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First Sunday After  
Epiphany /  
*Baptism of our Lord*

*Divine Service*

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**Holy Communion** is celebrated this Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church in the glad confidence that our Lord, as His Words say, gives not only bread and wine, but also His true Body and Blood for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites to His table those who believe He is truly present, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive as He forgives us. Because Saint Paul reminds us that we can receive the Lord's Supper to our judgment, we are very careful to administer the Sacrament only to those who are properly prepared. When we receive Holy Communion, we publicly declare our agreement with the teachings of the church from which we receive it. *Therefore, if you are not yet a member of this congregation, a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and if you have not previously spoken to the Pastor about Holy Communion, please refrain from coming forward to receive Communion until you have first spoken with the Pastor.* If you cannot receive the Lord's Supper but desire a blessing, please join us at the Communion rail and cross your arms over your chest to tell the pastor of your intent.

**Opening Hymn**  
**Liturgy**  
**Introit**

*When All the World was Cursed*

LSB 346  
p. 184

P: Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in  
His hand.  
I have found David, my | servant;\*  
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him,

**C:** I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- |  
ever;\*  
with my mouth I will make known your  
faithfulness to all gener- | ations.  
He shall cry to me, You are my | Father,\*  
my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation.  
And I will make him the | firstborn,\*  
the highest of the kings | of the earth.  
My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever,\*  
and my covenant will stand | firm for him.

**All:** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**P:** Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in  
His hand.  
I have found David, my | servant;\*  
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him,

**Kyrie** p. 186  
**Gloria in Excelsis** p. 187  
**Collect**

**P:** 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, Your  
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen

**Old Testament**

Isaiah 42:1-7 (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.

## **Gradual**

**C: Blessed be the LORD, the God of | Israel,\*  
who alone does | wondrous things.  
Blessed be His glorious name for- | ever;\*  
may the whole earth be filled with His glory! Amen  
and | Amen!**

## **Epistle**

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (ESV)

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

## **Alleluia**

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## **Gospel**

Matthew 3:13-17 (ESV)

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.”

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