

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Berlin, Wisconsin  
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



*"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."*

*Romans 6:4*

The Baptism of Jesus  
January 10, 2021

Serving Us Today:  
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(To Our Guests: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. 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 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymn and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased. Please note that there is a cup of white grape juice in each tray which contains a drop of wine for those who prefer grape juice. Thank you!)

**AS WE GATHER...** Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. At Jesus' Baptism, God the Father speaks from heaven, revealing Jesus to be His beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove. All three persons of the Trinity make their presence known at Jesus' Baptism. All three persons of the Trinity made their presence known at our Baptism as well as we are revealed to be God's beloved children.

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## **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

## **WELCOME**

### **Confession and Absolution**

## **HYMN "You Are Beloved in the Lord"**

*5 st. sung to **LSB #526***

You are beloved in the Lord  
And in His name baptized;  
You have, according to His Word,  
Been taught and catechized.

Renounce the devil's works and ways;  
His promises are lies.  
He tempts God's people all their days  
To faithless compromise.

God goes behind you as a shield  
Protecting you from harm;  
To Him each deadly foe must yield  
Before His mighty arm.

God goes beside you as a friend  
To strengthen you when faint;  
On Him you always can depend  
To hear your soul's complaint.

God goes before you and He leads

And guides you day by day.  
God knows your hurts and deepest needs;  
He hears you when you pray.

Dear child of God, your cares commit  
To God, the Lord of all;  
He will sustain and not permit  
His righteous ones to fall.

▲ To God the Father glory be;  
Sing glory to the Son,  
Who with the Spirit endlessly  
Reigns ever Three in One.

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## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES *Genesis 1:1–2; Psalm 29:3–4*

Pastor: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

People: **And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

Pastor: And God said, "Let there be light."

People: **The voice of the Lord is over the waters.**

Pastor: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

People: **The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Pastor: The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.

People: **The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People: we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. 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.

**People: Amen. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

☩ **WORD** ☩

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

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

**<sup>7</sup> I will tell of the decree:**

**The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.**

**<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.**

**<sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

**<sup>10</sup> Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

**<sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.**

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

**Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

[Sts. 1–2] **LSB #394**



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;



An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
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## **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**Heavenly Father, at the Baptism of Jesus, You revealed Him as Your beloved Son. Unite us to Christ, that we may daily die to sin and arise to newness of life, so that we might share the truth of Your Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Genesis 1:1–5* (God creates the heavens and the earth.)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM** *Psalm 29*

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.

**<sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**<sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**<sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**<sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

<sup>11</sup> May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

**EPISTLE** *Romans 6:1–11* (We are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.)

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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 1:4–11* (Jesus is baptized by John.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

<sup>4</sup> John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. <sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

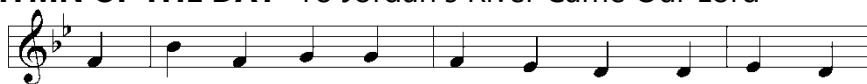
Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY** "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

**LSB #405**



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom  
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of  
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -  
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own

heav'n-ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the  
 God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the  
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was  
 Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
 Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.  
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.  
 His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
 Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
 As God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
 To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;  
 This man is Christ, our substitute!  
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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**SERMON** "What Baptism Reveals" (Mark 1:4-11)

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 The third day He rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**



**the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Dear heavenly Father, in the Jordan River, You revealed Jesus to be Your beloved Son. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**People: reveal Your grace to us.**

Pastor: Lord, strengthen all those who have been baptized, especially those who have been baptized recently, with Your heavenly protection. Lead them to find their true identity in You as Your beloved sons and daughters. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**People: reveal Your grace to us.**

Pastor: Lord, give courage to all those who live in conflict with their family members, especially regarding differences of faith. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**People: reveal Your grace to us.**

Pastor: Lord, bless all pastors, church planters, missionaries, and servants in Your Church who proclaim Your Word and administer Your Sacraments. Embolden them to seek and to save the lost and bring those who have strayed back into Your family. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**People: reveal Your grace to us.**

Pastor: Lord, place Your healing hand upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them, and lead them on the path to health according to Your will. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**People: reveal Your grace to us.**

Pastor: Lord, we commend all these things to You in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,

**People: Amen.**

**✘ SACRAMENT ✘**

## **PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was baptized in the Jordan River and furthermore gave to us the gift of Baptism that we might be His children. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## **SANCTUS HYMN** "O Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

*1 st. sung to **LSB #395***

O holy, holy, holy Lord,  
You draw the nations ever toward  
The joy of Your pure reigning.  
For You rule all in heav'n and earth  
With love and light, with might and mirth,  
Your care the world sustaining.  
So we beg Thee,  
Save us, Jesus!  
Come and free us  
From sin's wages,  
Blessed King of endless ages.

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## **LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People: 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.

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PAX DOMINI**

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

People: **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI HYMN "O Lamb of God, You Take Away"**

*1 st. sung to **LSB #395***

O Lamb of God, You take away  
The sin and guilt and shame that weigh  
So heavy on our hearts, Lord.  
Grant us Your mercy, hear our plea!  
Without Your grace, Lord, we would be  
Beyond all hope and wayward.  
Still You come to  
Share the myst'ry  
Masked through hist'ry  
That salvation  
Is for ev'ry tribe and nation.

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**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE HYMN "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"**

**LSB #937**

1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,  
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,  
3 With saints of old, with saints to come,  
Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing  
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.  
 in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.  
 Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have revealed to us Your beloved Son, Jesus. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through His body and blood and empower us to live as Your children; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"**

**LSB #594**



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



treas - ures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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<b>Attendance Last Week: 119</b>	
<b>General giving last week:</b>	<b>\$7779.00</b>
<b>Budget giving needed:</b>	<b>\$7500.00</b>

**Calendar of Activities this week at St. John**

11 Monday	Board of Trustees	6:30 pm
12 Tuesday	Board of Education	6:00 pm
12 Monday	Board of Elders	6:00 pm
13 Wednesday	Public Confirmation	3:45 pm
14 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
17 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	8:00 am

17 Sunday	Sunday School	9:15 am
17 Sunday	Adult Bible Class	9:15 am
17 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	10:30 am

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**“BADGERBYTES”** the weekly newspaper of St. John Lutheran School is available in the information rack of the Narthex. Pick one up today and keep abreast of all the happenings at our Christian Day School!

**FLOWER REMINDER:** If you would like to donate or have flowers on the altar at any time for special occasions such as birthday, anniversary, in honor of or memory of for example, feel free to **sign up on the Flower Chart in the card room**. Flowers can be delivered by the local florist or brought in by you and put in the Altar Guild refrigerator. The flowers will be placed on the alter for the worship services."

**THE CARD ROOM:** The LWML would like to share with new members and remind current members that there are cards for sale in the "Card Room" which is the room where cookies are set up on Sunday mornings. Cards are all \$0.50 each. There are also various craft items for sale. If you make a purchase there is a box in the top file drawer for you to deposit your payment in. The Card Room also has mite boxes available if you would like to take one home to collect your mites. There is also a bulletin board with information about missionaries and seminarians we support as a congregation. If you have any questions please contact an LWML member: Mary Becker, Carol Krause, Karen Vergin Krause, Kelli Munding, Deb Schrader, Dawn Schroeder, Cindy Schuett, or June Richter.

**YOUR NEW 2021 CHURCH ENVELOPES ARE IN YOUR MAILBOX!** Please pick them up and plan to begin using them right away on Sunday, January 3rd. Please check the name label on your envelopes immediately as you pull it out of your mailbox. If something is not correct, notify Pastor, an Elder or Cathy Young. Remember...your nametag is BELOW the mailbox slot. **If your family has more than one envelope box, please check the table in the Library for additional envelopes.**

**SERMON OUTLINE**  
**January 7/10, 2021**  
**Theme: "What Baptism Reveals" (Mark 1:4-11)**

**I. John's Baptism and Forgiveness**

- A. John came dressed like an Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. In John's Baptism, God is taking \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. John's Baptism is a means of \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Repentance means we change our minds about \_\_\_\_\_ and about \_\_\_\_\_!

**II. Jesus Acts for Us**

- A. Jesus is the only person who didn't need to \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Jesus' Baptism show God \_\_\_\_\_ to keep His promises.
- C. Jesus' Baptism revealed He was true \_\_\_\_\_ who came to \_\_\_\_\_ us.

**III. Our Baptism Gives Salvation in Christ**

- A. Because of Jesus acting for us, we have \_\_\_\_\_ and mercy.
- B. In our Baptisms, God is doing \_\_\_\_\_ things.
- C. God \_\_\_\_\_ in our Baptism to \_\_\_\_\_ us!
- D. Through Baptism, God is now well \_\_\_\_\_ with us!