

# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*St. John's celebrates God's love,  
Proclaims the Gospel and  
Serves our neighbors.*



**Baptism of Our Lord**  
Sunday, January 16, 2022  
11:00 am

*The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again, for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.*

\* = Please Stand

**Prelude**            *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*  
*Oh Come All Ye Faithful*

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Peter

**Welcome First Time Worshipers**

**\*Opening Hymn**            *Oh Holy Night*

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

P.        Disciples of Jesus, today we remember how Jesus was baptized. In baptism we are given a new identity as a child of God. Yet, so often we put other identities before this: identities that come from work, family, or hobbies. Let's take a moment and confess the ways we neglect our baptism identity:

*(Silence for Reflection)*

C.        **God, you claim us as your children. We often forget this and need your forgiveness. Forgive us, not because we deserve it, but because your Son Jesus was baptized for our sake. in Jesus' name. Amen.**

P.        By the power of Jesus' death and resurrection, we are forgiven! Because we are baptized into Jesus we are forgiven and the Holy Spirit fills and animates our lives. Amen.

**\*The Sharing of the Peace**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P.        Let us pray.

C.        **Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called**

**children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 43:1-7**

<sup>1-4</sup> But now, GOD's Message,  
the God who made you in the first place, Jacob,  
the One who got you started, Israel:  
"Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you.  
I've called your name. You're mine.  
When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you.  
When you're in rough waters, you will not go down.  
When you're between a rock and a hard place,  
it won't be a dead end—  
Because I am GOD, your personal God,  
The Holy of Israel, your Savior.  
I paid a huge price for you:  
all of Egypt, with rich Cush and Seba thrown in!  
*That's* how much you mean to me!  
*That's* how much I love you!  
I'd sell off the whole world to get you back,  
trade the creation just for you.  
<sup>5-7</sup> "So don't be afraid: I'm with you.  
I'll round up all your scattered children,  
pull them in from east and west. I'll send orders north and south:  
'Send them back.  
Return my sons from distant lands,  
my daughters from faraway places.  
I want them back, every last one who bears my name,  
every man, woman, and child  
Whom I created for my glory,  
yes, personally formed and made each one.'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

**A Reading from the Book of Acts 8:14-17**

<sup>14-17</sup> When the apostles in Jerusalem received the report that Samaria had accepted God's Message, they sent Peter and John down to pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit. Up to this point they had only been baptized in the name of the Master Jesus; the

Holy Spirit hadn't yet fallen on them. Then the apostles laid their hands on them and they did receive the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

**Holy Gospel According to Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

<sup>15</sup> The interest of the people by now was building. They were all beginning to wonder, "Could this John be the Messiah?"  
<sup>16-17</sup> But John intervened: "I'm baptizing you here in the river. The main character in this drama, to whom I'm a mere stagehand, will ignite the kingdom life, a fire, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out. He's going to clean house—make a clean sweep of your lives. He'll place everything true in its proper place before God; everything false he'll put out with the trash to be burned."  
<sup>21-22</sup> After all the people were baptized, Jesus was baptized. As he was praying, the sky opened up and the Holy Spirit, like a dove descending, came down on him. And along with the Spirit, a voice: "You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon Hymn**      *Here I Am to Worship*

**Sermon**                      Which Baptism?                      Pastor Peter

**\*Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe 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;  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.

**Prayers of the Church**

Each petition ends...Lord, in your mercy,  
**Response: Hear our prayer.**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Offering Prayer**

**Holy Communion**

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

**Prayer of Confidence in Christ (For those at home)**

My Lord Jesus, I believe that You are present in the sacrament of Holy Communion. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come into my heart. Embrace me and unite

me wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

**Communion Song**     *Grace Flows Down*

**\*Prayer after Communion**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Closing Song**     *Feliz Navidad*

**January 16, 2022**

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**Worship Leaders  
11:00 am**

Pastor: Peter Perry  
Vicar: Cogan Blackmon  
Band: Tracy Williams  
Suzanne Darby  
Scott Engel  
Garry Hudson  
Charlie Van  
Lector: Cindy Staggs  
Acolyte: Madison Bliss  
Ushers: Scott Hubbard  
Deven Wynn  
Streaming: Jacob Huehn  
Sound: Sally Huehn  
Create PowerPoint: Dave Beard  
Altar Care: Pat Bodine  
Janet Newnam

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