



# OUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

**WELCOME TO  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
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**Traditional Service  
The Baptism of Our Lord**  
*(Divine Service Setting Two)*  
**January 10, 2016 – 10:45 a.m.**

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

**READY FOR A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST!** The Holy Spirit has made us new in the waters of Holy Baptism. This is His Epiphany in us! Now we are called to let our new life in Christ be seen and heard and felt as we serve Him faithfully throughout this new year.

### † Prayer Before Worship †

I thank you, O Holy Spirit, for the work You have done in my heart and life through the washing of Holy Baptism. Keep me mindful every day of my new identity in Jesus that I may serve You and that Your holy will may be accomplished in and through my life. Even as my baptism was a new beginning with Jesus, so let this year be a “new beginning” for those who hear about Jesus through me. In Jesus name I come. Amen.

**Prelude**

*Prelude*

Franz Liszt

**Welcome**

*(Please Stand)*

**Opening Hymn #404 Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered** (Tune: LSB 686)

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**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.

*Men: I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to Me, “You are My Son; today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage, and the ends of the earth Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”*

*Women: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling for His wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.*

**C: 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.**

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

### Kyrie

Cantor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Hymn of Praise – This is the Feast

No Introduction



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

*(Silence for personal prayer.)*

Gracious God, in the Baptism of our Lord Jesus in the Jordan River You affirmed Him as Your beloved Son. Help us, Your beloved children, to live out each day in our baptismal grace as we await the joy of life in Your eternal presence. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*(Be Seated)*

## **First Lesson**

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

*(The Lord has called Israel by name.)*

<sup>1</sup>But 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.<sup>2</sup>When 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. <sup>3</sup>For 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. <sup>4</sup>Because 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. <sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. <sup>6</sup>I 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, <sup>7</sup>everyone 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.**

## **Second Lesson**

**Romans 6:1-11**

*(We are made to walk in newness of life in Christ.)*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We 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. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We 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. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So 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

One note Introduction



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## The Holy Gospel

**Luke 3: 15-22**

*(Jesus teaches that one must be born of water and the Spirit.)*

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



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John 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. <sup>17</sup>His 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." <sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. <sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>and 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.



Praise to You, O Christ.



- P: Bless all who are gathered in Your name with a full measure of Your grace. Grant us an appreciation of the diverse and worldwide nature of the fellowship that we share in Christ.
- C: May we see in each sister and brother in Christ a reflection of Your glory.**
- P: Send the light of Your Word into all the earth. Raise up faithful servants of Christ to advance the Gospel both at home and in distant lands.
- C: empower us with Your Holy Spirit that we may speak boldly and in love about our new life in Christ our Lord.**
- P: While the Church grows according to Your plan, strengthen new and established congregations, supporting them in these challenging times. Make them steadfast and abounding in the work of Christ.
- C: Let our baptismal faith and our zeal for the Gospel refresh and renew our witness wherever we may go.**
- P: Watch over our nation and help us live peaceful lives with security and justice. Grant Your divine favor to all who bear office in our land. Help them to serve all those in their care with Your justice according to Your holy and perfect will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Remove prejudices, give us a spirit of love, and fill our days in Your peace. Prosper the labor of those who work to bring peace and justice to all nations.
- C: Make each of us ready to share the Gospel of Peace in Christ wherever we may go, that others may receive the new baptismal identity you offer them.**
- P: Bless our homes with Your presence, that the gift of family may be experienced everywhere. Help all children grow in the covenant of their Baptism, and enable their parents and their congregations to bring them up in lives of faith and devotion.
- C: Unite our members and all families in a spirit of affection and service, that they may show Your praise in daily living.**
- P: Let Your Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, especially .... Bring consolation to those in sorrow, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: We pray for our District President, John Denninger, as he prepares a call list Pastors for us here at St. John's. Bless our Call Committee: ..... as they prepare to lead us in calling a Pastor.
- C: Grant them O Holy Spirit, Your wisdom and guidance.**

(Other Petitions offered here.)

P: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**TODAY WE WILL CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER...**

St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my sinful life? St. Paul also wrote, "He who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly". Do you believe that you receive the TRUE/REAL BODY AND BLOOD of Christ in, under and with the bread and wine for the full pardon of sins? This is judging it rightly. This is what scripture teaches. (Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.)

† Service of the Sacrament †

**Preface**

One note Introduction

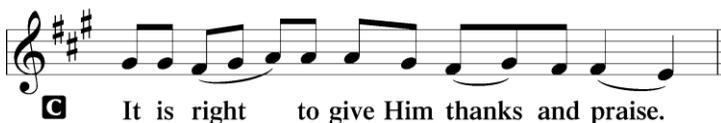
P: The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



## Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who through Holy Baptism has granted us new lives in Christ Jesus. Mercifully grant that we may live in baptismal grace all of our lives and await with joy the eternity that is to come in Your glorious presence. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, forevermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

No Introduction

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: We give thanks to You, O Lord, our God, for You have delivered us from the power of sin, death, and the devil and have kept us for Your kingdom, which is forever. May we with true thanksgiving receive the bread and wine, that is, the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as a guarantee of the salvation He purchased for us through His innocent suffering and death. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may live as Your baptized and faithful servants. Receive our prayers and thanksgiving and grant us Your abiding peace. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## 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

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."

## Peace of the Lord

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

C: Amen.

## Agnus Dei

Two measure introduction



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of  
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

*(Be Seated)*

**Distribution Hymns:**

- #628 *Your Table I Approach***
- #395 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright***
- #537 *Beautiful Savior***

*(Please Stand)*

**Post-Communion Canticle - *Thank the Lord***

Two measure introduction

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
 He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
 joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
 es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **Post Communion Thanksgiving**

P: O Lord God, heavenly Father, Ruler of all things, we thank you for this foretaste of the feast to come through this blessed meal. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having now received this Holy Sacrament, we may die daily through Baptism and rise restored and new, and joyfully continue our earthly pilgrimage until that time when we are gathered into Your heavenly kingdom to share in Your blessings for all eternity. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Benediction**

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.**

## **Closing Hymn #707 *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways***

## **Dismissal**

P: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

***Sonata***

Antonio Soler

Did you pick up the Separate Announcement sheet **"Weekly News "** in the church entry?



# St. John's LUTHERAN

Church & School

***Our Sunday Worship*** - Morning services are at  
8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and  
Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:45 a.m.

***A Great Place to Grow in Christ***

*As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a  
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.  
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

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**Altar Flowers** No altar flowers due to Sanctuary renovations.

**Ushers:** Larry Bowman, Lisa Little, Bob Sparks & John Williams

**Worship Assistants** Don Henderson & Dave Lundmark