



**JESUS**

*Is Baptized*

*Baptism of Our Lord  
1-9-2022*

# *PRELUDE*

*DIPTYCH ON KING'S LYNN*

*I. With vigor*

*II. Fugue*

*Wayne L. Wold*

*Karl Osterland*

*Please stand*

## *THE CALL TO WORSHIP*

**P:** We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen!**

## *THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM*

**P:** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

**P:** We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

**C:** **Show us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

**P:** To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

# *BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF THE STARS*

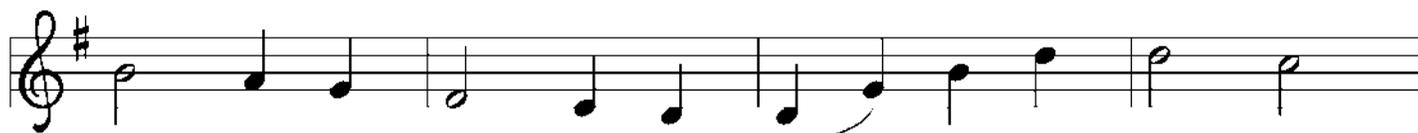
## *ELW 303*



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
 3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.  
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
 Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,  
 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;  
 dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
 rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,  
 Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.  
 mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.  
 myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?  
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
 Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.

# ***THE GREETING***

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

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

# ***THE LITANY***

**P:** In the beginning was the Word.

**C:** **And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

**P:** In the Word was life,

**C:** **And the life was the light of all people.**

**P:** The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**C:** **And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth!**



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## ***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

**P:** The Lord be with you.

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

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*At this time, we welcome our youth to Children's Sunday School. Please gather at the Narthex doors where you will meet your teacher for today.*

## ***A READING FROM ISAIAH 43:1-7***

**R:** A reading from Isaiah the 43<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

1But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

R: The Word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## ***A READING FROM ACTS 8:14-17***

R: A reading from Acts the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

R: Word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

# *THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*



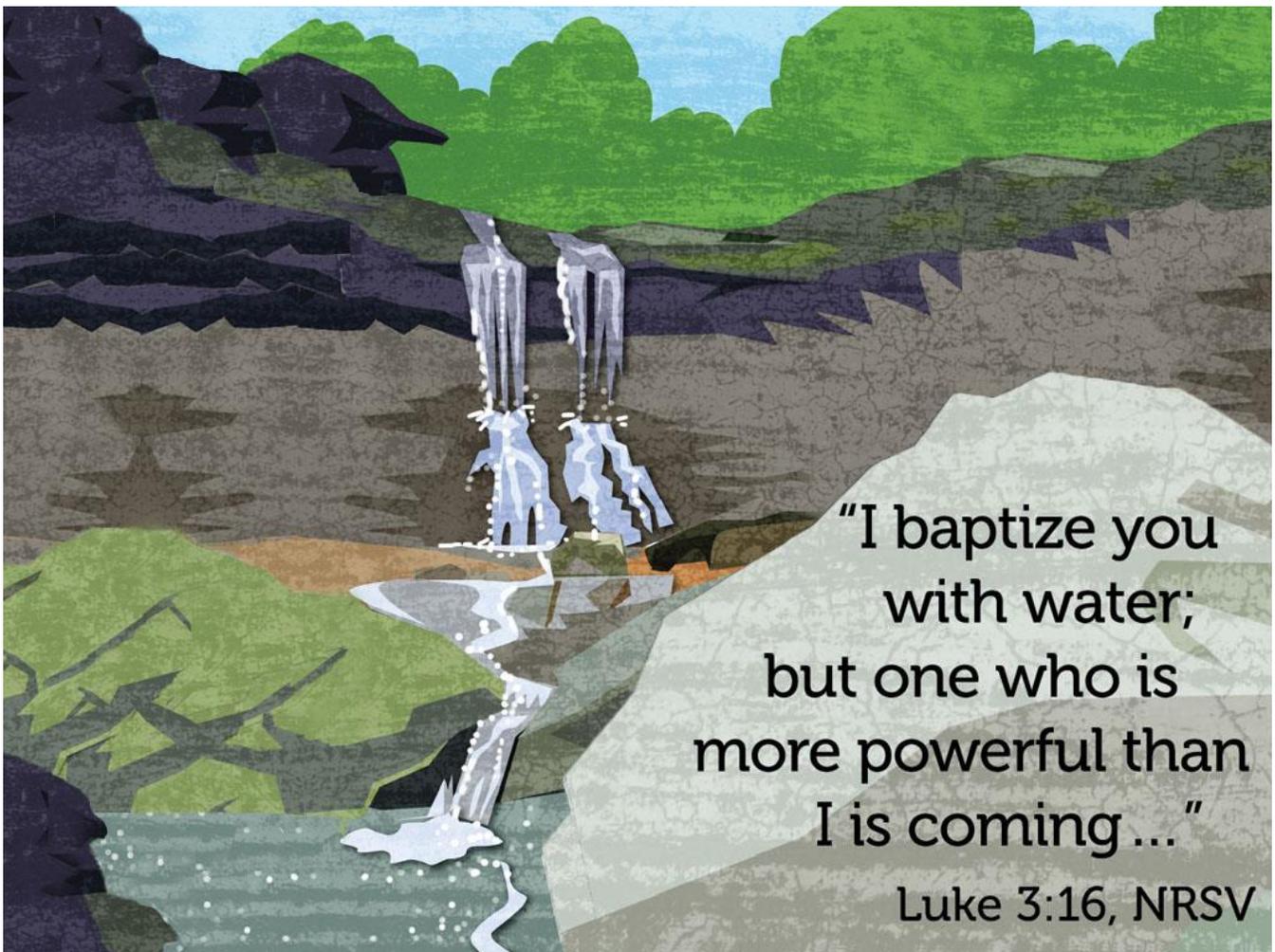
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.



# ***A READING OF THE GOSPEL LUKE 3:15-17 21-22***

**P:** This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

**P:** This is the Gospel of our Lord!

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

## ***SERMON***

*Rev. C.J. Bailey*

*Please stand.*

# *CHRIST, WHEN FOR US YOU WERE BAPTIZED*

## *ELW 304*



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
 2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
 3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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# ***OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH***

P: Together let us confess our faith:

I believe in God who speaks through the prophets and lifts our gaze up to high and beautiful paths and peaks.

**C: I believe in Christ Jesus, free of corruption yet willingly numbered among the sinners, baptized in the waters of the Jordan.**

P: I believe in the Spirit who rested on Jesus like a dove, and who inspired him with such love as the world has not seen before or since.

**C: I believe that those who are baptized into Christ shall share his Spirit, his mission, and his ultimate victory over sin and death.**

P: I believe that there is no human ability that cannot be enlarged and no weakness that cannot be used by Christ to the praise and glory of God.

**C: I believe that this believing is a gift from God, not to be used for self-gratification but for the building up of the church and for humble service to the world.**

P: I believe ourselves to be baptized children of God, recipients of God's healing grace, which precedes and supersedes all our own efforts to be true.

**C: With the help of God, I will attempt to live a life of faith all the days of my life, and by his grace, dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Amen!**

# ***THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***

*Together we respond:*

**P:** God of grace,

**C:** Hear our prayer.

*Please be seated.*

## ***ORGAN MEDITATION & OFFERING***

*Matthey H. Corl*

**MORNING STAR**

*Meditation on Brightest and Best*

*Please stand.*

### ***WE ARE BAPTIZED IN CHRIST JESUS*** ***ELW 451***



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;  
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,  
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.  
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,  
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,  
God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past;  
as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.  
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.  
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

# *THE GREAT THANKSGIVING*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

# *THE PROPER PREFACE FOR EPIPHANY*

P: It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# *SANCTUS*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

# ***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER***

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air, you created fire for warmth and light, you nourish the lands with water.

You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Hold God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## ***LORD'S PRAYER***

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## ***INVITATION TO COMMUNION***

P: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all!

*At this time, we share in taking the bread and wine as we feast on the body and blood of Christ.*

*Together we break bread and lift the cup!*

## ***TABLE BLESSING***

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen!**

## ***THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION***

**P:** Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace.

**C: Amen.**

## ***THE BLESSING***

**P:** May the God who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, bless your going out and your coming in today and always.

**C: Amen.**

*Please stand.*

# WHEN JESUS CAME TO JORDAN

## ELW 250



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,  
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins,  
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune

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# ***DISMISSAL***

**P:** We go with Christ into a weary world, to share the good news!

**C:** Thanks be to God!

# ***POSTLUDE***

*Paul Manz*

*LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Opus 17  
Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

***If you brought a mask, kindly remember to wear your mask while leaving. Thank you for your patience and understanding.***

## *Today's Worship Leaders*

<i>Cantor:</i>	<i>Victor Welsch</i>	<i>Facebook Camera:</i>	<i>Wendy Bailey</i>
<i>Host:</i>	<i>Judy Kimmel</i>	<i>SlideShow Creator:</i>	<i>Pastor Bailey</i>
<i>Lector:</i>	<i>Philip Scherr</i>	<i>SlideShow Operator:</i>	<i>John Bailey Haley Welter</i>
<i>Sunday School:</i>	<i>Mary Hoyda</i>	<i>Acolyte:</i>	
<i>Director of Music:</i>	<i>Curtis L. King</i>	<i>Today's Officiant:</i>	<i>Pastor Bailey</i>

We could not offer multiple platforms for sharing worship  
"Apart...yet Together"  
without an entire crew of people working to make the magic happen.

# **Congregational Meeting**



## **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Our Annual congregational Meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please plan to attend this important meeting.

*Today's Flowers* were given by Pastor, Wendy and Andrew Bailey  
in honor of John's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday

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"God is among us!"  
"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive,  
reconcile and trust God for all that we need."