



The Baptism Of Our Lord

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Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

48 Greene Avenue

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Welcome to Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

The family of Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is called, gathered, and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament to confess and proclaim the gospel and love of Jesus Christ to our congregation, community, and world.

To Those Visiting with Us Today

We welcome you among us as we gather in God's presence to receive his benefits towards us. If this is your first time visiting, please introduce yourself to the Pastor on the way out. Also, please sign our welcome book so that we may thank you for visiting us today. We pray God's blessings upon you in this time, and invite you to continue to join us in the future. Please contact the Pastor if you have any needs or questions about St. John's and the work for which he has called us.

A Guide to the Symbols in the Service

P = Pastor; **L** = Lector; **C** = Congregation

Anywhere the symbol ✝ appears, the sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

As We Gather

The baptism of an infant is such a joyous occasion. There, the sweet and innocent-seeming child is washed and welcomed into the kingdom of God. At that moment, all seems just about perfect. But as we grow, we know that life is not perfect for we are still sinners, and we live in a broken world. Heartache will come our way, and the reality of death is seen all around us. And yet, that one moment of seeming perfection still stands out in our heart and mind. For in those waters, we are not only cleansed, but purified. And so it is, that just as gold is refined and purified by fire, that we too find our lives, made new in the waters of baptism, purified through living out that baptism daily. Through the water and fire, Christ is there, each day, making us new.

Today in the Church Year

Epiphany serves as the end of the Christmas season, bridging us over from Christ's birth to the beginning of his life and ministry. On the day of Epiphany, Christ is revealed as the savior of the world. Next, we see his divinity confirmed as the Father speaks and the Spirit descends in the waters of the Jordan at his baptism. Then he will call his disciples and will perform miracles. And finally, as the hinge that leads us into the holy season of Lent, our Lord will be transfigured into a vision of light as he prepares to set his face toward Jerusalem to accomplish the salvation of the world. The season of Epiphany prepares us for this salvation, and serves to reveal the mystery of Christ's identity and his work to us. The initial color for the season is white, but yields to green to symbolize the light of Christ revealed through the growth accomplished by his word. Transfiguration Sunday will again be white to show forth the purity and holiness of the God-Man, Jesus.

✠ IN NOMINE JESU - IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

A Prayer upon Entering Church

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Voluntary

Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

✠ Service of Preparation ✠

Opening Hymn: Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

LSB 590 (sts. 1 & 3)

Tune: O DASH ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HATTE

Invocation, Confession and Absolution *(Matt. 28:19b)*

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *(Heb. 10:22)*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.** *(Ps. 124:8)*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *(Ps. 32:5)*

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Jn. 20:19-23)*

☐ Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Psalm 29 (*The Congregation speaks the bolded verses*)

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.

**⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**⁶He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

**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.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day *(2 Timothy 4:22)*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

L The Old Testament Reading for The Baptism of our Lord is taken from Isaiah, the forty-third chapter.

*¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,*

he who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

*²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.*

*³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

*I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.*

*⁴Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,*

*I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.*

*⁵Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.*

*⁶I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;*

*bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
7everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

L Praise the Lord, all nations!

C **Extol him, all peoples!**

L For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C **and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

L Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

C **bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

Epistle

Romans 6:1-11

L The Epistle is from Romans, the six chapter.

1What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4We 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.

5For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6We 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. 7For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Mark 1:11b

C Alleluia. You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

**The term "catholic" means the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.*

Sit

Hymn of the Day: Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered

LSB 404 (sts. 1 & 4)

Tune: MISSISSIPPI

Sermon: "The real purity culture"

Please take a moment to fill out the Record of Fellowship pad at the end of the pew, and then pass it along so that others in your row have a chance to sign it. If you are visiting with us today, welcome! Please also include contact information as we would love to stay in touch with you and keep you informed about various things happening at St. John's.

Offering

Stand

Offertory: Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God (*Psalm 51:10-12*)

The musical score is written in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men."

Prayer of the Church (*1 Timothy 2:1-4*)

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
(after each petition)
- P** Lord, in Your mercy...
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** ...one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface (*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136*)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer (*Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*)

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord (*Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25*)

P *Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

Pax Domini (*John 20:19*)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei (*John 1:29*)



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Please read what Saint John's believes concerning the Sacrament of the Altar:

As Lutherans, we believe, teach, and confess that in the Holy Supper all receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ with their mouth. Believers feed on Christ for the assurance of salvation and the strengthening of their faith.

To assure that our Lord's great gifts are received in a beneficial way, Holy Scripture says in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29 **"A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself."** Self examination includes:

- 1) The confession that we are sinful and in need of God's forgiveness. (Ps 51; Romans 3: 9-28)
 - 2) The faith that Jesus Christ is truly and actually present in the Sacrament, offering His very Body and Blood for all to eat, so that our sins are forgiven. (Mt 26: 26-28; 1 Cor 10: 16-21)
 - 3) The sincere resolve, with the Holy Spirit's help, to amend what is sinful in our life by actively belonging to a body of believers where these Scriptural truths are preached and taught. (Acts 2: 42; Ephesians 2: 8-10)
- If this reflects your belief and you are a member in good standing, not under discipline, at a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or a church body with which we are in fellowship, we welcome you to the Lord's Table and pray that His Body and Blood will be for your soul the highest good. If you are not sure, or do not understand, we ask that you speak with the Pastor, at your earliest convenience, prior to communing. If you would like to come to the altar and receive a personal blessing instead of the Eucharist, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign to the pastor.

A Prayer before Communing

Holy Father, we ask you now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver your church from every evil, to teach it to love you perfectly, and make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution Hymn: To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

LSB 405

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW

A Prayer after Receiving the Sacrament

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Stand

Thanksgiving (*Psalm 107:1*)

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endures forever.

P Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus (*2 Timothy 4:22; Psalm 103:1*)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: God's Own Child I Gladly Say It

LSB 594 (sts. 1, 2 & 5)

Tune: BACHOFAN

Closing Voluntary

A Prayer for Departure

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA - TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY ✠

† Look Ahead for next week:

Epiphany 2: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Daily Devotions for Home and Family are available on the way out and online

SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 1/9	Baptism of our Lord	
	7:45am	Divine Service
	8:30am	Bible Study
	9:30am	Divine Service
	9:30am	Sunday School
Mon 1/10	7:00pm	Boy Scouts
Tue 1/11	6:00pm	First Communion
	6:00pm	Basketball (until 9:00pm)
	7:00pm	Judo/Women's 12-Step
	7:30pm	Elders Meeting
Wed 1/12	12:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
	6:00pm	Confirmation
	7:00pm	125 th Anniversary Meeting
	7:45pm	SoLI
Thu 1/13	5:00pm	Basketball (until 7:00pm)
	6:30pm	Eagle Eye Ringers
	7:00pm	Judo
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir
Fri 1/14	12:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Sun 1/16	The 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	
	7:45am	Divine Service
	8:30am	Bible Study
	9:30am	Divine Service
	9:30am	Sunday School

125th Anniversary Kick-off Brunch! - On Sunday, January 30 after the late service, join us for a brunch to be held in the gym. Necessary safety precautions will be taken. Beverages, pastries, and bagels will be provided. You are encouraged to bring another brunch item to share. To attend, please sign up by January 19: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A45A4AB2BA1FC1-125th>. The signup sheet includes a place to indicate what you might bring. We hope to see you there as we kick off our 125th anniversary year right! Stay tuned for announcements regarding future events as well!

		Attendance
Friday December 31		25
Sunday January 2		80
Contributions Received 12/1-12/31	\$53,551	
December Budgeted Expenses	\$31,667	
Contributions Received 1/1-12/31	\$337,460	
Budgeted Expenses Jan to Dec	\$402,883	
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$2,554	
F.O.R. Contributions- 12/1-12/31	\$1,320	

Food Pantry Help - We are partnering with the Food Pantry at St. John's Lutheran Church in Holbrook. There is a very active pantry, assisting as many as 40 families *per week*. Our intention is to collect canned food items each week, and at the end of the month, take what we have over to Holbrook for distribution. Each week, there will be a box in the narthex to collect canned food items. If you do not have the ability to shop, but would like to assist, we also plan to support them somewhat financially, as we are able, so that they can assist in providing refrigerated and frozen items as well. You can place monetary donations into the offering plate marked for Holbrook Food Pantry. We will still do our own Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Boxes, but this new partnership is a way for us to get some of our food which sits in our pantry out to those in need throughout the year. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor.

Communion Stewards: Robert Bayley (7:45), Andrew Valenti (9:30); **Ushers:** Rex Holden, Charlie Erb, & Ethan Heller (7:45), Judy & Chuck Scott, Anabelle Franco (9:30); **Reader:** Rex Holden (7:45), Andrew Valenti (9:30); **Acolyte:** Jack Doucet (7:45); **Counters:** Judy & Chuck Scott

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Saint John's Divine Service Schedule

Sunday 7:45am & 9:30am

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-12:30pm

Bookkeeper Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 11am-3pm

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