

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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Fellowship of Hope, Teaching, Serving and
Proclaiming!

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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

“Chaos Reigns – Chaos Broken”

5:30PM — January 6, 2018

8:00AM — January 7, 2018



THOSE WHO SERVE US

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall	Senior Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Dana Keller	Organist
Mrs. Amy Kohnert	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Jerry Pruemer	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Sophia Jansen	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Andrew Lotz.....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Chris Niebrugge	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Aiden Hanks & Ella Niebrugge.....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Jake Wendling 536-5931	Elder on Duty for January 8-January 12, 2018
Missionaries from Pakistan	Younis Darshan and Raja Shaleem
Missionaries from India	Ajay Paul & Sonne
Sister Congregation	in Blidene, Latvia
Mrs. Julie Scott	(343-3047) Prayer Chain Coordinator

WELCOME To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to the stranger, we extend our sincere greeting. If you are a visitor, please understand that you are our guest and we want you to feel welcome and comfortable. We are happy you chose to be with us in this service, and pray you have been blessed by our Lord today as He has blessed us by your presence.

CHRIST is important to us

- in our worship
- in our study
- in our fellowship
- in our lives.

YOU are important to us

- in our worship
- in our study
- in our fellowship
- in our lives.

HOLY COMMUNION – When the members of St. John’s Lutheran Church, (LCMS) celebrate the Lord’s Supper, we confess the Real Presence of Christ’s Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. (*1 Cor 10:16 & 1 Cor 11:23-26*) We believe that Christ’s Body and Blood are present “in, with and under” the elements of the Holy Supper. (*Luther’s Small Catechism*) Members should register their intent to commune on the pew card. If you are visiting with us and you desire to join with us in communion fellowship in agreement with these beliefs, please speak to one of the Pastors or the elder on duty before the service.

HIS VISION FOR US:

St. John’s will be known for being involved in our changing community, for providing leadership in our changing world, and for serving others in Christian love.

We will welcome our diverse guests with open arms. Our friendly, loving and accepting people will engage our guests, mentor them in the faith, and inspire many to become members.

Our members will be motivated by the cross to be actively engaged in ministry, showing love and care to others. We will encourage one another, nurture one another, and enthusiastically serve our God together!

HIS GOAL FOR US:

We will pray and work with singleness of purpose to expand the impact of our ministry to God’s children of all ages, with special emphasis on young families, by developing new ways to strengthen the relationship between St. John’s, our members and our community, providing the facilities and resources to involve more people in ministry and outreach.

WELCOME CENTER Greeters are present at the Welcome Center in the atrium adjacent to our sanctuary before and after the service to answer any questions you may have, provide directions to restrooms, classrooms, etc. If you are a first time guest, we also have a gift for you. If you live in our community or surrounding area and you do not have a church home, we welcome your consideration. We offer true fellowship with a living Savior and membership in His Church.

ATTENDANCE REGISTER Kindly fill out a registration card (welcome side) located in the pew rack. Our guests are also asked to complete the address and phone number portion. Please pass your card to the center aisle to be gathered during the offering.

CELL PHONES Please turn your cell phones off before the service begins.

AS WE GATHER When we think of the “In the beginning” of God’s creation, we usually think of the perfection and paradise of the Garden of Eden. But the Bible tells us more about God’s work of creation. We can peek under the curtain of what was even before God’s creative work. The Bible tells us, “The earth was without form and void.” The Hebrew word means primeval chaos—formlessness, confusion, unreality, emptiness. Life cannot exist in chaos. We know that as a practical matter. Lies, accidents, and frustrations—sin—does not produce life. The wages of sin is death!

God’s Word, however, “Let there be,” brought order, peace, and the paradise of His creation. As God spoke His creative Word in the beginning, so at our Lord’s Baptism, God spoke again, “You are My beloved Son.” By Baptism into God’s beloved Son, God’s Word is spoken over you, bringing order, peace, and salvation. That’s because Jesus took all our chaos—our sin—into Himself to the depths of its wages, namely, death on a cross. By faith in the crucified Lord, our sin and the power of the chaos around us is taken away. In Christ, we have peace.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN..... “Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise”[LSB 394]

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Genesis 1:1; Mark 1:4; Romans 6:3–4, adapt.*

Pastor: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

People: The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

Pastor: John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

People: The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

Pastor: Beloved, all who are baptized into Christ have been buried with Him that we may also be united in a resurrection like His. Let us recall our Baptism and receive again the forgiveness of our sins.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Profession of Faith*

Pastor: Dear Christians, one and all, do you renounce the devil?

People: Yes, I renounce him.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his works?

People: Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his ways?

People: Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

People: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: Do you 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; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

People: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: Do you 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?

People: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

People: Yes.

Pastor: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

People: Amen.

+ **WORD** +

KYRIE (p. 204 in hymnal)

HYMN OF PRAISE..... "All Glory Be To God On High"..... [LSB 947]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING.....**Genesis 1:1-5**

(The creation of the world.)

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. **3** And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the

darkness.⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 29; antiphon: v. 3*

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

People: **The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

Pastor: He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

People: **The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in His temple all cry, "Glory!"**

Pastor: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace!

People: **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.**

EPISTLE **Romans 6:1-11**
(*Dead to sin, alive to God.*)

6 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? **2** By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? **3** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** 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. **5** 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. **6** 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. **7** For one who has died has been set free from sin. **8** Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9** We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **10** For the death he

died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Mark 1:11b*

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

HOLY GOSPEL..... **Mark 1:4-11**
(The Baptism of Jesus)

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Pastor: This is the gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY **"God Loves Me Dearly"** **[LSB 392]**

SERMON..... **"God The Creator Of Life"**..... **Gen. 1:1-5; Mark 1:4-11; Rom. 6:1-11**
By Rev. Gary Fortkamp

OFFERING/OFFERTORY **"Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy"**..... **[LSB 590]**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we praise You for Your whole creation, for the beauty of the earth and for the orderly

passage of days. As sin has brought only chaos and disorder to the lives of all, You therefore sent Your Son who, by Your Word and Spirit, has restored Your world through His cross and resurrection. Bring that same restoration to the lives of all those baptized into Christ that we may live our days in peace and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

People respond: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Guard and bless those You continually send in Your name to proclaim the restoration of life through Your Word and Sacraments. Send Your Holy Spirit upon them as they preach Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, to the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: Send Your light and truth to guide all in the authority of government that darkness and injustice not prevail but rather justice and peace through the faithful use of the law. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: Give courage and comfort to all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or trials, [*especially . . .*]. Set them free in the forgiveness of their sins to faithfully look to You, the God of peace, healing, and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: We give You thanks for all those baptized into Christ who have gone before us and are now set free from sin in the presence of Your mercy. In fellowship with all Your saints, bring us to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9–13)

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.
Numbers 6:24–26

People: **Amen.**

HYMN..... “Go, My Children, With My Blessing”..... [LSB 922]

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE