



## About the Cover

When the Spirit descended upon Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, it marked the beginning of His public ministry and His mission to head to the cross to fulfill God's plan. Jesus is the servant mentioned in Isaiah. He followed the Father's will perfectly, even suffering for our sake. By our Baptism into Jesus, we have received all that Jesus accomplished in His mission because the same Spirit, through the Word, brings us to believe in Him.

## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1–9

- <sup>1</sup> Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul  
delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the  
nations.
- <sup>2</sup> He will not cry aloud or lift up his  
voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he  
will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth  
justice.
- <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be  
discouraged  
till he has established justice in  
the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his  
law.
- <sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and  
stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and  
what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
and spirit to those who walk in  
it:
- <sup>6</sup> "I am the LORD; I have called you in  
righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and  
keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the  
people,  
a light for the nations,  
<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the  
dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in  
darkness.
- <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.
- <sup>9</sup> Behold, the former things have  
come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them."

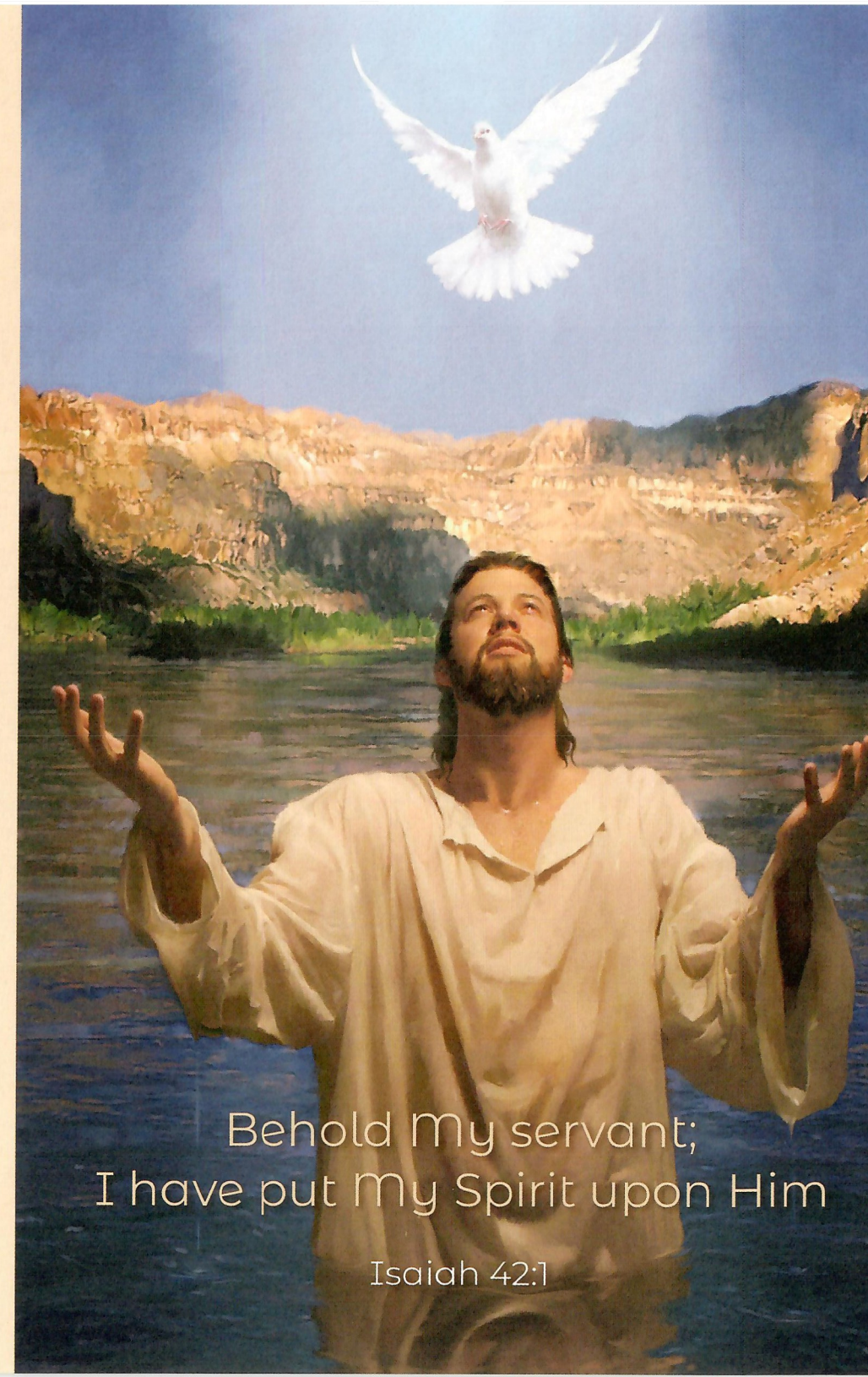
## Epistle: Romans 6:1–11

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we  
to continue in sin that grace may  
abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we  
who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you  
not know that all of us who have been  
baptized into Christ Jesus were bap-  
tized into his death? <sup>4</sup>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 new-  
ness of life.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For one who has  
died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now  
if we have died with Christ, we believe  
that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We  
know that Christ being raised from  
the dead will never die again; death no  
longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For  
the death he died he died to sin, once  
for all, but the life he lives he lives to  
God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider your-  
selves dead to sin and alive to God in  
Christ Jesus.

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13–17

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to  
the Jordan to John, to be baptized by  
him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented  
him, saying, "I need to be baptized by  
you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But  
Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now,  
for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all  
righteousness." Then he consented.  
<sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, imme-  
diately 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; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice  
from heaven said, "This is my beloved  
Son, with whom I am well pleased."



Behold My servant;  
I have put My Spirit upon Him

Isaiah 42:1



## **SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY**

**The Baptism of Jesus**

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### **Welcome to Our Visitors**

We pray all will be spiritually enriched by your visit to this "House of God." Here Christ breaks the silence that surrounds mortal man in his sin and death. Here in Christ Jesus, we hear the voice of the Eternal One, and hear the voice of the Father, and that He loves us, that He forgives us and that in the resurrection of Christ, He has made us His Children and has given us victory over death itself.

In our Worship, this evening, we celebrate the Holy Communion. As Lutherans, we believe and teach that in the Sacrament we receive Christ's true body and blood, thus it is our duty to examine ourselves to our worthiness before reception of the Lord's Supper, (see pages 329-330 Of the hymnal, Christian Questions and Their Answers). We ask that if you are not a member of our Congregation or a member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, that you speak to Pastor or an Elder before the Service.

### **THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Fearfully and Wonderfully Made**

**Opening Hymn Sovereign Ruler of the Skies** (tune LSB 783)

1. Sovereign Ruler of the Skies, Ever gracious, ever wise,  
All my times are in your hand, All events at your command.
2. He that formed me in the womb Guides my footsteps till the tomb;  
All my times shall ever be Ordered by his wise decree.
3. Mortal dangers round me fly; Till he bids, I cannot die;  
Not a single arrow hits Till, in love, our God permits.
4. God all-gracious, wise and just, In your hands my life I trust;  
You at all times I will bless: Having you, I all possess.

### **Invocation**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

### **Confession – Absolution Psalm 139**

P: O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

**C: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

P: You search out my path and my lying down

**C: and are acquainted with all my ways.**

P: Even before a word is on my tongue,

**C: behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.**

P: You hem me in, behind and before,

**C: and lay your hand upon me.**

P: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

**C: It is high; I cannot attain it.**

P: Almighty and Everlasting God, Your understanding comprehends all things. You see how Your creatures have departed from Your wise design. You know the desires of all humankind have become entirely unrighteous. Our thoughts, words, and deeds worship us above You and serve self instead of one another. Yet Your Son has assumed our feeble nature and feels our weakness and need. For the sake of His sacrifice, remember us in mercy. Lay not Your hand of reckoning upon us and grant remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

P: Where shall I go from your Spirit?

**C: Or where shall I flee from your presence?**

P: If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

**C: If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

P: If I take the wings of the morning

**C: and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

P: even there your hand shall lead me,

**C: and your right hand shall hold me.**

P: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,

**C: and the light about me be night,"**

P: even the darkness is not dark to you;

**C: the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.**

P: O Lord, our Heavenly Father, You pursue us in jealousy to the ends of the heavens and earth. We cannot flee from Your judgment nor hide from the punishments we

deserve. But Your Son, our Savior Christ Jesus has traded our guilt in exchange for His glory. His death and resurrection have brought us the light of life everlasting.

Drive our evils away from us with repentance, forgiveness, and faith, that we may behold Your goodness now and evermore.

**C: Amen.**

P: For you formed my inward parts;

**C: you knitted me together in my mother's womb.**

P: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

**C: Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.**

P: My frame was not hidden from you,

**C; When I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

P: Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them,

**C: the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.**

P: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

**C: How vast is the sum of them!**

P: If I would count them, they are more than the sand.

**C: I awake , and I am still with you.**

P: Children of men, do not fear! Incarnate Christ Jesus has come among us, sharing both womb and world, plumbed the depths of the earth, plundered death and the tomb. Take heart, for the Almighty Maker has created, redeemed, and called you His own. Upon your confession, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O God!

**C: O men of blood, depart from me!**

P: They speak against you with malicious intent;

**C: your enemies take your name in vain.**

P: Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord?

**C: and do I not loathe those who rise up against you?**

P: I hate them with complete hatred;

**C: I count them my enemies.**

P: Search me , O God, and know my heart!

**C: Try me and know my thoughts!**

P: And see if there be any grievous way in me,

**C: and lead me in the way everlasting!**

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Lord God, our Father and Savior, open our hearts to receive and delight in Your wonders. Open our lips to rejoice and proclaim all Your works. Strengthen us in flesh and spirit to refuse wickedness and replace the lust for control with Your own truth and love. Give us courage to rescue the vulnerable and compassion to relieve the victim that together we may share Your life.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise: LSB#819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good**

**The Old Testament Reading: Job 10:9-13**

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle Reading: Hebrews 2:5-18**

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:24-33**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ**

**The Nicene Creed (back cover of hymnal)**

**The Children's Message**

**Sermon Hymn: LSB#790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

**The Sermon The Giver of Life John 1:1-5**

**The Offering**

**The Prayer of the Church Response: P: Lord, in Your mercy, C: Hear our Prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Institution**

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

**The Distribution**

**Distribution Hymns: LSB#624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born  
# 738 Lord of All Hopefulness**

**The Post-Communion Collect**

**The Benediction**

**Closing Hymn: LSB#877 God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven**