

The 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.”

The Epistle Reading. 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.

The Gospel Reading. Luke 3:15–22

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 reprovved 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.”

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**The Baptism of Our Lord
January 9, 2022**

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Receiving the Lord's Supper at Holy Cross

Our Lord gives both directions and warnings in Scripture when it comes to the precious gift of Holy Communion, which we take great care to follow. A small brochure is available in the pew which describes the importance of the Biblical and historic practice known as "Closed Communion." If you are not under the spiritual care of Holy Cross, please speak with the pastor before communing so that our unity with Christ and with one another may be genuine. Our aim is not to insult, but to instruct and prepare those who earnestly desire to join our communion. So, if you or your children are not yet communicants, you may come forward for a blessing tied to baptism, and you are encouraged to signify this by crossing your arms over your chest as the pastor comes by. The Blood of Christ is offered either in individual glasses, or simply hold out your hand to take the chalice by the base as you drink from it.

Notes on the service: In this Epiphany season, we joyfully focus on the gift of the incarnate Son of God manifesting Himself as our Savior to this fallen world, including us, as it fruitlessly searches for reconciliation before God. Despite our relentless, incessant, and rebellious sin against God, His forgiving love is steadfast and faithful forever, and therefore more than worthy of our praise. Having thus been made free from the damning claims of sin by the blood of the One willingly baptized "with the Holy Spirit and fire" in the Jordan River and on Calvary's cross, we have been re-created "dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" in our Baptism.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY: (The theme prayer of the day.)

P: 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.

Organist.Linda Rusche
Communion Elders.David Johnson & Randy Wilson
Ushers. Dave Senne, Mike Schaubman & Carter Schaubman

Psalm 2



Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*

my chosen, in whom my | soul delights;

I will tell of | the decree:*

**The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have
be- | gotten you.**

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,*

and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

You shall break them with a | rod of iron*

and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*

be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

Serve the | LORD with fear,*

and rejoice with | trembling,

for his wrath is quickly | kindled.*

Blessed are all who take ref- | uge in him.

All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning, *

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

Note: Standing and Kneeling are optional

10:00 A.M.

Divine Service Setting One—LSB 151

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn—LSB #597 (alt. tune)

Confession and Absolution—LSB 151

Service of the Word—LSB 152

Introit—Psalm 2 (printed at left)

Kyrie - LSB 152-153

Hymn of Praise - Gloria in Excelsis - LSB 154

Collect of the Day

The Lessons: (printed on back)

Hymn of the Day - LSB #406

Sermon - Rev. Perry Copus

The Nicene Creed - LSB 158

Prayer of the Church - LSB 159

Offering

Offertory - LSB 159-160

Service of the Sacrament—LSB 160

Preface - LSB 160

Sanctus - LSB 161

Lord's Prayer & Words of Our Lord

(right column) - LSB 162

Pax Domini & Agnus Dei - LSB 163

Distribution - LSB 164

Hymns—LSB #907

LSB #598

LSB #594

Nunc Dimittis- LSB 165

Benediction - LSB 166

Closing Hymn— LSB #404

Postlude