

# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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8:00am & 10:45am



## St. John Lutheran Church and School

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**WELCOME TO ST. JOHN!** We ask members and guests to fill out an attendance card located by the hymnals; indicate your attendance at Holy Communion. Cards may be placed in the offering plate. Note that there are two glasses in the center of each tray with diluted wine.

**SERVING TODAY - Preaching & Presiding:** Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Todd, Bob, Andy, Rex; 10:45 – Dave, Matt, Nick, Jim Waller. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Everett & Makenzie; 10:45 – Bryce & Colin.

**ABOUT THE LORD’S SUPPER:** Our congregation is a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, a family of congregations who pledge themselves to teach and to believe the same doctrines. We invite those persons who are members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or of a church in fellowship with the LCMS to receive the sacrament. We want to express our sincere welcome to guests and to assure them that it is in their spiritual interest that we practice closed communion. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to make an appointment to speak with our pastor.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY –** We remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Norm & Karla at the death of Norm’s brother Lars Fisher; *for healing and recovery:* Lola, Lindsey, Judy, Jim, Roger- father of Stephanie, Jim, Lois, Brian, Larry, Teresa, Barbara, Maelynn, Karla, Whitney, Barbara, John, Tom, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Judy, Rebecca, Roy, Dan, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Allie, Jacob, Ben; *for those in the military:* Adam, Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, PDavid; *for our homebound:* Esther, Lavina.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:

<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

## **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	<i>The Baptism of Our Lord</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>	4:00 E.A.T. Night @ Panera; 5:30 Finance Board
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 Elders
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:10 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:45 Midweek; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 Men’s Prayer Breakfast @ Sammy’s
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

**E.A.T Night @ Panera** - The January E.A.T. Night will be at Panera on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 4-8pm. Panera is giving back 20% of our purchases. Bring in the flyer or show it on your phone to make sure that the proceeds will be donated to St. John Lutheran School. Order online at [www.panerabread.com](http://www.panerabread.com) and enter code PRFUND. Don't forget to get your \$25 Panera Gift Card from Ram Rebate. Cards are available in the school office and in between services on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Trivia Night, Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 6pm** – Tickets for Trivia Night are on sale now - grab some friends, and plan for a fun night out. The evening's trivia theme will be "All Things TV". Participants will get to compete in nine rounds of trivia with fun categories that delve into various aspects of TV pop culture from the last 60 years. Reservation forms are available in the school office and on the narthex table. Tickets are \$15/person or \$120/table of 8.

**Pasta Dinner** – Join us for a great evening of food and fellowship on Friday, January 21, 5:30-7:00! The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes are hosting the dinner to raise funds for their class trip this spring. Desserts will be available at the Live and Silent Auction. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased in the school office or at the door.

**Desserts for Pasta Dinner** – If you would like to donate a dessert for the dessert auction during the Pasta Dinner, there is a sign-up sheet on the donation board by the fellowship hall or contact the school office.

**St. John Lutheran School Talent Show** – Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm (following the Pasta Dinner) - Do you have a special talent? Want to sing a song, perform a silly skit, or play a musical instrument? If you would like to perform in the talent show, please fill out a form (one per act) and return it to the school office no later than Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available in the school office. Acts should run no longer than 3-4 minutes and must be approved by the Talent Show Committee.

## **EDUCATION HOUR TODAY**

**Adult Bible Class** – led by Pastor Caithamer in the fellowship hall

**Sunday School** – Kindergarten through High School will meet in the Sanctuary for opening before class. 3/4yrs will meet in their classroom for opening.

3/4yrs    Room 4C  
K-1<sup>st</sup>    Room 4A  
2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>    Room 2C

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>                    Room 1C  
6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>                    Conference Room  
High School            Youth Room

**2022 Contribution Envelopes** are available on the table in the hallway near the fellowship hall, please stop by and pick yours up. If you do not see your envelopes, please contact the church office.

**2022 Altar Flower Chart** – The Altar Flower Chart is available in the overflow. Please print your name and leave a number for the Altar Guild Ladies to contact you. Thank you.

**LWML Meeting Notice** – LWML will be meeting on the third Tuesday of the month beginning with the January meeting on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 6:30pm in the Overflow. Please note that our January meeting is traditionally a soup supper and business meeting. However, in lieu of the soup supper, we plan to have a brown bag (bring a meal of your choice) meeting due to precautions regarding Covid-19. Coffee, hot tea, and water will be provided. Please contact either Linda or Donna for further information.

**Lifelight is back** – Join us for Ruth/Esther, a 9-week Bible study of faithfulness, courage, and God's hand at work for His people. You can join us Wednesday evenings at 5:45, Thursday mornings at 9:00, or Thursday evenings at 6:00. Classes start January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. To sign up, look for our table in the overflow (in January) or contact Neil, Matt or Donna.

**More Topics, More Guests, More Jesus** – Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Persecution of Christians in India, The Introit, What Can We Learn from "The Benedict Option"?, Jesus Healing Ten Lepers and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**The Church Office** email is [churchoffice - at - stjoh-lcms.org](mailto:churchoffice-stjohn-lcms.org).

# Joshua 3:1-8

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## Israel Crosses the Jordan

**3** 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. **2** At the end of three days the officers went through the camp **3** 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. **4** Yet there shall be a distance between you and it, about 2,000 cubits<sup>[a]</sup> in length. Do not come near it, in order that you may know the way you shall go, for you have not passed this way before.” **5** Then Joshua said to the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.” **6** And Joshua said to the priests, “Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on before the people.” So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

**7** 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. **8** 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.’”

# Isaiah 42:1-7

ESV

## The Lord's Chosen Servant

42

Behold 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.

2

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

3

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

4

He will not grow faint or be discouraged<sup>[a]</sup>  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.

5

Thus 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<sup>[b]</sup> 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,

7

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

## **1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

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**26** For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards,<sup>[a]</sup> not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. **27** 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; **28** God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, **29** so that no human being<sup>[b]</sup> might boast in the presence of God. **30** And because of him<sup>[c]</sup> you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, **31** so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

## **Matthew 3:13-17**

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### **The Baptism of Jesus**

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

**LEARN BY HEART**  
***THE FAMILY ALTAR***

The families of St. John are encouraged to learn these words from the Small Catechism by heart this week:

**Baptism**

*What is Baptism?*

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

*Which is that word of God?*

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matt. 28:19

*What benefits does Baptism give?*

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

*Which are these words and promises of God?*

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." Mark 16:16

Bible Passage: And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Hymn 370 *What Child Is This* (st. 2)

Psalm 36

Bible Readings for the Week:

Elijah's Message to Ahab – 1 Kings 18:1-19

The Lord's Victory on Mount Carmel – 1 Kings 18:20-40

The Drought Ends and Elijah Escapes Jezebel – 1 Kings 18:41-19:9a