of my lips!**  
**P** Do not let my heart incline to any evil,  
**C** **to busy myself with wicked deeds.**  
**P** Forgive us, Lord...  
**C** **for my sinful heart and evil thoughts; for my grievous ways and crooked paths; for my hurtful words and unguarded lips; for my inclination to evil and wicked deeds. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.**  
**P** Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. Hear now how the Lord will pour forth his abundant goodness to you so you may sing aloud today of his awesome deeds! As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto you and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen!**

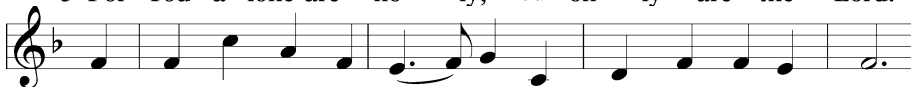
✠ **Service of the Word** ✠

## Gloria in Excelsis

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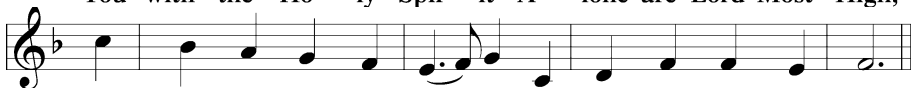
**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 43:1–7*

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. 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. 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. 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. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. 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, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Chancel Choir** (8:15am)

**Jr. Chancel Choir** (11:00am)

### **Epistle**

*Romans 6:1–11*

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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.

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. We know that our old self 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

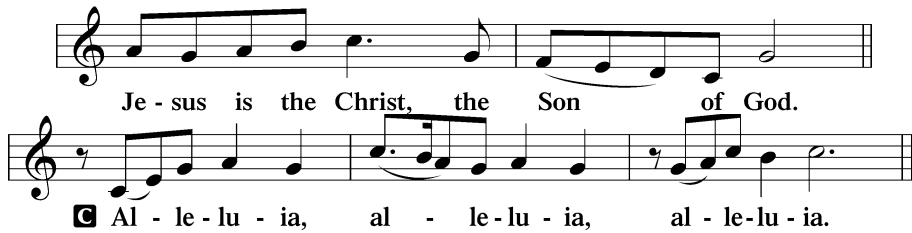
### **Alleluia and Verse**



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



### **Holy Gospel**

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

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

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, 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 with fire. 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."

So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. 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, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

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

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Confession of the Church**

*The Small Catechism: Holy Baptism*

**P** What is baptism?

**C** **Baptism is not just plain water. Instead, it is water enclosed in God's command and connected to God's Word.**

**P** What gifts or benefits does baptism grant?

**C** **It brings about forgiveness of sins, redeems from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe it, as the words and promise of God declare.**

**P** How can the water do such great things?

**© Clearly the water does not do it, but the Word of God, which is with and alongside the water, and faith, which trusts this Word of God in the water. It is grace-filled water of life and a bath of the new birth in the Holy Spirit so that we may be righteous and heirs in hope of eternal life. This is most certainly true.**

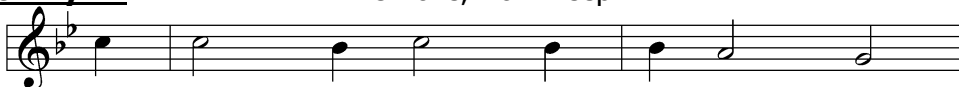
**Children's Message**

*\*Children are invited to join our Sunday School in the school gym every Sunday from 9:45am-10:45am!\**

**Sermon Hymn**

**"O Love, How Deep"**

*LSB 544*



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
 3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore  
 6 For us He rose from death a - gain;  
 Δ 7 All glo - ry to our Lord and God



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
 His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
 For us He went on high to reign;  
 For love so deep, so high, so broad;



That God, the Son of God, should take  
 For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;  
 For us He sent His Spir - it here  
 The Trin - i - ty whom we a - dore



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
 For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
 To guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

**Sermon**

**"Go and Play"**

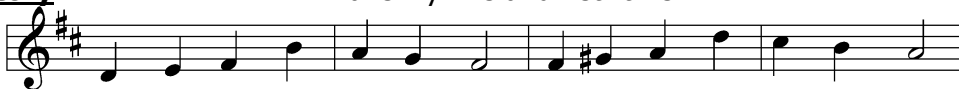
*Isaiah 43:1*

*Rev. Jakob Andrzejewski, Senior Pastor*

## Offertory

### "Take My Life and Let It Be"

LSB 783



4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;  
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.  
Take my-self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

## Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

*To continue the work of the Lord at St. Paul- You may joyfully give  
at [www.stpaulroyaloak.org/online-giving](http://www.stpaulroyaloak.org/online-giving),*



## Prayer of the Church

*-8:15am continues with the Lord's Prayer and Benediction-*

### † THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION †

#### Preface

LSB 208

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

#### Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, our duty and our delight to give You thanks and praise, O Lord, almighty Father, at all times and in all places. Lead us in the humility of faith to rejoice in what Christ has accomplished, to serve You without fear, and to be faithful all the days of our lives until You bring us into Your everlasting presence forevermore. Gather us, we pray, and remember us Lord, in your Kingdom and teach us to pray...

#### Lord's Prayer

*Mt. 6:9-11*

- C** **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 Words of Our Lord**

*Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

**Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 210*

**C** 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

**Distribution Hymn**

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

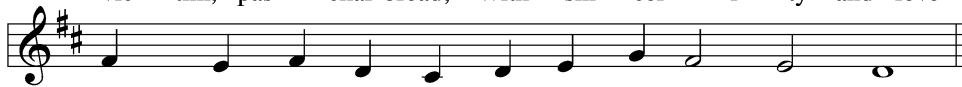
*LSB 633*



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go  
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthral;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!

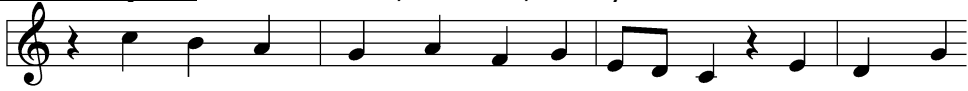
7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
 This alone can sin destroy;  
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
 Newborn souls in You to be.  
 Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
 Savior, by whose death we live,  
 Spirit, guide through all our days:  
 Three in One, Your name we  
 praise.

**Distribution Hymn**

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

LSB 618



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



*Refrain*

Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

**Distribution Hymn**

"O Lord, We Praise Thee"

LSB 617



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

**Post-Communion Collect**

**P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You gave Your Son to become true man to suffer and die for our vindication. Give us confidence in knowing that the One who vindicated us is always near; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

*LSB 923*



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
wor - shipped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## **Serving us in Worship**

Preacher Pastor Jakob Andrzejewski  
Music Gregory Paul, Chancel & Jr. Chancel Choir  
Altar Guild Sarah Hillenbrand  
Readers 8:15 Chris Francik  
11:00 Ginny Brown

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