



Jesus' Baptism

In this familiar story of Jesus's baptism, expectations are flipped upside down. As we work together to find our way, how might upside down expectations help or hinder us?

This January, we will feature a setting written by Ben Kornelis. If you'd like to become familiar with the music, go to easter.org (Sermons) and click on the green button.

Today's Cantor:
Barb Tjader

As Jesus did, we welcome children of all ages as integral members of the body of Christ, and we welcome the sounds and activity that accompany them!

Thank you
Parents/Grandparents
for bringing your children
to worship!

Welcome!

In the midst of a confusing, complicated world, how do we find our way? There is too much along the road demanding our energy, creating stress, and muddling up our journey. How do we find our way, every day? And how do we find our way during this time of transition as a faith community here at Easter?

Join us over the next many months while the Gospel of Matthew will be our guide. Matthew will teach us how to watch for signs of the redefining, myth-busting, dream-catching power of God. Together we will work to find our way.

For families of children 5 and under, you are invited to find a Spark Box outside the worship space for your child to play. More wiggles? The nursery is available for 3 and under.

Thank you for joining us today. We welcome you! You are also invited to take an Announcements sheet here at Easter, or visit easter.org for events & activities (Announcement sheets are posted weekly under Events & News).



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January 13, 2019
8:30 & 10 a.m.

Easter Lutheran Church

"to grow in faith and carry on the work of Jesus Christ"

Prelude: "Holy Is the Lord" - Schubert, arr. Leatherman Ben Kornelis, organ

Greetings and Announcements

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: God of grace, to you our hearts are open. We can hide no secrets from you. Free our hearts from sin and send your Spirit to refresh our minds. We want to completely love you. We wish to follow your ways.

C: Amen.

P: Let us stand together in our brokenness, asking God to help us find our way. Loving God,

C: forgive us. We admit that we have forgotten our way. We have been distracted, selfish, and unkind. We have forgotten to care for others and the earth. We stick to the familiar paths of ignorance and greed, rather than building a path of love. We are truly sorry. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, refresh us, and guide us so that we may find delight in your Word and walk in your ways. Amen.

P: Our God, who abounds in love, makes us alive in Christ over and over again. You have been forgiven by the grace of Jesus. May God strengthen your hearts and minds as you work to find God's ways.

C: Amen.

The Sharing of the Peace is a way of demonstrating hospitality and grace with others. Please understand if some people choose not to shake hands while sharing the Peace for health reasons, but simply greet you with a smile.

The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Gathering Hymn: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

Hymnal #310

All hymns can be found in the red book under the chairs

Greeting:

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

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

Leader In peace let us pray to the Lord. *Assembly* Lord, have
Leader mer-cy. For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us
Assembly pray to the Lord. *Leader* Lord, have mer-cy. For the peace of the whole
world, for the well-be-ing of the church of God, and for the
Assembly un-i-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord. *Leader* Lord, have mer-cy. For this
ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise, let us
Assembly pray to the Lord. *Leader* Lord, have mer-cy. Help, save,
Assembly com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Canticle of Praise:

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Wor-thy is Christ, the

Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-lu-

ia. Pow-er, rich-es, wis dom and strength, and

hon - or, bles - sing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-lu-

ia. Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of

all cre - a - tion: Bles - sing, hon - or, glo-ry, and might be to

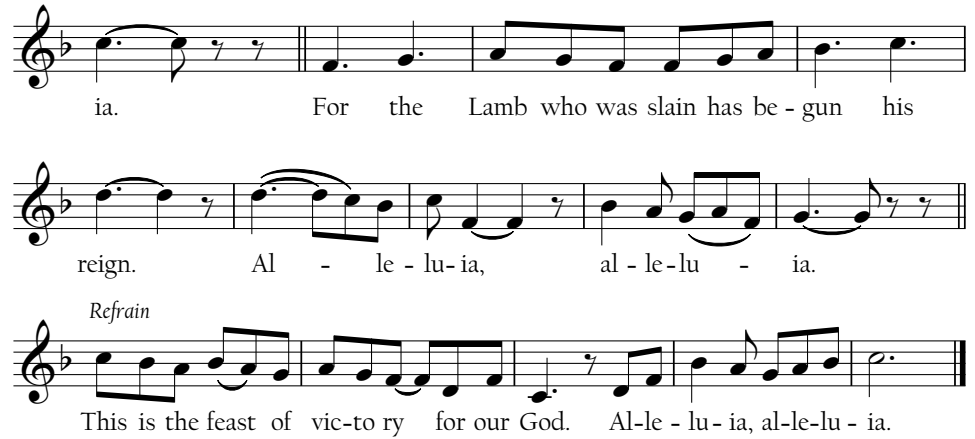
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-lu-

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Canticle of Praise:



ia. For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his
reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

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Prayer of the Day

God of grace, be with us as we find our way. Remind us that you have claimed us. Refresh us with your Spirit and renew our faith. Show us the world, in surprising new ways, every day. We wish to prepare the way of the Lord. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

Anthem: *"I've Just Come from the Fountain"* - arr. Kallman

Easter Choir

God speaks to us in
scripture reading,
preaching, and song

Word

Children's Message

JAM Kids! You can go to the Fellowship Hall now to join your Small Group. Have fun learning about Jesus!

Lesson: Psalm 2: 7-8 (NRSV)

I will tell of the decree of the Lord:

He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. A '4' is written above the first measure. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The second staff continues the melody with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The third staff also continues the melody with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-17 (NRSV)

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Lamont Koerner

Hymn of the Day: "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

Hymnal #304

“Father” is a specific and accessible image of God that Jesus gave us. Jesus did not limit God to this image. References to God as Creator, Parent, Mother, Counselor can be equally as helpful and valid.

Another translation of ‘catholic church’ is ‘church universal’

The offering is an act of worship. We give ourselves, our time and resources as a symbol of our love and appreciation for God’s grace, and our investment in God’s work through this church.

Text-to-Give

Simply send a text message to **651-419-3775** with the amount you would like to contribute (example: 25). Within a few minutes, you’ll be sent a text with a link to register. We hope you enjoy this new way to share your generosity, and thank you for supporting the ministries of Easter Lutheran Church.

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the *Father* almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Each prayer petition will conclude:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Meal

Offering of Gifts

Offering Hymn: *“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”*

Hymnal #678

Presentation: *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Hymnal #885

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Offering Prayer

God of all vision, we thank you for these gifts that we now return to you. We lift up our worship, our brokenness, our relationships, our callings, and our hope to you. Use Easter Lutheran Church to be a powerful presence of your grace. In your loving name we pray, Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor *Assembly*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Pastor *Assembly* *Pastor*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Assembly

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est,

ho - san - na in the high-est.



All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Children who have received instruction are welcome to commune.

Communion today is by intinction - the dipping of the wafer in the wine. Please come to one of the stations, as directed.

Gluten-free wafers are at the back of the sanctuary near the sound booth.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Distribution

"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

"Crashing Waters at Creation" "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Hymnal #455

Hymnal #484

Did you pick up your Announcements?

The Announcements tell you what's going on at Easter in the coming weeks. They can be found at the doors to the sanctuary. Check it out!

Visit easter.org for details

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Sending

Blessing

Sending Song: "Fed By His Word"

Fed by his word, fed by his bo-dy, streng-thened for ser vice,
let us go forth to love the Lord and serve the world that he loves.---

Dismissal

Postlude: "A Fanfare" - Bliss

Ben Kornelis, organ