



# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

*The National Conference on Worship, Music, & the Arts*

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

Carthage College – Siebert Chapel  
Thursday, July 24, 2014

Pre-service music at 8:15 a.m. – Service at 8:30 a.m.

**WORSHIP FOCUS**

Since the Lutheran revision of the Christian calendar and the introduction of the three-year lectionary in 1973, the Gospel of the Baptism of Our Lord has been the central focus of worship each year on the First Sunday after the Epiphany. Although this episode in the life of Jesus was well known to Lutherans from their study of Bible history, it had not been included in the historic set of Gospels which were read year after year in Christian churches for centuries. This great event, marking the beginning of the Savior's public ministry, has been a welcome addition to worship since it speaks to the ministry of Jesus as Pentecost speaks to the ministry of the Church: "The Father's word, the Spirit's flight anointed Christ in glorious sight" (CW 89:5).

**REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

An emphasis on the Baptism of our Lord naturally includes a reminder of the baptism of his children, since the Savior's baptism has implications for our baptism. An excellent addition to worship on the First Sunday after the Epiphany is the rite for Remembrance of Baptism (Christian Worship Occasional Services, p. 15). The rite may replace the creed after the sermon or be inserted following the offering.

**CEREMONY SURROUNDING THE GOSPEL**

The liturgical rites in our orders of service have acquainted us with the ceremony that surrounds the reading of the Gospel: the alleluias in the Verse of the Day, the acclamations, and the custom of standing in respect for the words and works of Jesus. Morning Praise lacks this ceremony since the Matins were not intended to be the principle Sunday service at which the Gospel was read. Today's models demonstrate how the three readings might be used in Sunday worship without the traditional ceremony surrounding the Gospel.

## COMMISSIONED WORK

**The Christ, Our Lord, to Jordan Came** – A new translation of this Luther hymn by Peter Prange. Pastor Prange serves at Jerusalem, Morton Grove, IL.

The setting used for this hymn was prepared by Kenneth T. Kosche to accompany a translation by Rachel Mumme of Valentin Ernst Löscher's (1673-1749) text *Wie heilig ist die Stätte hier*. The concertato carrying this excellent text, "How Holy Is This Dwelling Place," is published by CPH - 98-4064.

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

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**Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam** (BWV 684)

*Johann Sebastian Bach  
Clavier Übung III - Volume 4  
Bärenreiter*

**Children of the Heavenly Father**

*Robert Hobby  
For All the Saints - Hymn Preludes for Funerals  
Augsburg Fortress - ED004791*

**Trumpet Tune in C Major**

*Michael McCabe  
An Album of Trumpet Tunes for Organ  
Belwin-Mills Publishing - 0769216757*

**Prelude on MISSISSIPPI**

*Kevin Bode, 2014*

# MORNING PRAISE

## MORNING HYMN

## *Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered*

*Christian Worship: Supplement 710*

Stand



1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Had no blem - ish  
2 John con - fessed him as the Sav - ior - "Look, the sin - less  
3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior Great - ly longed to  
4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Full o - be - dience



of his own; In the wa - ters of the  
Lamb of God!" Yet he dared not loose the  
un - der - go; This the crim - son cleans - ing  
was your path; You, by death, have con - se -



Jor - dan His true worth and work were shown:  
san - dals Of the one God's love had shod.  
need - ed So the world God's love might know;  
crat - ed Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath:



Heav - en o - pened and the Spir - it There de - scend - ed  
Oh, how fair the feet of Je - sus, Bring - ing news of  
This the mis - sion of Mes - si - ah As he stepped from  
Dy - ing to the sin of Ad - am, Ris - ing to a



like a dove, As the Fa - ther's voice re -  
peace to us, Christ, the her - ald of sal -  
Jor - dan's stream, He, the cho - sen and a -  
life of grace. We are count - ed with the



sound - ed, "Hear my Son, the One I love."  
va - tion, Preach - ing mer - cy from the cross:  
noint - ed Son of God, sent to re - deem.  
right - eous, O - ver us the cross you trace.



**M** O Lord, o - pen my lips.



**C** And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



**M** Has - ten to save me, O God.



**C** O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



**M** The glory of Christ is re - vealed: let us wor - ship him.

## O COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

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**C** O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing, let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*Be seated*

Peter Hallock  
from *Ionian Psalter*, 1989  
Ionian Arts, Inc.

The choir sings the refrain. All repeat the refrain as indicated.



"I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."  
Let me announce the decree of the Lord;  
he said to me, "You are my Son;  
this day have I begotten you."

**Refrain**

Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.  
You will crush them with an iron rod  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.

**Refrain**

And now, you kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.  
Submit to the Lord with fear,  
and with trembling bow before him;

**Refrain**

Lest he be angry and you perish;  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Happy are they all who take refuge in him.

**Refrain**

**FIRST LESSON**

**Isaiah 42:1-7**

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*The Servant of the Lord comes to save.*

**SECOND LESSON**

**Acts 10:34-38**

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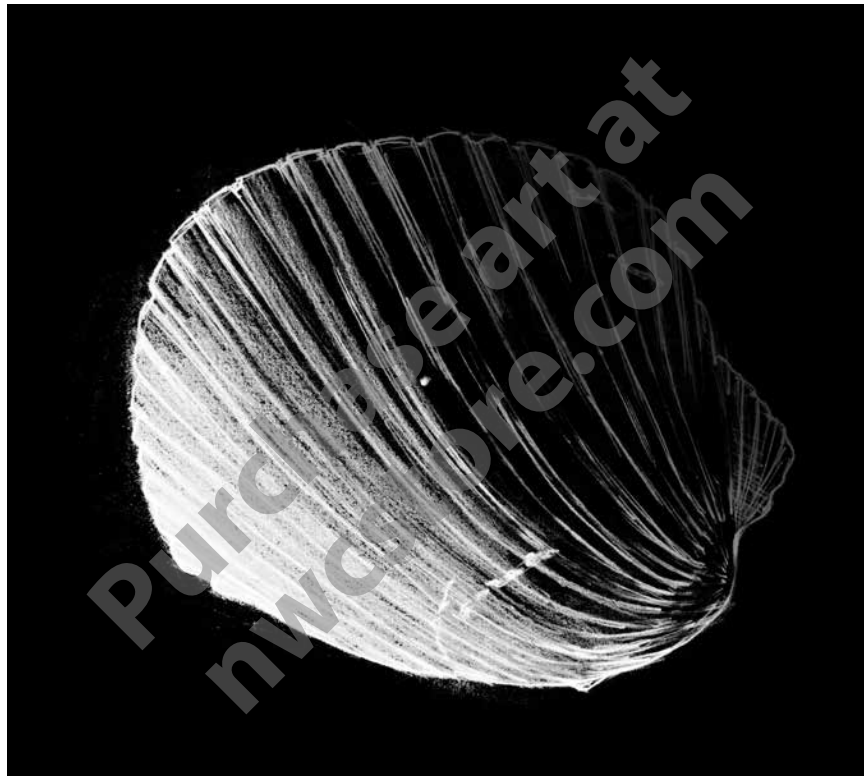
*God's anointed Son heals and saves.*

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

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*Jesus is baptized in the Jordan.*





## SEASONAL RESPONSE

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Setting by James E. Engel, 1978

Here is my servant whom I have chosen, I will put my Spirit on him; a bruised reed he will not break, a smoldering wick he will not quench. In his name all nations will put their hope.

## ANTHEM

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### ***This Is My Son***

Charles Ore, 1996  
CPH 98-3288

*This anthem incorporates stanza 2 of Luther's hymn as well as the CHRIST, UNSER HERR, ZUM JORDAN KAM tune associated with it historically.*

"Repent, the kingdom of heaven is near,"  
said John the Baptist at the river Jordan.  
"Repent and be baptized."

"Heaven is near,"  
said John the Baptist at the Jordan.  
"Repent and be baptized."

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. As soon as Jesus was baptized, heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son whom I love; with him I am well-pleased."

"This is my own dear Son. I am well pleased,"  
said God the Father at the river Jordan.  
"This is my own dear Son. With him I am well pleased."

These truths on Jordan's bank were shown  
By mighty word and wonder.  
The Father's voice from heaven came down,  
Which we do well to ponder:  
"This one is my beloved Son,  
In whom my heart has pleasure.  
Him you must hear, and him alone,  
And trust in fullest measure  
The word that he has spoken."

This is my Son whom I love;  
With him I am well pleased.

**HYMN**

**The Christ, Our Lord, to Jordan Came**

*Text: Martin Luther, 1541  
Translation by Peter Prange, 2013  
Tune: ES IST GEWISSLICH  
Setting by Kenneth Kosche  
CPH 98-4064*



All 1 The Christ, our Lord, to Jor - dan came,  
Men 2 Now hear and mark this mes - sage well  
Women 3 The Fa - ther proves with sign and word  
Choir 4 Here stands God's Son, the sin - ner's friend,



His Fa - ther's will ful - fill - ing. Bap - tized by  
For God him - self is speak - ing. On more than  
What prom - is - es he's seal - ing. On Jor - dan's  
Our guilt - y flesh his bur - den. On him the



John, though free from blame, He was the Lamb most will - ing.  
wa - ter you must dwell; It's Christ your faith is seek - ing!  
banks his voice is heard, The gates of heav'n re - veal - ing:  
Spir - it - dove de - scends. Now we can be most cer - tain



To us he gives this cleans-ing flood. He drowns us  
Through wa - ter and the Word God gives The Spir - it  
"This man is my be - lov - ed Son; My heart is  
That when we come to be bap - tized Our Tri - une



in his wounds and blood, A new life here be - stow - ing.  
of his Son who lives, Be - stowed by him with bless - ing.  
pleased with him a - lone; Cling firm - ly to his teach - ing."  
God here tes - ti - fies With signs that mark his pres - ence.

All 5 To his disciples spoke the Lord,  
"Go now to ev'ry nation;  
Proclaim repentance with my Word  
And point them to salvation.  
Those who believe and are baptized  
From sin are freed, from death shall rise,  
And life with me inherit.

Choir 6 "Those who reject this precious gift  
Remain in sin unending  
And shall endure eternal death,  
To hell's grim jaws descending.  
Their own good works can help them none.  
From birth their flesh a web has spun,  
And sin has held them captive."

All 7 All that the mortal eye beholds  
Is water as we pour it.  
Before the eye of faith unfolds  
The pow'r of Jesus' merit.  
For here we see a crimson flood  
That heals us through our Savior's blood  
From inborn sin forever.

## SERMON

*Isaiah 42:1-4*

### What Good Are Words?

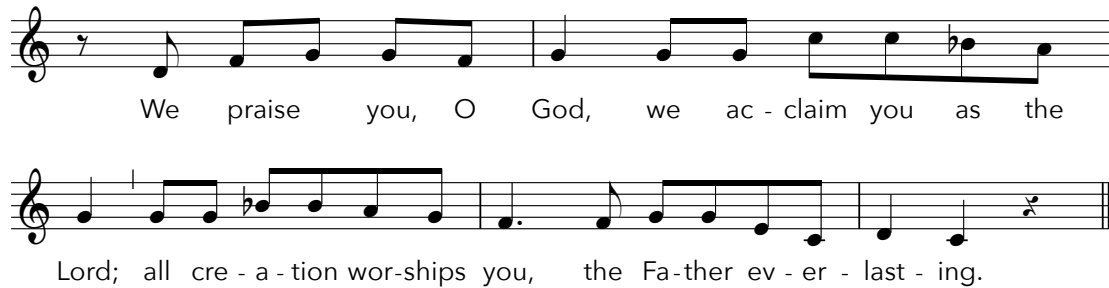


## TE DEUM: WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

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J. William Green  
CanticaNOVA - 3092

*The choir sings the refrain. All repeat the refrain as indicated.*



We praise you, O God, we ac-claim you as the  
Lord; all cre-a-tion wor-ships you, the Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
The cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

### **Refrain**

The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:  
Father of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,  
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

### **Refrain**

You, Christ, are the King of glory,  
The eternal Son of the Father.  
When you took our flesh to set us free,  
You humbly chose the virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

### **Refrain**

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
Bought with the price of your own blood,  
And bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

**Refrain**

*Be seated*

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

***Rondo for a Festive Occasion***

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*Aaron David Miller  
Improvisations for the Church Year for Organ  
Augsburg Fortress - ED004738*

**ANTHEM**

***Children of the Heavenly Father***

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*Words by Carolina Sandell  
Tune: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA  
Arranged by Dan Forrest  
Beckenhorst Press - BP1920*

Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in his bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish;  
In his holy courts they flourish;  
From all evil things he spares them;  
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord his children sever;  
Unto them his grace he showeth,  
And their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

## REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

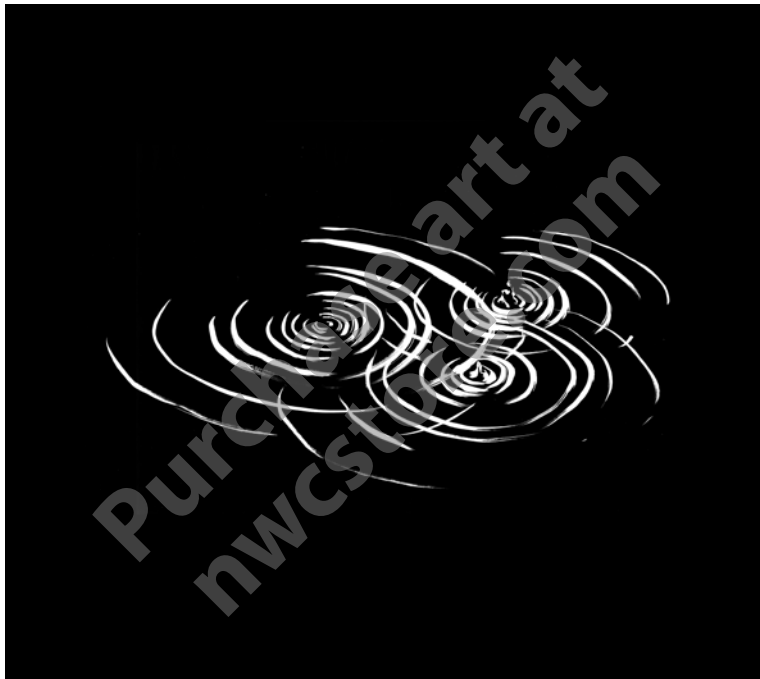
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*Christian Worship: Occasional Services*

*Stand*

**M** Holy Baptism is the precious means of grace by which our Father in heaven connects us with Christ in his life, death, and resurrection. The apostle Paul says: “Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

In Holy Baptism, God takes away our sins and gives new life in Christ our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



## RENUNCIATION AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

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- M** I ask you: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?
- C** **Yes, and I ask God to help me.**
- M** Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?
- C** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- M** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?
- C** **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- M** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- C** **Yes, 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.**
- M** Do you intend to continue in this faith, to be diligent in the use of Word and sacrament, and in faith and action to remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?
- C** **Yes, and I ask God to help me.**
- M** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting.
- C** **Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

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**M** In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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**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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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**M** 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.

**M** O God, you work in us to will and to act according to your good purpose. Strengthen us in soul and body that we may do what is pleasing to you and beneficial to all people. Compel us by the self-sacrificing love of Christ and empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be witnesses of your gospel in our words and in our actions; through him who came not to be served but to serve, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.



## PRAYER FOR GRACE

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- M** 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.
- C** Amen.

## BLESSING

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**M** Let us praise the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.



**M** The grace of our Lord ✝ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.

# HYMN

## Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering

Lutheran Service Book 600

Words by Carl P. Daw

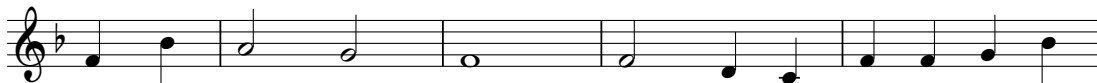
Tune: RENDEZ À DIEU

Setting by Lynn Trapp

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1 Mark how the Lamb of God's self - of - f'ring Our hu - man  
2 From this as - sur - ance of God's fa - vor Je - sus goes  
3 Grant us, O God, the strength and cour - age To live the



sin - ful - ness takes on In the birth - wa - ters of the  
to the wil - der - ness, There to en - dure a time of  
faith our lips de - clare; Bless us in our bap - tis - mal



Jor - dan As Je - sus is bap - tized by John.  
test - ing That read - ied him to teach and bless.  
call - ing; Christ's roy - al priest - hood help us share.



Hear how the voice from heav - en thun - ders, "Lo,  
So we, by wa - ter and the Spir - it Bap -  
Turn us from ev - 'ry false al - le - giance, That



this is my be - lov - ed Son." See how in dove - like  
tized in - to Christ's min - is - try, Are of - ten led to  
we may trust in Christ a - lone: Raise up in us a



form the Spir - it De - scends on God's A - noint - ed One.  
paths of ser - vice Through maz - es of ad - ver - si - ty.  
cho - sen peo - ple Trans - formed by love to be your own.

*Be seated*

*Remain seated and silent during the postlude*

## **POSTLUDE**

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**Wir eilen mit schwachen, doch emsigen Schritten (BWV 78)**

*Johann Sebastian Bach*



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