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**January 8, 2023**

**The Baptism of our Lord**

*Welcome to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you are a guest or visitor with us today, we welcome you and invite you to come and worship with us again. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Pastor Hayes, and we hope to see you again soon.*

*Remember that the Worship Service begins when you enter. As the Music for Meditation begins, you are invited to join in quiet, preparation time for worship. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.*

**Liturgy – Divine Service Setting Three (Page 184)**

**Opening Hymn:** 403 "O Savior of Our Fallen Race"  
**Hymn of the Day:** 407 "To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord"  
**Distribution Hymn:** 400 "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"  
**Distribution Hymn:** 398 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"  
**Distribution Hymn:** 405 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"  
**Closing Hymn:** TLH 335 "My Maker, Be Thou Nigh"

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at [pastor.hayes@outlook.com](mailto:pastor.hayes@outlook.com).  
Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.  
**Angie Reinert, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman** (in the nursing home); **family of Bill Burger; Edith Lange** (recovery)

**Acolyte this Sunday** - Gretchen Bott

**Acolyte next Sunday** - Cash Stunkel

**Ushers today** - \*Aaron Stuenkel, Dylan Ohlde, Conner Ohlde, & Zac Hiltgen

**Ushers Jan. 15th** - \*Tyler Ohlde, Ryan Stuenkel, Noah Thalmann, Zac Hiltgen

**LYF Fellowship Hour today & Jan. 15th** - Sophia & Ethan Bott

**LYF Fellowship Hour Jan. 22nd & 29th** - Claire & Camryn Beikmann

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His Table those who trust His words, repent all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily, according to Holy Scripture, do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain from communing with us until such a time as they are properly instructed.

A short, more detailed explanation of our Confessional practice is available from our Ushers or Elders. If you would like to learn more about the Sacrament of the Altar and our confessional position, I would be happy to visit with you.

*-Rev. Joshua Hayes, Pastor, St. John Ev. Lutheran Church*

In preparation for Holy Communion, you may use the following statements as part of your self-examination:

- I admit that I am a sinner. **(1 John 1:8-10)**
- I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, from Satan and death. **(Acts 4:10-12; John 14:6)**
- I desire to live as God wants me to. **(John 14:15; 1 John 2:6)**
- I am sure of my eternal salvation because Jesus died for me and rose again. **(John 3:16; Romans 8:14; & 1 John 5:11-12)**
- I believe the Risen Christ is really present in Holy Communion and that with the bread and wine I receive His Body and Blood. **(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 4:22-24; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; Luke 22:17-20)**
- I forgive those who have wronged me.

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## MORNING PRAYER

*I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.*

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**Gradual** (*Psalm 72:18-19*)

**Blessèd be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.  
Blessèd be his glorious name forever;  
may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!**

**Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

<sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

**Alleluia Verse** (*Psalm 143:10*)

**Alleluia.** Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! **Alleluia.**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And 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; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”



**Introit** (*Psalm 89:1, 26-28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Psalm 89:20*)

Behold the Lord, the ruler, | has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.  
I have found David, my | servant;\*  
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.

**I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, for- | ever;\*  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all  
gener- | ations.**

**He shall cry to me, “You are my | Father,\*  
my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation.”**

**And I will make him the | firstborn,\*  
the highest of the kings | of the earth.**

**My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever,\*  
and my covenant will stand | firm for him.**

**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.**

Behold the Lord, the ruler, | has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.  
I have found David, my | servant;\*  
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**Collect for the Baptism of our Lord**

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.

## My Maker, Be Thou Nigh

Ps. 119: 8

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Mein Schöpfer, steh mir bei  
Johann J. Rambach, 11735

Tr., Rebekah H. Taylor, †1877, alt.

Mein Schöpfer, steh mir bei  
Franz H. Meyer, 1740

1 My Mak - er, be Thou nigh The light of life to give  
2 My Sav - ior, wash me clean With Thy most pre - cious blood,  
3 My Com - fort - er, give pow'r That I may stand se - cure  
4 O Ho - ly Trin - i - ty! To whom I all things owe,

And guide me with Thine eye While here on earth I live.  
That takes a - way all sin And seals my peace with God.  
When in temp - ta - tion's hour The world and sin al - lure.  
Thine im - age gra - cious - ly With - in my heart be - stow.

To Thee my heart I ten - der And all my pow'rs sur - ren - der;  
My soul in peace a - bid - eth When in Thy wounds it hid - eth.  
The Son to me re - veal - ing, In - spire my tho't and feel - ing,  
Choose me, tho' weak and low - ly, To be Thy tem - ple ho - ly

Make it my one en - deav - or To love and serve Thee ev - er.  
There I find full sal - va - tion And free - dom from dam - na - tion.  
His Word of grace to pon - der, Nor let me from Him wan - der.  
Where praise shall rise un - end - ing For grace so con - de - scend - ing.

Up - on Thy prom - ise I re - ly; My Mak - er, be Thou nigh.  
With - out Thee lost, de - filed by sin, My Sav - ior, wash me clean.  
On me Thy gifts and grac - es show'r: My Com - fort - er, give pow'r!  
O heav'n - ly bliss, Thine own to be, O Ho - ly Trin - i - ty! A - men.

Old Testament Reading: *Joshua 3:1-3, 7-8, 13-17*

<sup>1</sup> Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. <sup>2</sup> At the end of three days the officers went through the camp <sup>3</sup> and commanded the people, "As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. . . .

<sup>7</sup> The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. <sup>8</sup> And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.' . . .

<sup>13</sup> "And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap."

<sup>14</sup> So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, <sup>15</sup> and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), <sup>16</sup> the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. <sup>17</sup> Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

## Upcoming Events

- January 8** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School  
11:30 a.m. New Member Potluck w/Quarterly Voters Mtg following
- January 9** 7:00 p.m. LWML Meeting
- January 11** 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation  
7:15 p.m. Parenting Bible Class
- January 15** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School  
5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Annual Soup Supper (hosted by Men's Club)
- January 18** 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation

## Announcements

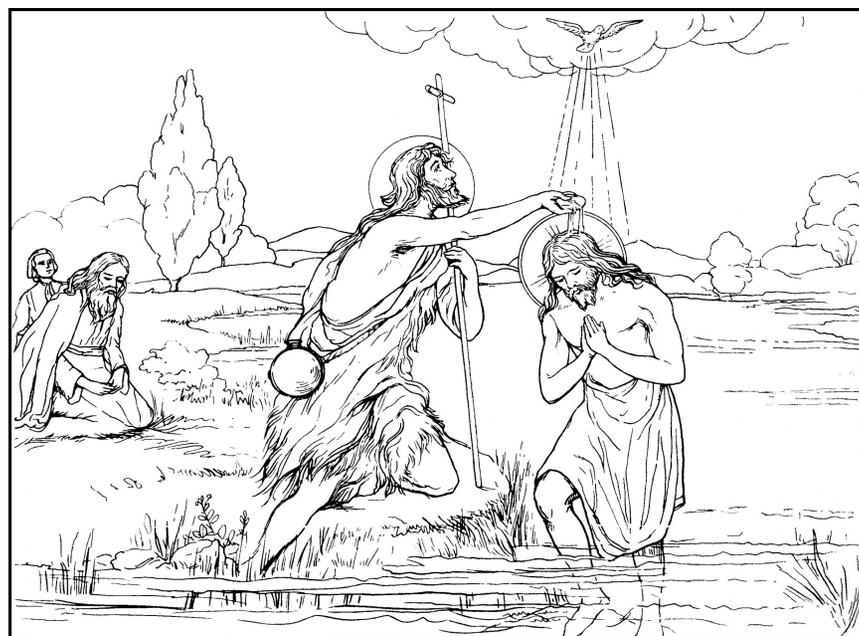
- \* During our Quarterly Voters meeting the voters assembly will vote on ratifying the changes to our Constitution and Bylaws that have been approved by the Kansas District. A copy of both documents were put in your bulletin box last October.
- \* The St. John Men's Club will host their annual soup supper from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 15. There will be four kinds of homemade soup, fresh-made grilled cheese sandwiches, and a variety of desserts! There will be a free-will offering with proceeds going to benefit LLL and other Men's Club projects.
- \* **Calling all parents (past, present, and future)** - St. John will host a parenting Bible class led by Pastor Hayes. The class will run on the six Wednesdays leading up to Ash Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. (January 11th - February 25th). Open to all. Materials included. Topics will include: What does Biblical wisdom teach us about parenting? How can we instill in our children a love for God and his ways? What about discipline and nurture, friendship and extended family? Come build one another up in Christ and share our mutual burdens: **Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ (Gal. 6:2).**

## *As We Gather...*

### *In His Baptism, Jesus Takes His Place with Sinners*

Our Lord Jesus is baptized "to fulfill all righteousness". He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in "Christ Jesus, who became to us . . . righteousness and sanctification and redemption". Jesus is the "chosen" One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death. Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus through death into the promised land of new life with God.

*"This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased."*



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