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**PRAISE ABLAZE**

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*THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD*

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**Welcome!** We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We gather to be strengthened through the study of God's Word.

**Families, Friends, and Guests of Zion.** We welcome you. Please know that your safety is very important to us as we gather to worship Almighty God in-person (or online). *Please observe proper social distancing. Approach wearing your mask (and we require that anyone 4 years old and up should do so) with a servant-like attitude that looks out for the best of others. We will instruct you on how to best enter and exit the worship space before and after service. Restrooms are available through the atrium space (to your left and down the hall, notice flow patterns through atrium doorways) and are cleaned before and after each service as is the worship space.* Our prayer is: the worship environment we create together allows us to be one and worship God freely and safely even in adverse times like this. Welcome!

**As we gather.** Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Such a day is also a good time to remember our own Baptism. In Baptism, we are buried with Christ. We are united with Him and with others in a death like His. In Baptism, we are also raised to new life as re-creations in a re-created community.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome**

**Opening Worship**

*Great Things  
What a Beautiful Name*

**Opening Sentences/  
Call to Worship**

**Confession and Absolution**

**God's Word** (*see opposite or screens or Bibles*)

*Genesis 1:1-5  
Romans 6:1-11  
Matthew 3:13-17*

*Children dismissed for Children's Church (CC)*

**What We Believe**

*Catechism  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Commandments*

**Today's Message**

**Offering**

*(Thanks for your ongoing support of God's mission here – Children return from CC.)*

**Prayers & Lord's Prayer**

**Blessing**

**Song**

*Start a Fire*

**Words of our Lord/  
Reception/ Sending Prayer**

**Dismissal**

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1–5

*(God creates the heavens and the earth.)*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.<sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.<sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.<sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.<sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*L This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

Romans 6:1–11

*(We are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.)*

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 baptized 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 newness 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 yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 3:13-17*

*(Jesus is baptized by John.)*

<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, 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; <sup>17</sup> 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.**

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## **A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen (virtual and in-person) today...**

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