



# St. John's Lutheran Church

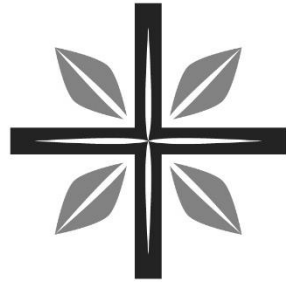
Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.

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# 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.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- Large print service folders and assisted listening devices are 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.
- During the offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or available online at [www.sjtosa.org/Connect](http://www.sjtosa.org/Connect)). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.
- Please join us for Bible class at 9:15 a.m.  
*Lutheran Theology and Its Application to Mental Health*  
(Fellowship Hall, lower level of church)  
A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

# The Baptism of Our Lord

January 8 & 9, 2022

Anointing Uncovered: What the Eye Sees Differs from What God Decrees

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## Prelude

*Please stand*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son  $\text{✙}$  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.  
O 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  $\oplus$  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;  
Help me your faithful 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 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.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated*

**THE WORD**

**First Reading**

**1 Samuel 16:1-13**

*Through Samuel, the Lord anointed David and uncovered him as his chosen king.*

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.

**M:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm of the Day**

**Psalm 2 (see pg. 12)**

### **Second Reading**

**Titus 3:4-7**

*Through our baptism, we are anointed with the Holy Spirit and uncovered as God's heirs.*

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.

**M:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

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

**Gospel****Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22**

*Through Jesus' baptism, he was anointed with the Holy Spirit and uncovered as God's Son.*

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."

**M:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

**Hymn of the Day****To Jordan's River Came Our Lord***Christian Worship 377***Sermon****Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22**

The Only Reviewer Who Matters

*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.**

**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.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**M:** Heavenly Father, we give you thanks that our Lord Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan to take our place under the law and fulfill all righteousness for us.

**C:** **Bless us with the promise of our baptism, that we may daily die to sin and arise to live holy and righteous lives of faith and good works.**



**M:** We give you thanks that you have placed your Word in this water and by this baptism cleansed us from sin and set us apart as your own children.

**C:** **Bless all those who have wandered from your way, that they may be restored to a right relationship with you.**

**M:** We give you thanks that you have called and gathered your baptized people into your Church.

**C:** **Bless your pastors and teachers who serve us, that their ministry may be faithful and fruitful.**

**M:** We give you thanks that at his baptism, your Son humbled himself and renewed his commitment to take on human frailties and the consequences of sin.

**C:** **Bless all those who mourn and extend your healing hand to all in distress, that they might be assured of your promise to never leave them or forsake them.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

**M:** We give you thanks for all your servants who were washed clean in baptism and now enjoy eternal rest in your presence.

**C:** **Bless us as we continue our earthly journey, that we might one day be reunited with them around your throne. Amen.**

*Be seated*

**Installation of 2022 St. John's Officers and Board Members (10:30 a.m.)**

**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. To submit your offering electronically or to fill out an online Connection Card, scan the QR code or visit [www.sjtosa.org/offering](http://www.sjtosa.org/offering).*



## Hymn

**Jesus, Once With Sinners Numbered (see pg. 13)**

*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.

**C:** 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.**

## Blessing

**M:** 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.

**C:** Amen.

*Be seated*

## Closing Hymn

**Baptized in Water (see pg. 14)**

*Christian Worship '93 297*

## Announcements

## WELS Connection

Year in Review

## Postlude

# Serving at Worship

**Preacher**

Pastor Kyle Bitter

**Presiding Minister**

Pastor Joel Leyrer

**Musicians**

Carmen Rupprecht, piano (Saturday)  
Eric Sipe, organ (Sunday)

## Worship Notes

- The flowers are placed by the Handeland family in celebration of Marlie Campbell's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday and by Charlotte Hansen's children in celebration of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## In Our Prayers

- Family and friends of long-time St. John's member Ida Yorde, who went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, January 4, and whose Christian victory service will be held on Thursday, January 13.
- Matthew Sebald and Mary Schmal, both recovering at home from recent surgeries.
- Dennis Anderson, who recently completed a week of chemotherapy and who is now undergoing radiation treatment.

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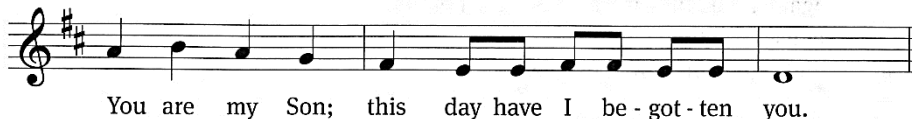
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## Psalm 2

*Refrain*



*Tone*



Why do the nations rage?

Why do the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers assemble against the LORD  
and against his Anointed One. ***Refrain***

He who sits in heaven laughs;  
the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he addresses them in his anger and frightens them with his fury, saying,  
“I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.” ***Refrain***

I will declare the LORD's decree:

He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”

**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*****

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# 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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## Baptized in Water



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,  
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,  
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,



Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:  
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:  
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:



Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his prom - ise,  
One with his ris - ing, Freed and for - giv - en,  
Born of one Fa - ther, We are his chil - dren;



Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

## 2022 St. John's Board Members

Jeff Scheibe, Exec Board	Casey Holtz, Education	Bret Harttert, Outreach
Peter Hansen, Exec Board	Greg Beyer, Education*	Jon Leyrer, Outreach
Michael Skocir, Exec Board*	Luke Sankey, Education*	Andrew De Longe, Outreach
Ed Miller, Exec Board	Nick Cutting, Education*	Matt Hobler, Outreach
Greg Martin, Elders	Troy Schulz, Education	Mark Naumann, Stewardship
John Peterman, Elders	John Warnke, Discipleship	Jody Schmidt, Stewardship*
Terry Paul, Elders	Matt Pastorek, Discipleship	Phil Hansen, Stewardship
John Frailing, Elders*	Dave Todor, Discipleship*	Phil Theesfeld, Stewardship
Dave Allerheiligen, Elders*	Steve Wolf, Discipleship*	Larry Totsky, Finance*
Brian Treichel, Elders	Adam Goede, Outreach	

(\* denotes newly elected Board members)

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

Mike Swenson, Exec Board	David Close, Elders	Jon Phillips, Education
Brent Siegmund, Exec Board & Finance	Bill Braun, Elders	Mark Meissner, Stewardship
	Kerry Kuehn, Education	

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

M	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 19-32	Romans 2:17-29
T	Ezekiel 33:1-20	Romans 3:1-18
W	Ezekiel 34:1-24	Romans 3:19-31
R	Ezekiel 36:13-28	Romans 4:1-25
F	Ezekiel 36:33-37:14	Romans 5:1-21
S	Ezekiel 37:15-28	Romans 6:1-23

## 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*

### 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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