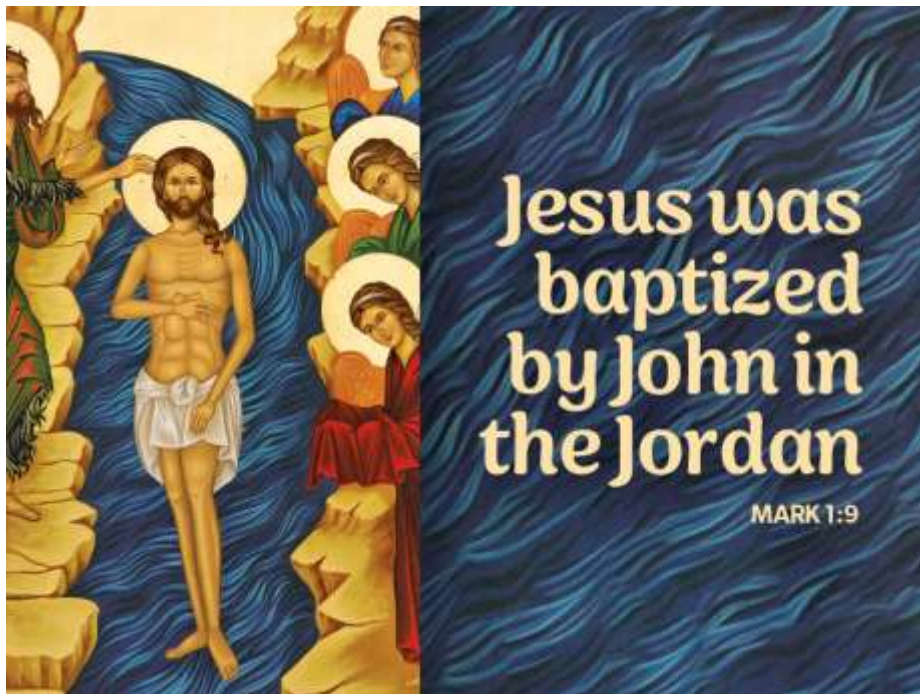


Baptism of Our Lord



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*Kviteseid Lutheran Church
308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Welcome to worship, dear family of God. As we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord, may God enlighten us all.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Bright and Glorious Is the Sky” (vs. 1-4) ELW #301

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark’s gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit’s movement that distinguishes Jesus’ baptism from John’s. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God’s beloved children and setting us on Jesus’ mission to re-create the world in the image of God’s vision of justice and peace.

OPENING PRAYER

P God who watches over us, offering us light and hope, Be with us this day as we hear the story of Jesus’ baptism. Help us to remember your healing, cleansing, and claiming love for us. Remind us again of the many ways in which you reach out to us. May the image of the waters be for us an image of hope. Bring us closer to you, loving God. Embrace us again with your love. We open our hearts to you this day. Amen.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P A prophet appeared in the wilderness, *Acts 19:4; Mark 1:2-5*
calling the people to repent, be baptized,
and prepare the way of the Lord.

We return to the water to confess our sins,
giving thanks for the grace of Jesus Christ,
the one who has come to save us.

C **God of all glory, you look from heaven** *Ps. 29:1; Mark 1:7*
and see us as we are—

**not worthy to kneel at your feet,
not ready to welcome your way.**

Forgive us, gracious God.

**In Christ, stoop down to save us;
loosen the ties that bind us to sin
and set us free to love and serve you;
in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

P Hear the good news of the gospel:
As a voice from heaven said to Jesus,
so God says to each of us:
You are my beloved child,
and with you I am well pleased.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Mark 1:11

C Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #310

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.

PSALM 29

L ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

L ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**C ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

L ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**C ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

L ⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

C ⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

L ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”

C ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

L ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

LESSON: Acts 19:1-7

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John’s baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-13

Mark’s gospel reports the story of Jesus’ baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Baptized in Water”

ELW #456

APOSTLES’ CREED

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C **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 Pilot,
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 THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “As with Gladness Men of Old” (vs. 1 & 3) ELW #302

OFFERING PRAYER

P Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS	“Your Little Ones, Dear Lord”	ELW #286
	“O Word of God Incarnate”	ELW #514
	“Children of the Heavenly Father”	ELW #781

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Giver of every gift,
Christ’s body is our food, and we are Christ’s body.
Raise us to life by your power
for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN	“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”	ELW #314
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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. You are God’s beloved.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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