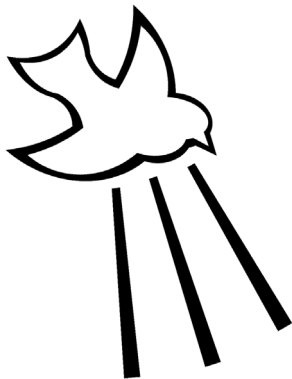


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The voice of the Lord is heard amongst God’s people, signaling his desire for those whom he loves. No matter the situation we find ourselves in, the Lord goes before us and walks with us through darkness, fire, storms, and trouble. At Jesus’ Baptism his identity was confirmed through the sound of God’s voice ringing in the heavens, “This is my Son!” When we hear the voice of God it calls us to attention.



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7 **I Have Called You By Name**
The word of the Lord spoken through the prophet came to the people saying, “I am the one who created and formed you. You are mine.” The One who knows each of us by name, cares for and protects us through calamity and trial.

Psalm 29 **Ascribe to the Lord Glory**
The voice of the Lord is over the waters with power and majesty. His is the name above all names. He commands attention and grants strength and mercy to his holy people. Those who fear and love him shout, “Glory!”

Second Lesson: Romans 6:1-11 **Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ**
Paul made a powerful statement about sin in the lives of believers, asserting that since we have died to sin we are no longer to continue in sin. Through Christ we are free to walk in newness of life — no longer enslaved to sin’s power over us, but free to live fully into the promises of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:15-22 **Jesus’ Baptism**
The voice of the Lord filled the skies as Jesus was baptized by John who came before Him to show the way to Him. “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased,” were the words heard by all who gathered at the river that day. As Jesus came up from the water, the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in the form of a dove. John proclaimed that this One will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire, and He will divide the righteous from the unrighteous.

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: White
- Use the Kyrie and Hymn of Praise on this day.
- Today is a wonderful day for Baptisms. If there are any, the Apostles’ Creed will be included in the liturgy. If there are none, use the Nicene Creed.
- The mystery of the Holy Trinity is seen most clearly in the Baptism of Jesus. Here we see Jesus immersed in the baptismal waters. Here we see the Spirit descend upon him in the form of a dove. And, in this same scene we hear the voice of the Father from heaven, proclaiming Jesus’ true identity. The Trinity can never be separated: all three persons of the godhead are always present.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
When Jesus Came from Galilee	---	---	---	---	---	web
You Have Come to the Lakeshore	---	784	---	817	239	239
Shall We Gather at the River	---	690	---	423	275	275
We are Baptized in Christ Jesus	---	698	---	451	74	74
This is the Spirit’s Entry Now	195	---	591	448	---	---
The Only Son from Heaven	86	---	402	309	---	---
Nearer, My God, to Thee	---	---	---	---	255	255
Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak	403	---	---	676	267	267
Lord of Light	405	---	---	688	---	---
Jesus, I Long for Your Blessed Communion	---	---	---	---	82	82

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:
Come As You Are (CCLI # 7017790)
Fear Not (CCLI # 4807706)
There Is One Reason (CCLI # 6167547)
Come to the Table (CCLI # 675056)
Go in Peace and Serve the Lord (CCLI # 791253)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.