

# 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  
8:30 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**

*Be Thou My Vision, Gayle Riggert-Harris  
In Thee Is Gladness,  
There Is a Happy Land,  
and The Gift to Be Simple  
arranged by Dale Wood*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Peter

## **Welcome First Time Worshipers**

**\*Opening Hymn** *O Morning Star How Fair and Bright*  
ELW #308, vs. 1,3,4

## **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures forever.

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.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P. Gracious God

C. **Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P. God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C. **Amen.**

### \*The Sharing of the Peace

Kyrie p. 138

Hymn of Praise *This Is the Feast* p. 140

### 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</sup>But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—

<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

R. The Word of the Lord.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 29



Psalm 29:3

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<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo-ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. R**

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

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

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

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"  
<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**  
<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace. R

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

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.  
<sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus).  
<sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

R. The Word of the Lord.  
**C. Thanks be to God.**

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

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."  
<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P. The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C. Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon Hymn** *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*  
ELW# 304

**Sermon** Which Baptism? Pastor Peter

**Apostles' Creed** p. 105

**Prayers of the Church**

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

**Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Offering Prayer**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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**The Lord's Prayer**

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**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.

**Distribution**

*Lamb of God*

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*For the Bread which You Have Broken*

ELW #494

**\*Prayer after Communion**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Closing Hymn** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

ELW #596

vs. 1,3,4

**\*Postlude** *Allegro Vivace from The Water Music*  
George Friedrich Handel

**January 16, 2022**

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**Worship Leaders**

**8:30 am**

Pastor: Peter Perry  
Vicar: Cogan Blackmon  
Organist: Gayle Riggert-Harris  
Cantor: Herb Schilling  
Lector: Dale Hurless  
Ushers: Bruce and Jan Bean  
Streaming: Gary Shipley  
Sound: Gene Phillips  
Altar Care: Sylvia Hasbrouck  
Catherine Davis