



**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
January 8, 2017 – 10:45 a.m.**

Divine Service Setting Four with Holy Communion

**St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.**

In his great Reformation hymn, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” Martin Luther describes our life situation this way: “With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected; But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected” (LSB 656:2). At the Jordan River in His Baptism, Jesus was anointed by the Spirit as the One who will do battle for His people. The prophetic job description of God’s special servant is realized in Jesus. In the weeks of the Epiphany season, we rejoice to see Him fulfill that special role for us.

† Prayer Before Worship †

Father in heaven, throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus revealed His identity and mission through words and deeds. Grant that Your Holy Spirit strengthen us so that we may be revealed as His faith-filled followers as we demonstrate the Spirit’s fruit of love in what we say and do; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prelude “The Morningstar”

Daniel Pinkham

Welcome & Sharing of the Peace

(Please Stand)

Processional Hymn #405 “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

Confession and Absolution

I

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Introit *Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

P: Behold My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights.

C: **I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to Me, “You are My Son; today I have begotten You.**

P: “Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage, and the ends of the earth Your possession.

C: **You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**

P: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

C: **Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling,**

P: for His wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

All: **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.**

P: Behold My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

(Be Seated)

Anthem of Praise “Alleluia!” from Cantata #142

J. S. Bach

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

(God will put His Spirit on His chosen servant.)

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,

nor my praise to carved idols.
⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

All: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!

Epistle Lesson

Romans 6:1-11

(Buried and raised with Christ, we walk in newness of life.)

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.**

(Please Stand)

Alleluia and Verse



Cantor: You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.



Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

(The voice proclaims Jesus as God's beloved Son.)

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

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

(Be Seated)

Hymn of the Day #545 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

Sermon

(Please Stand)

Prayer of the Church

P: LORD, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Words of our Lord

Peace of the Lord

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei



**1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,**

You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be Seated)

- Distribution Hymns:** #601 "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"
 #399 "The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"
 #598 "Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters"

(Please Stand)

Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament, and we pray that we shall ever put our hope in Jesus, Your Son and faithful servant; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn #700 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Dismissal

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Thank you to Pastor Clocker for conducting our worship today.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Arden & Glenda Lackey in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on January 7.

Today's Ushers: John Williams, Bob Sparks, Lisa Little, Larry Bowman

Worship Assistants: Dave Lundmark, Dale Mierisch

Cantor: Tom Loke

Altar Guild for January: Kae Elliott, Mae Elliott, Renee Henderson, Sarah Strahm

Lock-ups for January: Bob Hoisington, Don Adamick, John Williams

Pew Pads: Please remember to sign the pew pads. Thank you.

Nursery is available in Preschool Room 106 during the 10:45 Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

The Sermons are available through the YouTube link at the church's web site. If you miss a Sunday, want to hear the sermon again, or want someone else to hear it, just go to www.stjohnsww.com and click on the YouTube link at the bottom of the home page.

Crisis Control Item for January: Toilet tissue

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- Dale Mierisch at wb9szl@triad.rr.com and include "St John's Prayer and Care Notes Subscription" in the subject line of your email.

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