

# St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



**First Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 12, 2020**

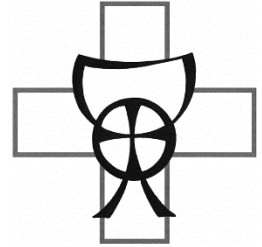
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The Baptism of Our Lord

## AS WE GATHER

Heavenly Father, prepare my heart to worship you. Through your Word, make me sincerely repentant for the many sins which I have committed and reassure me of your loving kindness in my Savior, Christ Jesus. Through your Holy Spirit, keep my thoughts focused on the eternal truths which will be spoken and sung today. Guide and bless those leading in worship today. Make this service a celebration of your goodness and grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.



### Opening Hymn:

Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert

Christians Worship Supplement, Hymn #709



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  
4 God, in Bap - tism you have made us One with



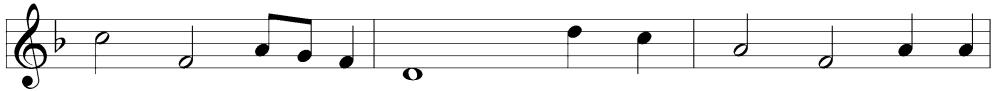
Jor - dan's flow - ing stream. There you heard the  
Jor - dan's bank you stood; Bathed, though sin - less,  
last to Cal - v'ry's hill. There up - on the  
Christ, our ris - en Lord; Freed us, claimed us,



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  
cleansed, for - giv - en Through the wa - ter and the



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,  
Word. Help us hear your ur - gent sum - mons, Call - ing



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  
 us to serve you now. Send us forth, your sons and



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!  
 daugh - ters, With the cross up - on our brow.

### INVOCATION

**M** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C** **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

**M** Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C** **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with a holy life and innocent death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

### ABSOLUTION

**M** Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY--*Kyrie*

**M** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**M** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**M** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**M** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**M** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST—*Gloria in excelsis*

**C** Verse 1

♪ ***O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!  
For sinners you became a child.  
You came from heaven to fulfill  
Your Father's just and holy will.  
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!***

**C** Verse 2

♪ ***O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!  
With God we now are reconciled.  
You have for all the ransom paid,  
Your Father's righteous anger stayed.  
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!***

*("O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild," CW # 366)*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**M** Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 42:1-7*

**42** “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. <sup>3</sup>A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; <sup>4</sup> he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.” <sup>5</sup>This is what God the LORD says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: <sup>6</sup>“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, <sup>7</sup>to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

## EPISTLE LESSON

*Acts 10:34-38*

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**M** Alleluia. “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” Alleluia.

(Mark 1:11b)

## ***Hymn of the Day:***

Christians Worship, Hymn #89

To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord

Matthew 3:13-17

### **“What Kind of God Get’s Baptized?”**

1. One that keeps His promises
2. One that loves His child
3. One that meets our needs

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

<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup> As 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. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

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### CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M** Lord Jesus, at your baptism you revealed yourself as the obedient Son of Man, fulfilling all righteousness. Your heavenly Father revealed you as his beloved Son, in whom he is well pleased. The Holy Spirit revealed you as the Christ, anointed and armed to destroy the work of the devil.

**C** **We thank you, beloved Son of God, that you took on yourself the nature of a servant, become like us, and were obedient to the will of your heavenly Father.**

**M** Lord Jesus, eternal Word of God, you have connected your mighty Word and gracious promises to the water of Holy Baptism. In Baptism you cleansed us from sin, redeemed us from death, and clothed us in your perfect righteousness. We praise you for the promise and treasure of Baptism.

**C** **Encourage us to remember our baptisms daily as we die to sin and rise to new life with you.**

**M** Baptized into your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
We claim a place, though weak and lowly, among your saints, your chosen host,  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin. Your Spirit now shall live within.

**C** **All that I am and love most dearly—receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely, and help me your own child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own serve any will but yours alone. Amen.**

### THE SACRAMENT

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**M** Lift up your hearts.

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

**M** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**M** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came as the Light of the world so that the world may have light and life through him. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY—*Sanctus*

### **C** Verse 1

♫ ***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!***

*(“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty,” CW # 195)*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**M** Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin. We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Bless us as we receive your Son’s body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## 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 ever. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M** 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.**



LAMB OF GOD—*Agnus Dei*

**C** Verse 1

♪ ***Lamb of God, we fall before you,  
Humbly trusting in your cross.  
Our great joy is to adore you;  
All things else are only dross.***

**C** Verse 2

♪ ***Jesus is the perfect Savior,  
Only source of all that's good;  
Ev'ry grace and ev'ry favor  
Come to us through Jesus' blood.***

*("Lamb of God, We Fall before You," CW # 354)*

**Distribution Hymn:**

Christians Worship, Hymn #390

Salvation unto Us Has Come

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

**M** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C** **His mercy endures forever.**

**M** Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C** **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**M** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have renewed our spirits with this saving gift. We pray that through this means of grace you will strengthen our trust in you and increase our zeal to do your will. By your Spirit continue to help us live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us and all believers as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

BLESSING

**M** 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.**

## Closing Hymn:

## Day by Day

Christians Worship Supplement, Hymn #765



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.  
Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;  
When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.  
O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.  
When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,  
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;  
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;  
I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.  
You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,  
Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;  
Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,



Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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### Worship Services

Sunday—8:00pm ■ Sunday—10:15 am

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January 12<sup>th</sup>

Epiphany of Our Lord

**SERVING YOU TODAY—8:00 am Ushers—**■ Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack, Josh Aden **10:15 am Ushers—**Terry Prochnow, Bob & Fred Busse, Erwin & Jon Waack, Randy & Dereck Waack, Karen Prochnow, Todd Hickmann, Mary Busse, Sandy Waack ■ **Church Cleaners—**Dennis Behnke, Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor ■ **Flower Committee—**Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin ■ **Communion Set-Up—**Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz.

**SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—8:00 am Ushers—**■ Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack, Josh Aden **10:15 am Ushers—**Terry Prochnow, Bob & Fred Busse, Erwin & Jon Waack, Randy & Dereck Waack, Karen Prochnow, Todd Hickmann, Mary Busse, Sandy Waack ■ **Church Cleaners—**Dr. Buchner and Corey/Sarah Marohn ■ **Flower Committee—**Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin ■ **Organist—**Judy Mangin.

**CONNECTION CARDS—**Visitors and Guests, please fill out the Connection Cards located in the church pews and place them in the offering plate or hand them to our ushers on your way out of church. Please come and join us again!

**USHER SCHEDULES—**Usher schedules are out in the West Church office for January—June 2020. Please pick them up, Thank you!

**MEMORIAL MONIES—**\$440.00 was given to the Building Fund in memory of Doris Behnke.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES—**Offering envelopes are in the back of church. Please contact Cindy in the office (920-754-4568) if there should be any changes on your offering envelopes.

**CHILDREN'S OFFERING ENVELOPES —**If you have not received an Offering Envelopes box for your Child there are some available for your taking in the West church office. Please help yourself!

**LWMS—**The second Sunday of each month is designated as LWMS Sunday. Free-will boxes are located at each exit of church. The December offerings totaled \$35. Thank you!

## Our Father's Business

### Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden  
Organist, Judy Mangin  
9:05 am Sunday School  
9:05 am CREW & Adult Bible Class

### 1-13 Monday

6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

### 1-15 Wed.

6:30 pm Praise Choir Practice

### 1-18

SJSJ Basketball at Two Rivers

**MINISTRY PLANNING VOTER'S MEETING**—There will be a Voter's meeting on Sunday, February 2 at 9:15 am in the Commons area. Items on the agenda will be as follows: Elections and Ministry Planning. The annual Cemetery Association meeting will also be held at this time. If you haven't gotten your reports to Cindy please have them in by **Wednesday, January 15, 2020.**

**CHURCH COUNCIL**—There will be a Church Council Meeting on Monday, January 13 at 6:30 pm. Please remember to check your emails to view the report before Monday's meeting.

**GLASSES FOUND** – A pair of glasses were found on Friday, January 3 in the Commons. They have a brown/black animal pattern on them and appear to be reading glasses. Please contact the office if you are missing them. 754-4432/754/4568

**ST. JOHN—ST. JAMES BLUE JAY'S CONCESSIONS STAND**—Help is needed in the Concession Stand for Friday, January 31st. If you would be willing to help out for just one time slot, we would be closer to covering all shifts needed. If you can help please contact Becky Busse at [becky.busse@yahoo.com](mailto:becky.busse@yahoo.com) or [1-920-973-0470](tel:1-920-973-0470).

**FUNSET BOULEVARD**—SJSJ Night at Funset Boulevard is on Thursday, February 20th from 4:00-10:00pm! Wristbands can be purchased in the SJSJ church/school office for \$3.00/person. They also must be purchased in advance & are only good for that evening. Only a set number of wristbands are available, so please plan ahead.

**B-TEAM BASKET BALL TOURNAMENT**—On, Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> will be a B-Team Basket Ball tournament in the St. John—St. James Lutheran School Gymnasium. If you have some time to spare and would like to help Mr. Stuebs out at the ticket or scoring tables please contact him at [pstuebs@st.johnstjames.com](mailto:pstuebs@st.johnstjames.com) or 920-860-9241.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**—Church Attendance:  $(1/5) 135 + 108 = 243$ , ■ Regular Offerings—General: \$ 10,457.00, Synod: \$ 987.00, MLHS: \$ 344, Total: \$ 11,968.00 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$ 1,855.00 (needed each week \$2,162.) \* Electronic Offerings included this week.