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The Baptism of Our Lord
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The Baptism of our Lord is observed during the Epiphany season, because this is how the Triune God revealed himself publicly, and the Son of God was revealed to be in the flesh. In our *Introit* we begin with words from God's revelation to Isaiah as well as his revelation to John. Isaiah saw the Lord sitting on his throne, high and lifted up. John saw the multitudes of heaven praising God and declaring his almighty reign. These are very appropriate verses with which to begin our service, because they both point to God making himself known in the epiphany of his Son. Both revelations are of heaven. And heaven is revealed when the Father reveals Jesus of Nazareth to be his own beloved Son with whom he is well pleased. The countenance and favor of God for all nations is revealed when the Holy Spirit rests upon him in the form of a dove. The glory of the Lord, which fills the heavens and the earth, is revealed when Jesus is baptized by John.

Baptism is therefore how God makes himself known to you. Just as surely as God revealed his own incarnate Son in the waters of the Jordan, he revealed himself as your heavenly Father when you were baptized into Christ. His own Spirit was given to you so that you may cry out to him in true faith (Gal 3:26ff; 4:6). We did not give ourselves faith. But as Psalm 100 says that it is the Lord who has made us, this same Lord has caused us to be reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Pet 1:3; 3:21). In this washing of regeneration, God reveals the light of his only begotten Son to us. This is why it is so appropriate that we recite the words of Isaiah and John in their revelations of God. Because the same God has been revealed to you. The eternal Lord who made atonement for Isaiah's sins (Is 6:6,7) is the same eternal Son of God who died for yours as well, and as John's revelation tells us, he has clothed us with bright and clean linen (Rev 19:7,8). For as many as were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ (Gal 3:27).

DEAR VISITORS: As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices **closed communion**, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service.**

The Order of Holy Communion

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Hymn of Invocation – *God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

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Stand for final stanza

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

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Please remain standing through the conclusion of the Collect of the Day.

Service of the Word



Introit

I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and | lifted up,*

And the train of His robe filled the | temple.

And I heard the voice of a great multitude, | saying,*

"Alleluia! For the Lord God Omni- | potent reigns! (Isaiah 6:1, Revelation 19:6)

Make a joyful shout to the LORD, | all you lands!*

Serve the LORD with | gladness;

Know that the LORD, | He is God;*

it is He who has made us, and not | we ourselves;

enter into His gates with thanks- | giving,*

and into His | courts with praise.

For the LORD is good; His mercy is ever- | lasting,*

and His truth endures to all gener- | ations. (Psalm 100:1-5)

Gloria Patri ☞ *Glory be to the Father*

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Kyrie ☞ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Gloria in Excelsis ☞ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Salutation & Collect of the Day

Sit

Old Testament Reading ☞ Isaiah 42:1-7

"Here is My Servant Whom I support;

I have chosen Him, and I delight in Him.

I put My Spirit on Him.

He will bring righteousness to the nations.

² *He will not cry or raise His voice or call out loud in the street.*

³ *He will not break off a broken reed or put out a dimly burning wick:
for truth He will bring justice.*

⁴ *He will not fail or break down until He has set up justice in the world.
The lands by the sea are waiting for Him to teach them."*

⁵ *The LORD God made the heavens and stretched them out.*

He shaped the earth and what it produces.

He gives life to the people who are on it,

breath to those walking on it. And He says this:

⁶ "I the LORD have called You *for My righteous purpose.*

I will take hold of Your hand and protect You.

*I will give You as My Covenant to the people,
as My Light to the nations —*

⁷ *to give sight to the blind,*

bring prisoners out of the dungeon

and those who live in darkness out of the prison.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Gradual

Blessed be the LORD God, the God of | Israel,*

who only does | wondrous things!

And blessed be His glorious name for- | ever!*

And let the whole earth be filled with His | glory. (Psalm 72:18–19)

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

²⁶You see what happened, fellow Christians, when God called you. Not many of you are wise as the world judges, not many in positions of power, not many born of noble parents. ²⁷No, God chose the foolish things in the world to make wise men ashamed. God chose the weak things in the world to make strong men ashamed.

²⁸God chose the lowly things in the world, what it despises, what is nothing, to make what is something nothing ²⁹and to keep anyone from bragging before God.

³⁰He gave you your life in Christ Jesus, Whom God made our wisdom, righteousness, holiness, and ransom from sin, ³¹so that it may be as the Bible says: "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand



Alleluia Verse

Alle- | luia.*

Alle- | luia.

Teach me to | do Your will,*

for You | are my God;

Your Spir- | it is good.*

Lead me in the land of uprightness. Alle- | luia. (Psalm 143:10)

Triple Hallelujah

Gospel ☞ *Matthew 3:13-17*

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John tried to stop Him. "I need to be baptized by You," he said, "and You come to me?"

¹⁵"Permit it now," Jesus answered him. "That is how we should fulfill all righteousness." Then John gave in to Him. ¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, He stepped out of the water, and now heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God coming down on Him as a dove. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is My Son, Whom I love and delight in."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ**

Nicene Creed

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Sit

Hymn of the Day ☞ *To Jordan Came Our Lord*

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

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Sit

Gathering of the Offering

Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward

We give Thee but Thine own,

Whate'er the gift may be

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Please complete the Record of Fellowship in the folder in your pew.

General Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

Preface & Proper Preface

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Sanctus ☞ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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Lord's Prayer

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Words of Institution

Pax Domini ☞ *Peace of the Lord*

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Agnus Dei ☞ *Lamb of God*

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Sit – Guests are asked to please speak with the pastor before communing.

Hymns during Distribution

☞ *I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

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☞ *Baptized into Thy Name Most Holy*

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☞ *Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord*

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Stand after the distribution

Nunc Dimittis ☞ *Song of Simeon*

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Thanksgiving & Collect

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Salutation & Benedicamus

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Benediction

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Sit

Hymn to Depart ☞ *He That Believes and is Baptized*

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Silent Prayer

Ushers for today:	Keith Rethemeyer, Charlie Scheer, Karson Eads
Next week:	James Eads, Joseph Rethemeyer, Kyle Scheer
Greeter for today:	Larry Scheer
Next Week:	
Acolyte today:	Jacob Preus
Next Week:	Oscar Otten
Flower and Altar Care:	January: Devin Eads
Organist:	Andrew Finck

Prayer and Petitions: Rachel Preus (breast cancer) and unborn baby; Wayne Scheer and Sue Eads, health concerns. Homebound: Ray & LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Brandt Klawitter, mission work in Norway; Pastor James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Erslund, Lutheran Bible Translators. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; St. Paul High School, Concordia, MO. Christ the King Lutheran High School.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Rochelle Howard, 13th, Maria Krull, 14th, Adam Swann, 15th, Rachel Otten, 16th

(Please email office@trinitynewhaven.com if your birthday or anniversary has not been listed or was incorrectly listed, so the records can be updated with correct information)

Voter's Meeting – January 19th after church service (downstairs)

Ladies Aid – January 19th after church (conference room)

January Ladies Luncheon: The ladies of the church will be meeting for lunch on **Friday, January 17th** at El Ranchito in New Haven at 12:30 pm. All ladies are welcome.

Wednesday School/Catechism Class. Back in session Wednesday, January 8. All children, preschool through confirmation age are welcome and encouraged to attend. Vespers is at 5:00 p.m. Parents, members of Trinity and visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend Vespers.

Pastor will be at Symposium in Fort Wayne, IN, from January 20 to the 24th. We will not have Bible Class or Wednesday Vespers that week, but there will still be Wednesday School until 5.

NEED A CARD: Graduation, Thank You, Encouragement, New Baby, Baptism & Comfort Cards from *Hymns in My Heart* are available for sale in the narthex, by the Trinity Ladies Aid. The cards are \$2.00 per card. Please deposit money in money slot.

Large Catechism

Part III

Smalcald Articles

Article XIII - Of Good Works.

How One is Justified before God, and of Good Works.

1 What I have hitherto and constantly taught concerning this I know not how to change in the least, namely, that by faith, as St. Peter says, we acquire a new and clean heart, and God will and does account us entirely righteous and holy for the sake of Christ, our Mediator. And although sin in the flesh has not yet been altogether removed or become dead, yet He will not punish or remember it.

2 And such faith, renewal, and forgiveness of sins is followed by good works. And what there is still sinful or imperfect also in them shall not be accounted as sin or defect, even [and that, too] for Christ's sake; but the entire man, both as to his person and his works, is to be called and to be righteous and holy from pure grace and mercy, shed upon us [unfolded] and spread over us in Christ. 3 Therefore we cannot boast of many merits and works, if they are viewed apart from grace and mercy, but as it is written, 1 Cor. 1:31: He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord, namely, that he has a gracious God. For thus all is well. 4 We say, besides, that if good works do not follow, faith is false and not true.

(Source: <https://bookofconcord.org/smalcald-articles/i/the-work-of-salvation/>)
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