



St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.

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## Welcome to Worship!

The Greek word “Christ” and the Hebrew word “Messiah” both mean the same thing: “Anointed One.” Anointing was the practice of pouring liquid (typically oil) over the head of someone to signify selection for some special task. For centuries people of faith had patiently waited for the promised Messiah, the servant of God who would bring the salvation we so desperately need. And now the time had come for Jesus to be revealed as the fulfillment of that divine promise. So, Christ our Lord came to the Jordan River to be baptized by John and revealed to Israel. At his baptism Jesus was anointed—marked as God's special servant and empowered by the Spirit of the Lord.

## Worship Notes

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.

If you need assistance with anything during worship—including large-print service folders and assisted listening devices—please ask one of our ushers. Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area. Small children can be taken into the entry area, mother’s room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed during the worship service. Changing tables are available in the mother’s room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.

During the offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or located online at [www.sjtosa.org/Connect](http://www.sjtosa.org/Connect)). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.

## Lord’s Supper

The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated in our worship today. Scripture tells us that the Lord’s Supper is an expression of unity in God’s Word and a privilege reserved for those who have publicly confessed their oneness in faith. Therefore, we ask guests who are not members of WELS or ELS congregations to refrain from communion until such oneness can be established. We do not intend to be exclusive and unloving. Rather, we desire to faithfully carry out the teaching of Scripture and further explore God’s Word with you in the hope that we may eventually enjoy such “communion fellowship” together. For more information, please speak with one of our pastors.

# The Baptism of Our Lord

## January 14 & 15, 2023

Jesus Appears as the Anointed One

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### Prelude

*Please stand*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### Gathering Rite for the Baptism of Our Lord



1 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.

Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

**Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**

*John 3:5, 6*

Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.

*Psalms 51:5*

**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.**

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

**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.  
O cast me not away forever if words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled; forgive, lift up, restore your child.**

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.

**Amen.**

## **Affirmation of Holy Baptism (10:30 a.m.)**

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

## **The Word**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, 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.

**Amen.**

Be seated

## First Reading

Isaiah 42:1–7

*The LORD promised to anoint the Messiah with his Spirit.*

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight;  
I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.  
He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.  
A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.  
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;  
he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth.  
In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”  
This is what God the LORD says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,  
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,  
who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it:  
“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand.  
I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles,  
to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison  
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 45 (see pg. 15)

## Second Reading

Acts 10:34–38

*As Peter told others how God had anointed Jesus,  
the Holy Spirit was poured out upon Peter’s listeners.*

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Mark 1:11

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

## **Gospel**

Matthew 3:13–17

*In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit.*

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **Hymn of the Day**

To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord

*The congregation is invited to sing stanzas 2, 4 & 6 (10:30 a.m.)*

*Christian Worship 377*

## **Sermon**

Isaiah 42:1-7

*It All Begins with Baptism*

*Please stand*

## **Confession of Faith**

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?

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

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

**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.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

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?

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

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.  
**Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

Gracious Father, at the Jordan River you called Jesus your beloved Son in whom you are well-pleased. Assure all of us that through our baptism, you also call us your beloved children and are well-pleased with us.

**As your baptized children, help us to walk in our baptismal grace all the days of our life.**

Heavenly Father, as Jesus fulfilled all righteousness and submitted obediently to baptism, you opened the heavens and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Through the waters of our baptism, you have given us forgiveness of sins and poured out your Spirit on us.

**As your baptized children, strengthen our hearts to live in the strength and power of your Spirit.**

Almighty God, by your abundant grace you have set us free from sin and death that we might live anew in Christ Jesus. By the work of your Holy Spirit, grant that we might daily repent of our sins.

**As your baptized children, help us to drown our old Adam with daily sorrow and repentance.**

O Lord, as you have joined us to Jesus' death and resurrection in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, so also feed us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**As your baptized children, give us hearts that confess our need for this life-giving food.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

Lord of the Church, we praise you that you have faithfully delivered your people through the ages. Preserve us in the same faith and hope as those sainted believers who have gone before us.

**As your baptized children, bring us to the day when we stand with all your children around your throne, praising the Lamb who was slain but now reigns forevermore. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Offering**

*Members of St. John's give offerings to support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors are welcome but not obligated to give an offering. All worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder). Physical offerings and Connection Cards can be left in the basket on your way out of church. To submit your offering electronically or fill out a Connection Card online, scan the QR code or visit [www.sjtosa.org/offering](http://www.sjtosa.org/offering).*



*Please stand*

## **The Sacrament**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
san - na in the high - est!

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Words of Institution**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

# Jesus, Lamb of God

# Agnus Dei



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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## Be seated

*The Scriptures teach us that receiving the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of shared belief. Therefore, we ask our guests who are not members of a WELS or ELS congregation to refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper until they have had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors about our beliefs and practice.*

To receive communion, please proceed down the center aisle and exit via the side aisles. Grape juice is available in the center of the individual cup tray for those unable to receive wine. Personal prayers for communion can be found on pg. 13 of the service folder.

## **Distribution Hymns**

Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert

*Christian Worship 379*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*Christian Worship 384*

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

*Christian Worship 663*

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.  
Go + in peace.

*Please stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

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.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

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.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Closing Hymn

Arise, Your Light Is Come  
*Christian Worship 387*

## Announcements

## Postlude

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## Personal Prayer for Before Communion

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

## Personal Prayer for After Communion

Loving Father, I thank you for feeding me at the supper of your Son. Sustain me with your Spirit, that I may serve you here on earth until my joy is complete in heaven and I share with all the saints in the wedding supper of the Lamb. Amen.

# Serving at Worship

**Preacher**

Pastor Joel Leyrer

**Presiding Minister**

Pastor Eric Schroeder

**Musicians**

Carmen Rupprecht, piano (Saturday)

Mandy Treder, organ (Sunday)

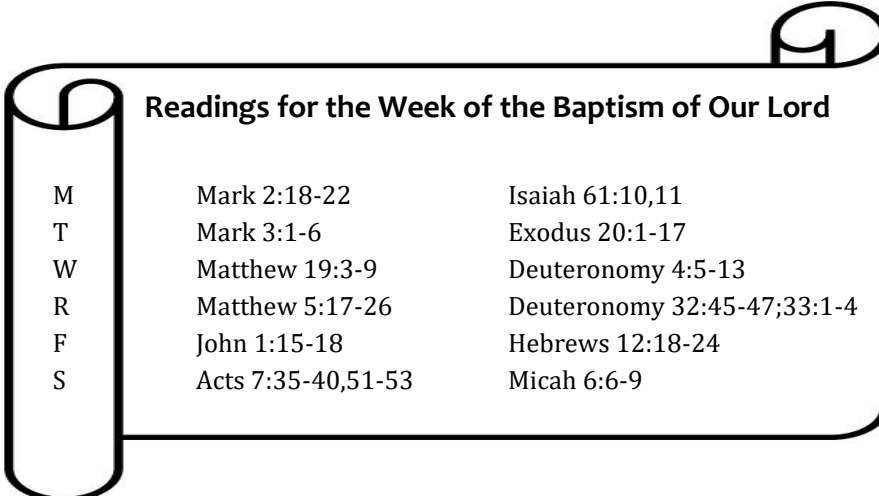
**Communion Assistants**

Brett Kriese & Greg Martin (8:00 a.m.)

Andrew Duncan & Jeff Sitz (10:30 a.m.)

## In Our Prayers

- Mary Groth, released from the hospital this week but still waiting for her current infection to clear up so that she can undergo kidney stone surgery.
- Finn Leverage, son of Josh and Elise (nee Sloey) Leverage, who will have his baptism affirmed in the 10:30 a.m. service.



<b>Readings for the Week of the Baptism of Our Lord</b>		
M	Mark 2:18-22	Isaiah 61:10,11
T	Mark 3:1-6	Exodus 20:1-17
W	Matthew 19:3-9	Deuteronomy 4:5-13
R	Matthew 5:17-26	Deuteronomy 32:45-47;33:1-4
F	John 1:15-18	Hebrews 12:18-24
S	Acts 7:35-40,51-53	Micah 6:6-9

# Psalm 45

## Refrain

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

## Tone

My heart is stirred by a / noble theme  
as I recite my verses / for the king.  
You are the most excel- / lent of men  
and your lips have been anoint- / ed with grace.  
Gird your sword on your side, you / mighty one;  
clothe yourself with splendor and / majesty. *Refrain*

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and / ever;  
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your / kingdom.  
You love righteousness and hate / wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has set you above your com- / panions.  
I will perpetuate your memory through all gener- / ations;  
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and / ever.

**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. *Refrain***

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# The Mission of our Church

As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.

As 21<sup>st</sup> century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:



Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives



Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word



Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support



Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people



Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others

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## Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

## Worship in Chinese

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

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