



# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



## Welcome to our visitors!

- It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Large print service folders are available from an usher. Assisted listening devices, including both ear bud and loop receivers for digital hearing aids, are also available from an usher.
- Children's service folders and worship notes are available in the round tract rack in the entry area.
- Parents may take small children into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed and follow the worship service on the TV monitor. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- As the offering is received, members and guests are asked to sign the Friendship Register. Please pass the register to your neighbor and then return it to the center aisle. Visitors are also asked to fill out a guest card and give it to an usher.
- Please join us for Bible class at 9:15 AM.  
*A Lutheran Look at the Second Epistle of St. Peter:* Fellowship Hall, lower level of church  
A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

# The Baptism of Our Lord

January 12 & 13, 2019

Light for Our Lives: Light comes from God

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## Prelude

*Please stand*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

C: Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a  
place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your saints, your  
cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to  
sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

**M:** I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

**C:** **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** *John 3:5, 6*

**M:** Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. *Psalm 51:5*

**C:** **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.** *1 Corinthians 6:11*

*(sung)* **My loving Father, there you took me  
To be henceforth your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, there you let me  
The fruit of all your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me  
When threat'ning clouds around I see.**

**M:** As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*(sung)* **My faithful God, you fail me never;  
Your promise surely will endure.  
Oh, cast me not away forever  
If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.**

**M:** Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

*(sung)* All that I am and love most dearly –  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely,  
And help me your own child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but yours alone.

### **Prayer of the Day**

**M:** 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. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*Be seated*

## **THE WORD**

### **First Lesson**

**1 Samuel 16:1-13**

*Through Samuel, David was anointed with the Holy Spirit.*

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

But Samuel said, “How can I go? Saul will hear about it and kill me.”

The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”

But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD

chosen this one.” Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered, “but he is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; he is the one.”

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 2

*The nations cannot stand against the One anointed with the Holy Spirit.*

*Refrain*

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-  
lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

*Psalm tone* \*

Why do the nations conspire  
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD  
and against his Anointed One.

### *Refrain*

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;  
the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,  
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD.

He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.”

**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.**

*Refrain*

**Second Lesson**

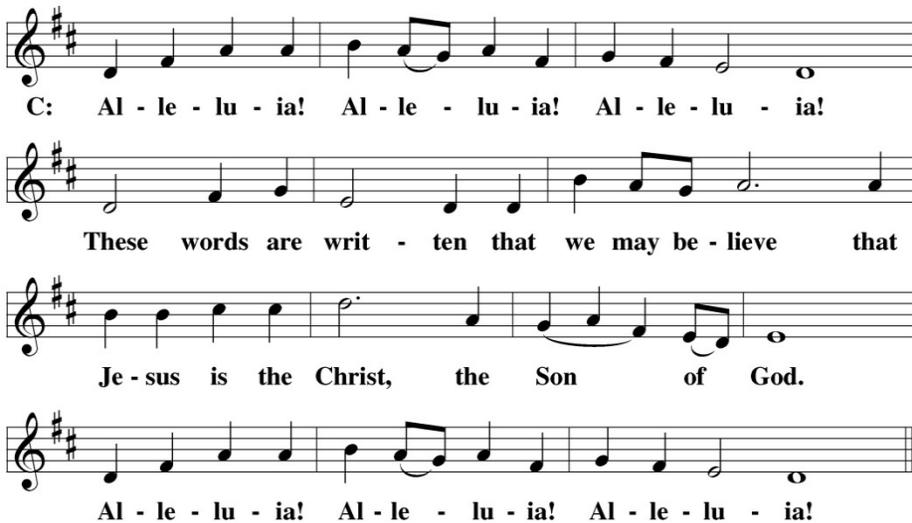
**Titus 3:4-7**

*Through our baptism, we are anointed with the Holy Spirit.*

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

**Verse of the Day**

**M:** Alleluia, alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Please stand*

## Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22

*Through his baptism, Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit.*

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”



*Be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

*Grades 1 & 2 and congregation*

*Congregation will sing all stanzas on Saturday and **bold stanzas** only on Sunday*

## To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

*Christian Worship 89*

**Choir:** To Jordan's river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.

**C:** **The Savior came to be baptized –  
The Son of God in flesh disguised –  
To stand beneath the Father's will  
And all his promises fulfill.**

**Choir:** As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,  
Descended on him from above.

**C:      Then from God’s throne with thund’rous sound  
Came God’s own voice with words profound:  
“This is my Son,” was his decree,  
“The one I love, who pleases me.”**

**Choir:** 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.

**C:      Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan’s stream,  
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.**

**Sermon<sup>+</sup>**

**Titus 3:4-7**

### Baptism Saves You

*Please stand*

#### **Confession of Faith**

**M:**      Holy Baptism is the precious means of grace by which our Father in heaven connects us with Christ in his life, death, and resurrection. In Holy Baptism, God takes away our sins and gives us new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I ask you: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

**C:      Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

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**+Sermon:** In the Jewish synagogues, commentary followed the readings. Therefore, the *sermon* has ancient historical roots. This concept of commentary carried over into the New Testament Church, where the sermon was a part of worship from the 1<sup>st</sup> century. The sermon serves as the culmination of the service of the Word that began with the readings. The ultimate goal of the sermon, like the liturgy as a whole, is to serve the Gospel. The sermon seeks to instill in the congregation a deeper understanding of the truths contained in God’s Word. For more information on the sermon, see pg. 19 of *Understanding Lutheran Worship*, found in the hymnal rack.

**M:** Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**C:** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**M:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

**C:** **Yes, I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**M:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C:** **Yes, 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.**

**M:** Do you intend to continue in this faith, to be diligent in the use of Word and sacrament and in faith and action remain true to God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – as long as you live?

**C:** **Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

**M:** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Offering

*The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work in our community and around the world, and our offerings are a joyful response of our faith. To submit your offering electronically, scan the QR code or visit [www.sjtosa.org/giving](http://www.sjtosa.org/giving). If you are a visitor today, you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.*



*Please stand*

### **Prayer of the Church for the Baptism of Our Lord**

**M:** Lord Jesus, at your baptism you revealed yourself as the obedient Son of Man, fulfilling all righteousness.

**C:** **Your heavenly Father revealed you as his beloved Son, in whom he is well pleased.**

**M:** The Holy Spirit revealed you as the Christ, anointed and armed to destroy the work of the devil.

**C:** **We thank you, beloved Son of God, that you took on yourself the nature of a servant, became like us, and were obedient to the will of your heavenly Father.**

**M:** Lord Jesus, eternal Word of God, you have connected your mighty Word and gracious promises to the water of Holy Baptism.

**C:** **In baptism you cleansed us from sin, redeemed us from death, and clothed us in your perfect righteousness.**

**M:** We praise you for the promise and treasures of baptism.

**C:** **Encourage us to remember our baptism daily as we die to sin and rise to new life with you.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Baptized into your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we claim a place, though weak and lowly, among your saints, your chosen host,

**C:** **Buried with Christ and dead to sin, your Spirit now shall live within.**

**M:** All that I am and love most dearly – receive it all, O Lord, from me. Let me confess my faith sincerely, and help me your own child to be!

**C:** Let nothing that I am or own serve any will but yours alone. Amen.

**Lord's Prayer**

**C:** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

*Be seated*

**Installation of 2019 St. John's Board Members (10:30 AM)**

**Hymn**

**Jesus, Once With Sinners Numbered (see pg. 14)**  
*Christian Worship Supplement 710*

*Please stand*

**M:** Lord God, our heavenly Father, through the waters of Holy Baptism you have adopted us as your children. Strengthen us to live in this baptismal grace and grant us the boldness to faithfully proclaim your goodness and our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



*Be seated*

**Closing Hymn**

**Baptized in Water**  
*Christian Worship 297*

**WELS Connection**

Year in Review

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

*If you do not wish to take your service folder home, please place it in the basket so it can be reused.*

## Jesus, Once With Sinners Numbered



1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered,  
 2 John con - fessed him as the Sav - ior—  
 3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior  
 4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered,



Had no blem - ish of his own;  
 "Look, the sin - less Lamb of God!"  
 Great - ly longed to un - der - go;  
 Full o - be - dience was your path;



In the wa - ters of the Jor - dan  
 Yet he dared not loose the san - dals  
 This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed  
 You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed



His true worth and work were shown:  
 Of the one God's love had shod.  
 So the world God's love might know;  
 Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath:



Heav - en o - pened and the Spir - it  
 Oh, how fair the feet of Je - sus,  
 This the mis - sion of Mes - si - ah  
 Dy - ing to the sin of Ad - am,



There de - scend - ed like a dove,  
Bring - ing news of peace to us,  
As he stepped from Jor - dan's stream,  
Ris - ing to a life of grace.



As the Fa - ther's voice re - sound - ed,  
Christ, the her - ald of sal - va - tion,  
He, the cho - sen and a - noint - ed  
We are count - ed with the right - eous,



“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.

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## Serving at Worship

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|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Preacher</b>           | Pastor Kyle Bitter  |
| <b>Presiding Minister</b> | Pastor Joel Leyrer  |
| <b>Musicians</b>          | Carmen Rupprecht, piano (Saturday)<br>Mandy Treder, organ (Sunday)<br>Adam Sipe, trumpet                          |
| <b>Greeters</b>           | Tim & Katie Lesperance, Dave & Dana Leyrer (8:00 AM)<br>Mark & Chris Rindfleisch, John & Carol Stearns (10:30 AM) |
| <b>Head Ushers</b>        | Mark Meissner (Saturday)<br>Kerry Kuehn (8:00 AM)<br>Rick Yahn (10:30 AM)   |
| <b>AV Operators</b>       | Lezlie Espana (8:00 AM)<br>Paul Puglisi (10:30 AM)  |

## In Our Prayers

- Joy Schnell, who continues her lengthy hospitalization at Froedtert.
- Bob Schaller, scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Monday.
- Delores Schmeling, hospitalized at Froedtert this past week.

## 2019 St. John's Board Members

|                            |                                 |                              |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Jeff Scheibe, Exec Board*  | Jon Phillips, Education         | Jim Schneiker, Outreach      |
| Dennis Maurer, Exec Board  | Casey Holtz, Education*         | Dan Ebeling, Outreach        |
| Mike Swenson, Exec Board   | Adam Greggs, Education          | Dan Schmal, Properties       |
| Brent Siegmund, Exec Board | Brian Lampe, Discipleship       | Mark Naumann, Stewardship    |
| Greg Martin, Elders*       | Michael Skocir, Discipleship    | Mark Meissner, Stewardship   |
| John Peterman, Elders      | Matt Pastorek, Discipleship*    | Mark Rhyner, Stewardship     |
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| Pete Stauffer, Education   | Kurt Handeland, Outreach        | Aaron Schroeder, Finance     |
| Kerry Kuehn, Education     | Mike Gleason, Outreach          |                              |

(\* denotes newly elected Board Members)

*We also extend our heartfelt thanks to these outgoing board members for their years of service:*

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Brian Treichel, Exec Board | Mark Gaub, Discipleship       | Ben Haferman, Outreach |
| Mark Maurice, Elders       | Andrew DeLonge, Discipleship  | Brett Taylor, Outreach |
| Adam Sipe, Elders          | Zach Wood, Discipleship       |                        |
| Troy Schulz, Education     | Chris Jashinsky, Discipleship |                        |

### Readings for the Week of the Baptism of Our Lord

|   |                 |                 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| M | Mark 1:1-8      | 1 John 4:9-16a  |
| T | Mark 1:9-15     | Mark 1:21-28    |
| W | John 1:35-42    | John 1:43-51    |
| R | Matthew 4:12-17 | Matthew 4:18-25 |
| F | Hebrews 2:14-18 | John 10:31-38   |
| S | John 5:19-24    | Luke 10:21-24   |

## Parents' Preview for January 20

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

### “Glory to God”

After receiving forgiveness in the absolution, the congregation responds by praising the goodness of God in the Gloria.



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!  
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,  
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;

Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;  
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,  
You take all hu - man sin a - way.  
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.

We praise you for your peace and grace,  
For all, O Fath - er, you have done  
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;  
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:

Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.  
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.  
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.  
“All glo - ry be to God!” A - men.



