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**January 9, 2022**

### 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:** 594 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

**Hymn of the Day:** 407 "To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord"

**Distribution Hymn:** 155 "This is the Feast"

**Distribution Hymn:** 412 "The People That in Darkness Sat"

**Distribution Hymn:** 405 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

**Closing Hymn:** 404 "Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered"

### 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, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde,**

**Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman** (in the nursing home)

**Ladonna Hornkohl** (cancer treatment)

**Acolyte this Sunday** - Dylan Ohlde

**Acolyte next Sunday** - Greyson Ohlde

**Ushers this Sunday** - \*Tyler Ohlde, Eli Thalmann, Evan Bott, & Elijah Meier

**Ushers next Sunday** - \*John Bott, Elijah Meier, Lance Gerleve, & Brady Kolle

**LYF Fellowship Hour today & January 16th** - Ethan & Sophia Bott

**LYF Fellowship Hour Jan. 23rd & 30th** - Mason Tiemeyer & Conner Ohlde

### Upcoming Events

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| <b>January 9</b>  | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion<br>10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School<br>11:45 a.m. New Member Potluck<br>Quarterly Voters Meeting (following potluck) |
| <b>January 10</b> | 7:00 p.m. LWML Meeting   |
| <b>January 12</b> | 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation   |
| <b>January 16</b> | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion<br>10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School<br>5:00-8:00 p.m. St. John Soup Supper (hosted by Men's Club)                    |
| <b>January 19</b> | 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation   |
| <b>January 23</b> | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion<br>10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School  |
| <b>January 26</b> | 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation   |
| <b>January 30</b> | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion<br>10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School  |

### Announcements

- \* Zion Men's Club will be having their Pancake Supper **TODAY, January 9th**, from 5-8 p.m. at Zion, Linn. They offer curbside pickup, as well. See the flyer on our bulletin board for details.
- \* St. John Men's Club will be serving soup and dessert **Sunday, Jan. 16**, from 5-8 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to help by bringing a pie or dessert.
- \* To help members of Peace Lutheran in Natoma who lost their homes in the recent fires get back on their feet, visit <https://kslcms.org/business-office/donate/>. Click the red "donate" button to access the secure payment page and choose "Kansas Disaster Response" as a designation, with "NW Kansas Fire" in the comments box.
- \* **CHRIST FOR YOU:** Study the Gospel of Luke chapters 1-2 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), continue in the Gospel of Matthew chapters 8-9 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and hear practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (Saturday at 10 a.m.). Listen live or on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and the KFUO Radio app!

# 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 may 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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### 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.**

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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.

### 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.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at  
**theresa\_meier@yahoo.com** by noon on Friday.

## 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.

## 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.”

## 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.”

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### *As We Gather . . . In His Baptism, Jesus Takes His Place with Sinners*

Our Lord Jesus is baptized “to fulfill all righteousness” (**Matthew 3:13–17**). 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*” (**1 Corinthians 1:26–31**). Jesus is the “*chosen*” One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death (**Isaiah 42:1–7**). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus (**Joshua 3**) through death into the promised land of new life with God.

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### Some Thoughts on Holy Baptism by Martin Luther

Therefore our Baptism abides forever; and even though some one should fall from it and sin, nevertheless we always have access thereto, that we may again subdue the old man. But we need not again be sprinkled with water; for though we were put under the water a hundred times, it would nevertheless be only one Baptism, although the operation and signification continue and remain. Repentance, therefore, is nothing else than a return and approach to Baptism, that we repeat and practice what we began before, but abandoned . . .

Thus it appears what a great, excellent thing Baptism is, which delivers us from the jaws of the devil and makes us God's own, suppresses and takes away sin, and then daily strengthens the new man, and is and remains ever efficacious until we pass from this estate of misery to eternal glory.

For this reason let every one esteem his Baptism as a daily dress in which he is to walk constantly, that he may ever be found in the faith and its fruits, that he suppress the old man and grow up in the new. For if we would be Christians, we must practice the work whereby we are Christians. But if any one fall away from it, let him again come into it. For just as Christ, the Mercy-seat does not recede from us or forbid us to come to Him again, even though we sin, so all His treasure and gifts also remain. If, therefore we have once in Baptism obtained forgiveness of sin, it will remain every day, as long as we live, that is, as long as we carry the old man about our neck.

# CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism

## The Lord's Prayer *(Continued)*

### The Seventh Petition

**But deliver us from evil.**

*What does this mean?*

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

#### **231. What kind of prayer is the Seventh Petition?**

The seventh petition is a summary petition in which we ask our Father in heaven to rescue us from the devil and all evil which has come into the world because of sin.

810 **Psalm 121:7-8** - The Lord will keep you from all harm - He will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

811 **2 Thessalonians 3:3** - The Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

#### **232. How does the Lord rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions, and reputation?**

In a world ruined by sin, the Lord keeps us from harm and helps us to endure the troubles that He allows to come into our lives.

812 **Acts 14:22** - We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.

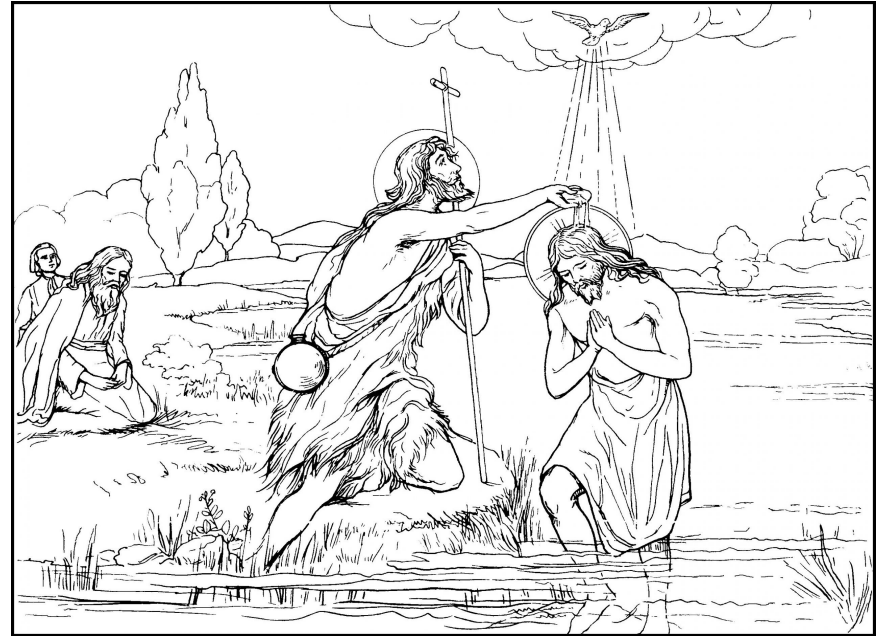
813 **Psalm 91:9-10** - If you make the Most High your dwelling - even the Lord, who is my refuge - then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.

814 **2 Corinthians 12:9** - My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.

815 **Proverbs 3:11-12** - My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline and do not resent His rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, as a father the son he delights in.

*Bible narratives:* The three men in the fiery furnace (**Daniel 3**). Daniel in the lions' den (**Daniel 6**).

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