

*"You are my beloved son;  
with you I am well pleased."*

*Mark 1:11*

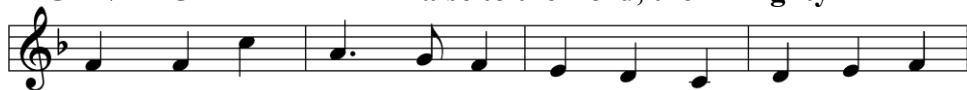
**Concordia Lutheran Church  
Conover, NC**

**Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm  
and  
Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am  
The Baptism of our Lord**

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is  
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has  
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -  
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.  
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.  
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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### INVOCATION & OPENING VERSES

P In the Name of the Father, and the T Son and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.  
**C And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

P And God said, "Let there be light."  
**C The voice of the Lord is over the waters.**

P The voice of the Lord is powerful.  
**C The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

P The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.  
**C The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.**

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

P In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

P Heavenly Father,  
**C we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

## **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **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. Amen.**

*We sit.*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Genesis 1:1-5**

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

**Romans 6:1-11**

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:4-11**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

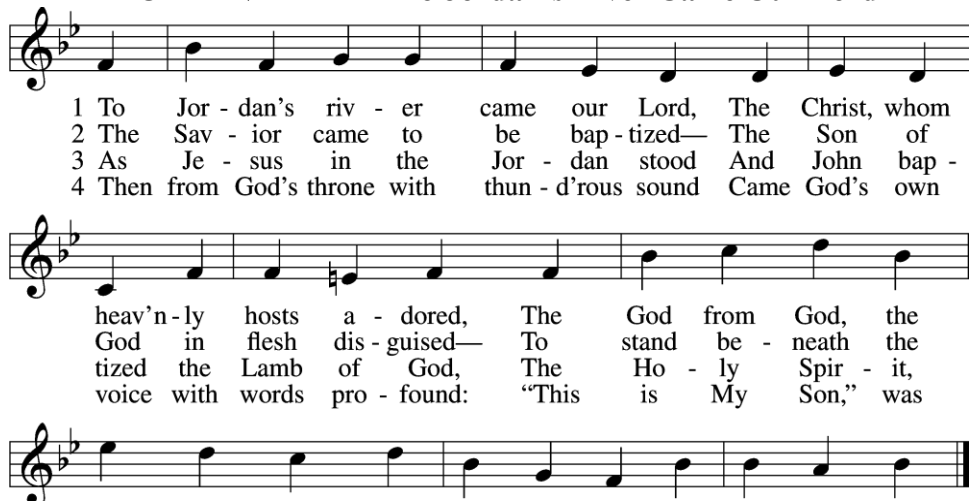
*After the Gospel is read:*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom  
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of  
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -  
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own

heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the  
 God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the  
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 voice with words pro - found: “This is My Son,” was

Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
 Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.  
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.  
 His de - cree, “The one I love, who pleas - es Me.”

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
 As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute!  
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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**SERMON** “Chaos and Control” Pastor Michael Geml

*We stand.*

### NICENE CREED

☩ I believe in one God,  
 the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth  
 and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the only-begotten Son of God,  
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light,  
 very God of very God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father,  
 by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
 the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
 glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **PREFACE**

**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 Him thanks and praise.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

**C We give You thanks for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with living faith as He comes to us in this Holy Supper.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*We sit.*

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*We stand.*

### **DISMISSAL**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

### **BENEDICTION**

## CLOSING HYMN “God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”



1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark - ness and light:  
 2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To run life's way,  
 3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And when we die,  
 △ 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All - ho - ly Son,



You the day for work have giv - en, For rest the night. May Your  
 May we still, what - e'er be - fall us, Your will o - bey. From the  
 May we in Your might - y keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, Blest Three in One: Grant us



an - gel guards de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet Your mer - cy send us,  
 pow'r of e - vil hide us, In the nar - row path - way guide us,  
 last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,  
 grace, we now im - plore You, Till we lay our crowns be - fore You



Ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us All through the night.  
 Nev - er be Your smile de - nied us All through the day.  
 But to reign in glo - ry take us With You on high.  
 And in wor - thier strains a - dore You While a - ges run.

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## POSTLUDE