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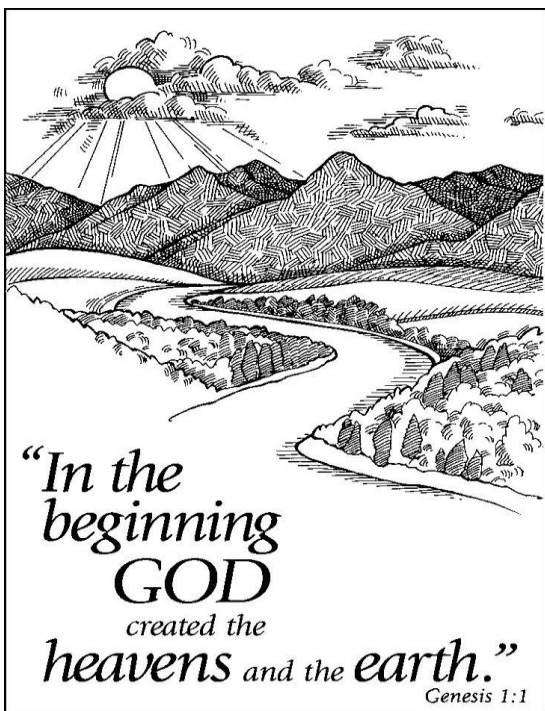
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

January 10, 2021

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Baptism of our Lord**. Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew. HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Prayer upon entering God's House:

Glorious God, as You poured out Your Holy Spirit out upon Jesus at the river Jordan, so pour Your Holy Spirit upon those who are gathered here that the words on our lips and the songs in our hearts might reflect gratitude and devotion to You for all we hear and see of Your amazing grace and constant love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***OPENING HYMN**

"Oh, Love, How Deep"

LBW 88

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

*KYRIE



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



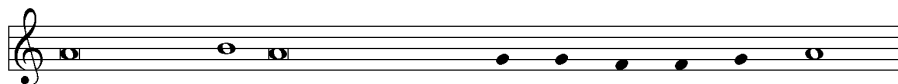
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

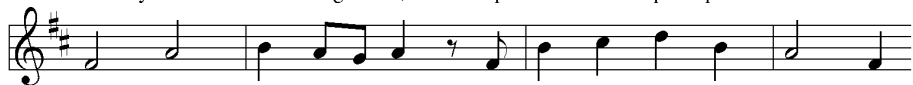


A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



☑ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

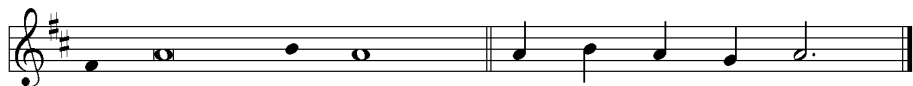


you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

*PRAYER OF THE DAY



☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And al-so with you.

P Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 1:1–5

A The First Lesson is from the first chapter of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while the Spirit from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM

PSALM 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**⁶he makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**⁸The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.**

⁹And in the temple of the LORD
all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹The LORD shall give strength to his people;
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SECOND LESSON

ACTS 19:1–7

A The second lesson is from the nineteenth chapter of Acts.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — ⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

A Here ends the reading.

*VERSE



*GOSPEL

MARK 1:4–11

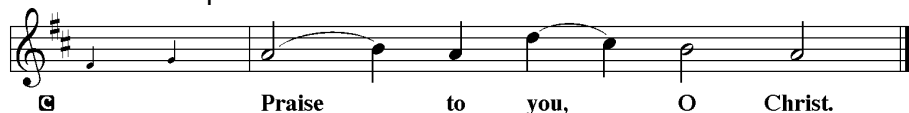
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

LBW 488

SERMON

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.

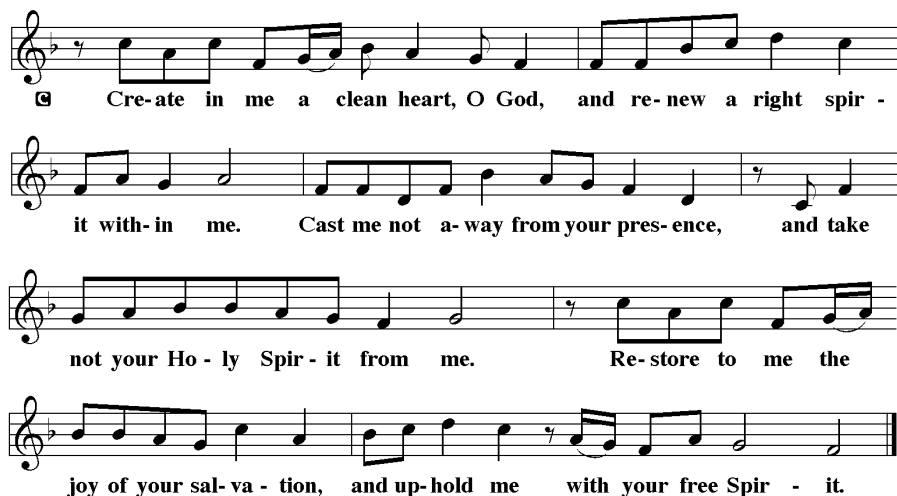
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

*THE PRAYERS

With gratitude for the gift of Christ, let us draw near to our heavenly Father in prayer, asking his mercy for the Church, the world, and all who need his loving-kindness.

A brief silence

Most holy God, give us ears to hear your voice thundering amid the floodwaters of this world. Give us lips to cry "Glory!" Give us hearts to love you above all things and faith to trust you in all things. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(Other intercessions are offered.)

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

*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. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



*RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

LBW 87

*DISMISSAL

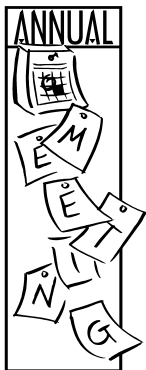
A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Please welcome Pastor James F. Neal, S.T.S. as he supplies today while Pastor Johnson is off. Pastor Neal is a retired pastor. He is husband to Susan, a father and grandfather. He is a member of the Society of the Holy Trinity, renowned Theologian, and general all around nice guy. His primary role these days is as a househusband and very active grandparent, (the highest of callings!). We are blessed to have him lead worship this day.



Annual Congregational Meeting

**Scheduled for
January 31, 2021**

Our annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, January 31st. We will review the Bulletin of Reports, approve a budget for 2021 and elect an endowment trustee.

Annual Reports

All Committee chairs, Sunday school presidents, organization presidents and treasurers, ***please submit your reports to the church office by January 13, 2021.*** Our goal is to have the reports ready 2 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting in January. With everyone's cooperation, we can do it! If possible, please e-mail your report to:

stjohnskittanning@gmail.com



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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	9:30 a.m.	No choir practice or Sunday school
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:30 p.m.	No Youth Group
Monday 1/11	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting rescheduled to 1/18 No Fireflies
Thursday 1/14	2:45 p.m.	No Catechism
Saturday 1/16	9:00 a.m.	Finance Committee meeting
Sunday 1/17	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	6:30 p.m.	No Youth Group



The flower chart for 2021 has been posted in the narthex. Please take this opportunity to sign up for the dates that you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one or special event. Flowers are \$50.00.

Mechling-Shakley Veterans Center

The local Mechling-Shakley Veterans Center has been "locked down" for a significant time due to COVID. We are taking up a collection of items such as non-perishable foods, toiletries, cleaning supplies and monetary donations. A more detailed list of needs can be found in the narthex. The purpose of the collection is to brighten their days during this oppressive time.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister
Lector
Acolytes
Camera Operator

Gene Hughes
Karen Waugaman
Landon Crissman
Keith Livengood

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry
Secretary
Sexton
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music
Sr. Choir Accompanist

Julie Smith
Christine Lettrich
Michael Craft
Rebecca Veith
Elizabeth Cramer

OUR MISSION

St. John's Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God's grace and who respond to God's love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.

GRACE
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