

# THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 11, 2026

*“To Fulfill All Righteousness”*

## THE WELCOME

## THE OPENING HYMN #405 *“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.**

© 1993 James P. Tiefel. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100012547.  
Public domain

*(please stand)*

## THE INVOCATION AND OPENING VERSES *Gal. 5:22–23; 1 Cor. 3:16; 1 John 3:1a*

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

**C: Amen.**

**P:** The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

**C: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called  
children of God; and so we are.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sins to our loving Father, confident of His forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

*(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination.)*

P: Heavenly Father,

**C: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have failed to love as You have loved us in our thinking, speaking, and acting. We have not loved You completely or our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to live as brothers and sisters of Your beloved Son. In Your great mercy, forgive, renew, and lead us so that we may be revealed as His faith-filled followers to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. *Mark 16:16; John 1:12*

**C: Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE #395 “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

1) O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God's own truth and light,  
Aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,  
Our Lord and master, You have won  
Our hearts to serve You only!  
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious,  
All victorious, Rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

6) What joy to know, when life is past,  
The Lord we love is first and last,  
The end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
Transport us to that happy place  
Beyond all tears and sinning! Amen!  
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness! We are yearning  
For the day of Your returning!

© 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100012547.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. 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.

**C: Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 42:1–9 (ESV)

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. He will not cry aloud or lift up His voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed He will not break, and a faintly burning wick He will not quench; He will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for His law. 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: "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, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is My name; My glory I give to no other, nor My praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **THE EPISTLE** Romans 6:1–11 (ESV)

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 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 newness of life. 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. 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)*

### **THE VERSE** Tune: *"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* (LSB #528)

**Re-new-ing Spir-it, hear our praise For Your bap-tis-mal pow'r  
That wash-es us through all our days; Lord, cleanse a-gain this hour.**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 3:13-17 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And 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; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*(please be seated)*

## **THE MEMORY VERSE** *Meaning of 3<sup>rd</sup> Article of Apostles' Creed from Luther's Small Catechism*

**I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

## **THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## THE HYMN OF THE DAY #404 *“Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered”*



1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Had no blem - ish  
 2 John con - fessed Him as the Sav - ior— “Look, the sin - less  
 3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior Great - ly longed to  
 4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Full o - be - dience



of His own; In the wa - ters of the Jor - dan  
 Lamb of God!” Yet he dared not loose the san - dals  
 un - der - go; This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed  
 was Your path; You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed



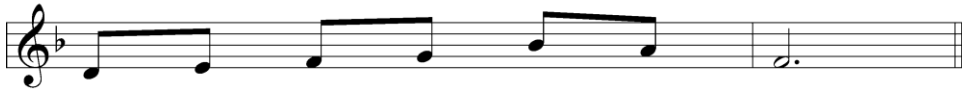
His true worth and work were shown: Heav - en o - pened  
 Of the One God’s love had shod. Oh, how fair the  
 So the world God’s love might know; This the mis - sion  
 Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath: Dy - ing to the



and the Spir - it There de - scend - ed like a  
 feet of Je - sus, Bring - ing news of peace to  
 of Mes - si - ah As He stepped from Jor - dan’s  
 sin of Ad - am, Ris - ing to a life of



dove, As the Fa - ther’s voice re - sound - ed,  
 us, Christ, the her - ald of sal - va - tion,  
 stream, He, the cho - sen and a - noint - ed  
 grace; We are count - ed with the righ - teous,



“Hear My Son, the One I love.”  
 Preach - ing mer - cy from the cross:  
 Son of God, sent to re - deem.  
 O - ver us the cross You trace.

Text: © 1999 Stephen P. Starke, admin. Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001990

Tune: © 1995 Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001990

## THE SERMON *“To Fulfill All Righteousness”* Text: Matthew 3:13-17

## THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS #601 *"All Who Believe and Are Baptized"*



1 All who be - lieve and are bap-tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;  
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.  
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand A - mong the glo-rious,  
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

## THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2026

*(please stand)*

### THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*(Each petition concludes with the following response: "Lord, in Your mercy" "**Hear our prayer.**")*

### THE 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.

### THE BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

*(please be seated)*

# THE CLOSING HYMN #411 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light "



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see as the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.  
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path.  
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.



*Refrain*

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text and tune: © 1970, 1975 Celebration. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001990

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS