



GOD'S TRUE

Son

the BAPTISM of JESUS • Mark 1:9-11

Welcome to St. John's

Enjoy

We feel blessed that you're here. We want you to feel comfortable in worship. Participate as much or as little as you feel comfortable. To help out, everything for our worship is projected on the screens up front and printed here in the service folder.

You and your kids are welcome

We enjoy having you and your kids in worship. And yes, that means that we don't even mind if kids want to be heard in worship in their own special way. Special Children's messages are offered on non-communion Sunday's. If they are comfortable, they are invited to come to the front of the church for a special message. If you do need a quiet place to calm a child, a nursery room is available immediately to the left as you exit the sanctuary. There are also changing stations in each bathroom.

Fill out a Connection Card

We'd love to know you were here and help you take the next step. There are Connection Cards inserted in the worship folders, or they can be completed online. Text "Connect" to 651-401-1400, scan the QR code, or visit www.StJohnsLutheran.com/connection-card to complete the card online.



Today's Worship: Baptism brings the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Christ was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power. When we were baptized, the Spirit was poured out on us as well. It was a washing that brought rebirth for sin-deadened hearts and spiritual renewal for fleshly minds. Note how one-sided our baptism is! There was nothing in us that the Lord should choose us. But we become what God makes us: heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Our Worship

Welcome to St. John's

Please stand.

L In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

I God's own child, I glad - ly say it:
I am bap - tized in - to Christ! He, be -
cause I could not pay it, Gave my full re -
demp - tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures
man - y? I have one worth more than an - y
That brought me sal - va - tion free,
Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!

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L I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** (*John 3:5,6*)

L Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.
(*Psalms 51:5*)

C **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.** (*1 Corinthians 6:11*)

All (♩) **Sin, disturb my soul no longer:
I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?**

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L As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

All (♩) **Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation;
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled,
All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me!**

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L Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (Ephesians 5:25-27). Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

All (♪) **Death, you cannot end my gladness:**

I am baptized into Christ!

When I die, I leave all sadness

To inherit paradise!

Though I lie in dust and ashes

Faith's assurance brightly flashes:

Baptism has the strength divine

To make life immortal mine.

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Prayer of the Day

L 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. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs 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..

C Amen.

Be seated

THE WORD

Reading from God's Word: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

² But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

⁵ Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”

⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” ⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Reading from God's Word: Titus 3:4-7

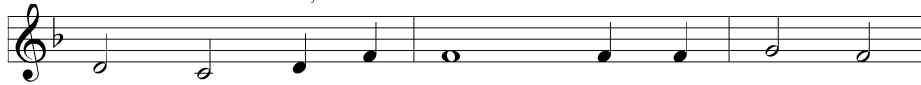
But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Hymn of the Day: Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert

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1 Christ, your foot - prints through the des - ert Led to
2 Christ, you heard the stir - ring sum - mons As by
3 Son of God, the road from Jor - dan Led at



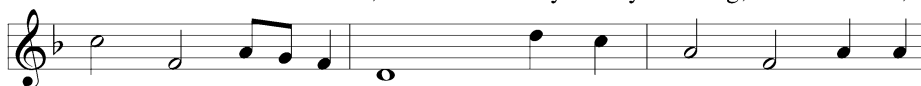
Jor - dan's flow - ing stream. There you heard the
Jor - dan's bank you stood; Bathed, though sin - less,
last to Cal - v'ry's hill. There up - on the



her - ald cry - ing Is - rael's old pro - phet - ic
with your peo - ple In the riv - er's cleans - ing
cross for - sak - en, You ful - filled the Fa - ther's



dream: "He is com - ing! He is com - ing! He will
flood. High a - bove, the heav - ens o - pened; Came the
will. Lamb of God, we see you dy - ing, Sin - less,



cleanse the earth with flame! Sin - ners, plunge be - neath the
Spir - it as a dove; Spoke a voice be - yond all
yet for sin - ners slain. But where death rose up to



wa - ters! Wash a - way your guilt and shame!"
hear - ing: "See my Son, the one I love!"
tri - umph, You be - gan your glo - rious reign!

Today's Message: based on Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Message Notes: *Things for me to remember this week...*

All (♪) God, in Baptism you have made us
One with Christ, our risen Lord;
Freed us, claimed us, cleansed, forgiven
Through the water and the Word.
Help us hear your urgent summons,
Calling us to serve you now.
Send us forth, your sons and daughters,
With the cross upon our brow.

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Our Thank-Offering

“Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” - Colossians 3:17

At St. John’s our offerings are actually a part of our worship, our gifts of thanks to Jesus. If you would like to worship Jesus with an offering of thankful love by supporting the gospel ministry here at St. John’s, you can place your gift in one of the offering plates in the back of the church on your way out. Or you can give by making use of the following...

Ways to Give Electronically

Choose one of 3 Simple, Safe Options for Offering Thanks



- Text “give” to 651-401-1400
 - Go to www.StJohnsLutheran.com/give
 - Scan the QR code
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Stand

Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

C 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Sacrament^{*}

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

L Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

Words of Institution

(Matthew 26:26-28, 1 Corinthians 11:24,25)

L Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

** In the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Jesus supernaturally provides his very body and blood together with the bread and wine. In doing so, God offers you personal and tangible assurance that your sins are forgiven. Receive with joy the very price paid to rescue your soul!*

O Christ, Lamb of God

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

A note to our guests: The Bible tells us that those who take Communion together are to:

1. Recognize that Christ's true body and blood are present in the Sacrament (1 Cor. 11:29),
2. Examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), and
3. Be united in faith with the congregation with which they commune (1 Cor. 10:17).

For these reasons, it is our practice that only those who are members of our congregation or a congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) join us for Holy Communion. If you are interested in learning more about becoming part of our fellowship, please speak to the pastor after the service.

Distribution Hymns

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

Christian Worship 294

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Christian Worship 313

Our Prayer of Thanks

L Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Blessing

L The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn: God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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All (♪) There is nothing worth comparing
To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!