

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Baptism of Our Lord – January 9–10, 2010

Introit

Ps. 89:1, 26–28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Ps. 89:20

- P** Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come, and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.
- C** **I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him.**
- P** I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
- C** **He shall cry to me, “You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.”**
- P** And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.
- C** **My steadfast love I will keep for him forever, and my covenant will stand firm for him.**

Collect of the Day

- 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.**

Old Testament Reading:

Joshua 3:1–3, 7–8, 13–17

¹Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. ²At the end of three days the officers went through the camp ³and commanded the people, “As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. ⁷The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. ⁸And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’” ¹³“And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.” ¹⁴So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, ¹⁵and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), ¹⁶the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood

firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

Gradual

Ps. 72:18–19

- P** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
C **Blessèd be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and Amen!**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:26–31

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13–17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Daily Lectionary

January 10	Ezekiel 18: 1 – 4, 19 – 32 ; Romans 2:17 – 29
January 11	Ezekiel 33:1–20; Romans 3:1–18
January 12	Ezekiel 34:1–24; Romans 3:19–31
January 13	Ezekiel 36:13–28; Romans 4:1–25
January 14	Ezekiel 36:33—37:14; Romans 5:1–21
January 15	Ezekiel 37:15–28; Romans 6:1–23
January 16	Ezekiel 38:1–23; Romans 7:1–20

NEXT WEEKS LESSONS: THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The coming of the Messianic kingdom means the restoration of creation. The sign of this restoration is that “the mountains shall drip with sweet wine.” (Amos 9:11–15) When the elements of a fallen creation fail and run short at a wedding feast, our Lord Jesus steps in to restore creation and miraculously changes water into an abundance of the very best wine. (John 2:1–11) With this sign Christ manifests His glory. The “back” of God (Exodus 33:12–23) is revealed to those who believe. The hour will come when Jesus will again manifest His glory by taking creation’s curse into His own body to release us from its power. The Groom will give His life for the Bride (Ephesians 5:22–32), and from His side will flow water and blood, the holy sacraments by which she is cleansed and made one with Him. Through this sacrificial love of Christ we are enabled to “be kindly affectionate to one another, . . . in honor giving preference to one another.” (Romans 12:6–16)

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, Governor of all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of Your people and grant us Your peace in our time; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament: Exodus 33:12–23 [Moses sees the “back” of God]

Epistle: Ephesians 5:22–33 [Christ and His Bride]

Holy Gospel: John 2:1–11 [Wedding Feast at Cana]