

# St. Johns Lutheran Church

*“Behold my Servant”*



*“I have put my Spirit upon Him”*

## AS WE GATHER

The First Sunday after the Epiphany takes us in mind and heart to the Jordan River, where Jesus is baptized. This day, observed each year in the Church, is a reminder of the importance of Baptism in the life of every Christian, for it is in dying with Christ through Baptism that we are born anew to eternal life. Although we may have not been baptized in the Jordan river, but we share with our Lord the experience of being baptized. Through Baptism, we are connected to Christ and given a whole new way of living for time and for eternity. “But I am baptized!” Martin Luther would exclaim when life situations seemed overwhelming. Knowing that we live daily in baptismal grace makes the difference in our lives as well.

## RINGING OF THE BELLS WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. Please take to fill out an attendance card and drop in the basket during the offering. Our service today includes the celebration of God's presence, as He comes in the true body and blood of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. **Any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain** from receiving the sacrament until they have spoken with the pastor.

### PREPARATION

#### HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

LSB 398

**Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!**

Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression  
And rule in equity.

He comes with rescue speedy  
To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, the flowers,  
Spring in His path to birth.  
Before Him on the mountains  
Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness in fountains  
From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before Him  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him,  
His praise all people sing.  
To Him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious,  
He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,

**All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever--  
That name to us is Love.**

### **INVOCATION**

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

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.  
**You who have done great things, O God, who is like You?**  
My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You;  
**my soul also, which You have redeemed.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

People redeemed by the Lord, let us now make confession of our sins to God our heavenly Father.

**Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of having sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done. We have not lived our lives fully in the baptismal grace with which we have been blessed. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ, and grant that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ is given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE “O Bless the Lord, My Soul” *LSB* 814**

**O bless the Lord, my soul!  
Let all within me join  
And aid my tongue to bless His name  
Whose favors are divine.**

**O bless the Lord, my soul,  
Nor let His mercies lie  
Forgotten in unthankfulness  
And without praises die!**

**'Tis He forgives thy sins;  
'Tis He relieves thy pain;  
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses  
And makes thee young again.**

**He crowns thy life with love  
When ransomed from the grave;  
He that redeemed my soul from hell  
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.**

**He fills the poor with good;  
He gives the suff'ers rest.  
The Lord hath judgments for the proud  
And justice for th'oppressed.**

**His wondrous works and ways  
He made by Moses known,  
But sent the world His truth and grace  
By His beloved Son.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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.  
**Amen.**

### **MEMORIZED WORD**

**Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!...The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Psalms 98:1-2**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING    *Isaiah 42:1-9***

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. <sup>2</sup> He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. <sup>5</sup> 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: <sup>6</sup> “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, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. <sup>9</sup> Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **GRADUAL**

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!  
**For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!

**EPISTLE**      *Romans 6:1–11*

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**

**Alleluia. You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.  
Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *Matthew 3:13–17*

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

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord    LSB 407

**To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord,  
To do His Father's pleasure;  
Baptized by John, the Father's Word  
Was given us to treasure.  
This heav'nly washing now shall be  
A cleansing from transgression  
And by His blood and agony  
Release from death's oppression.  
A new life now awaits us.**

**O hear and mark the message well,  
For God Himself has spoken.  
Let faith, not doubt, among us dwell  
And so receive this token.  
Our Lord here with His Word endows  
Pure water, freely flowing.  
God's Holy Spirit here avows  
Our kinship while bestowing  
The Baptism of His blessing.**



These truths on Jordan's banks were shown  
By mighty word and wonder.  
The Father's voice from heav'n came down,  
Which we do well to ponder:  
"This man is My beloved Son,  
In whom My heart has pleasure.  
Him you must hear, and Him alone,  
And trust in fullest measure  
The word that He has spoken"

There stood the Son of God in love,  
His grace to us extending;  
The Holy Spirit like a dove  
Upon the scene descending;  
The triune God assuring us,  
With promises compelling,  
That in our Baptism He will thus  
Among us find a dwelling  
To comfort and sustain us.

To His disciples spoke the Lord,  
"Go out to ev'ry nation,  
And bring to them the living Word  
And this My I invitation:  
Let ev'ryone adandon sin  
And come in true contrition  
To be baptized and thereby win  
Full pardon and remission  
And heav'nly bliss inherit."

But woe to those who cast aside  
This grace so freely given;  
They shall in sin and shame abide  
And to despair be driven.

**For born in sin, their works, must fail,  
Their striving saves them never;  
Their pious acts do not avail,  
And they are lost forever,  
Eternal death their portion.**

**All that the mortal eye beholds  
Is water as we pour it.  
Before the eye of faith unfolds  
The pow'r of Jesus' merit.  
For here it sees the crimson flood  
To all our ills bring healing;  
The wonders of His precious blood  
The love of God revealing,  
Assuring His own pardon.**

**SERMON**            Dead to Sin, Alive to God

**CATECHISM**                            *The Third Article and Baptism*

The First Sunday after the Epiphany is traditionally celebrated as the day we commemorate the Baptism of Our Lord. Today we confess the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the work of the Holy Spirit and also speak the words from Luther's Small Catechism regarding the work of the Spirit through Baptism.

**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.**

As the Holy Spirit works through the Means of Grace, we ask, "How can the water used in Holy Baptism do such great things?" **Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out**

on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

LSB 176

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

With trusting hearts we bring our prayers and petitions to our gracious God,

**And at His invitation Our deepest thoughts we share. We come, His will obeying, And to support our praying, His Spirit intercedes.**

O Lord, we pray for the Church, asking that through her the joyous news of salvation be proclaimed as the Holy Spirit directs.

**Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your graces now outpoured On each believer's mind and heart;**

Lord of all, watch over our nation and grant Your divine favor to all who bear office in our land, especially the president and congress of the United States. Help them to serve all those in their care according to Your holy will that we live in peace and safety.

**God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand through storm and night. By Thy great might.**

Remove from us all hatred and prejudice, give us the spirit of love, and order our days in Your peace.

**Lord of all nations, grant me grace To love all people, ev'ry race; And in each person may I see My kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee.**

As we bring our prayers, O King of heaven, we remember those

with special needs who desire our petitions. By Your Word and Holy Spirit, comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant to all a measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care.

**O sweetest Love, Your grace on us bestow; Set our hearts with sacred fire aglow. Lord, have mercy!**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, holy Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

**“Amen, O hear us, Lord!”**

## SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descend on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. 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

*LSB 178*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,**

**Lord God of pow’r and might:**

**Heav’n and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

*LSB 180*

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Arise and Shine in Splendor      LSB 396

All Who Believe and Are Baptized      LSB 601

## **NUNC DIMITTIS...SONG OF SIMEON**

*LSB 182*

**Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace  
Your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation,  
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:  
a light to reveal You to the nations  
and the glory of Your people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

**Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Let us pray.

Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our royal Redeemer. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that, buried with Christ by Baptism into death, we live resurrected and renewed lives in baptismal grace and show forth Your love through acts of mercy. Support us in this life and bring us at last to the unending feast in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

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.

**Amen.**

## **HYMN**

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

*LSB 405*

**To Jordan's river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.**

**The Savior came to be baptized-  
The Son of God in flesh disguised-  
To stand beneath the Father's will  
And all His righteousness fulfill.**

**As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heavn'ly dove,  
Descended on Him from above.**

**Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound  
Came God's own voice with words profound:  
"This is My Son," was His decree,  
"The one I Love, who pleases Me."**

**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.**

**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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***Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week  
January 12-January 19***

Sunday	8:00am Vietnamese Worship 9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Nepalese Worship
Monday	3:30pm Compass 5:30pm Scouts 7:00pm WOW
Tuesday	3:30pm Compass Chapel
Wednesday	3:30pm Compass 6:30pm ESL 6:30pm Pre-Seminary Training 6:30pm Choir
Thursday	2:00pm Ridgewood Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 7:00pm Confirmation
Friday	8:00am Bible Study
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry
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