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JANUARY 12, 2020 8:30 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**. 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**"My Beloved"***Crowder/Cash/Philpott****BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P We worship this day in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

Silence for self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.

P The Almighty and Merciful Lord grants you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen***OPENING HYMN***"He Reigns"**Furler/Taylor****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.

***DIALOG**

P Holy is the LORD, the Almighty.

C **He was, He is, and He is to come.**

P He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

C **He created all things. By His will they came to be.**

P Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

C **worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.**

P By His blood He purchased for God

C **people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.**

P Christ made of them a kingdom,

C **and priests to serve our God.**

P And they shall reign on earth forever.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P The Lord be with you,

C **And also 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

Isaiah 42:1–9

A The First Lesson is from the forty-second chapter of Isaiah.

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
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 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.

⁸I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.

⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM

Psalm 29

Ascribe 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!"

**¹⁰The 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 10:34–43

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

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

A Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL:

Matthew 3:13–17

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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, 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, with whom I am well pleased.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** “*Open The Eyes of My Heart*”

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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**

***THE PRAYERS**

Let us pray that the light of Christ may shine upon the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, we adore you! Fill the Church throughout the world with Your Holy Spirit and Your Word of truth. Make it fruitful in discipleship to lead many people to the waters of Baptism.

(Other intercessions are offered.)

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

C Amen

***SHARING THE PEACE**

ANTHEM “Holy Water”

Bergthold

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you

P Lift up your hearts

C We lift them up to the Lord

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C it is right to give Him thanks and praise

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER IV**

P We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you. Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This is my blood poured out for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you:

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

C Amen

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**



C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer- cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer- cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Invitation:

All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Communion

Communion Hymn: "In Christ Alone" *Townend/Getty*

***P** The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ strengthen and keep you in His grace, unto eternal life.

***C Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***A** Pour out the Spirit of Your Love, Oh Lord,
and unite the wills of those You have fed with one heavenly food;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***C: Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

P As you go on your way may Christ go with you.
May He go before you to show you the way;
May He go behind you to encourage you;
Beside you to befriend you;
Above you to watch over you and within you to give peace.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

***C Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"How Great is Our God"
Tomlin/Cash/Reeves

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*"How Great is Our God",
Tomlin/Cash/Reeves*

Instrumental

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*Today we welcome into the Church through
the Sacrament of Holy Baptism:*

Isaiah Mitchael Walker

Son of Kraig and Nicole Walker

We welcome our newest member today at our 11 a.m. service.



Annual Congregational Meeting - -January 26th, 2020

Our annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, January 26th. We will review the Bulletin of Reports, approve a budget for 2020 and elect an endowment trustee.



Habitat Luncheon February 16th

Our Social Ministry & Fellowship Committee will be holding a luncheon on February 16th following worship to raise money for the Armstrong County Habitat for Humanity.

Your donations to benefit the Armstrong County Habitat for Humanity can be made at the time of the luncheon or by marking your offering envelope "Habitat Luncheon" in the space marked other and place it in the offering plate during worship.

WINTER JAM + LOCK-IN

3:30PM JANUARY 17 -- 5AM JAN. 18

WINTER JAM IS FOR ALL AGES

LOCK IN IS 6TH GRADE AND UP

2020 LOCK IN EVENTS *Cost: \$15, to cover concert*

*PIZZA BAKE OFF, UGLY COOKIE PARTY,
NINTENDO, GLOW GAMES, GAGA, GROSSEST GAMES EVER VOL. 3
PRIZES, FUN AND MORE*

Girls bring snack to share

Boys bring pop to share



Food Bank Helpers Needed:

January 28 at 7 a.m.

at the Community Action Agency.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday 1/12	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship-Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Monday 1/13	6:30 p.m.	6 – 12 Gr.Youth Group
	7:00 p.m.	Council
	7:30 p.m.	Fireflies
Wednesday 1/14	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	6:00 p.m.	New Bells
	4:30 p.m.	First Communion Class
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Social Ministry
	8:00 p.m.	Senior Choir Practice
Thursday 1/15	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 & 7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Friday 1/17	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
	3:00 p.m.	Winter Jam/Youth Lock-in
	7:00 p.m.	Fireflies
Sunday 1/19	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Blessing of Mural in the Nursery
	5:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study



**Next Sunday - we will be
Blessing this mural located
In the nursery classroom
Our mural was painted by
Our very talented member
Alyssa Hankey!**

Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister	Nancy Pierce
Lector	Jeff Boarts
Communion Assistant	Lori Young
Acolyte	Robert John
Camera Operator	Elizabeth John

STAFF MEMBERS

Assistant to the Pastor	Nancy Cerutti
Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Julie Smith
Sexton	Michael Craft
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music	Rebecca Veith
Sr. Choir Accompanist	Elizabeth Cramer



The flowers on the Altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Gaye Hughes given by Gene Hughes.

The flower chart for 2020 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. The price of altar flowers will be \$50.

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.