

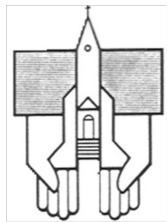
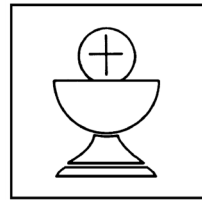


**OUR REDEEMER**  
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod  
Worship Bulletin

For 7 January 2024  
**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

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Our practice of closed communion is the historic practice of the church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for God's people. It does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Rom. 16:17) and the Bible's witness that doctrinal unity is central to the common reception of this sacrament. **For this reason, guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before the service.**



**WELCOME!** We invite all visitors to sign the guest register in the narthex and worship with us again. If you are not a first time visitor and are not communing, please complete the card located with communion cards in front of the pews. If you have questions about how to join our church or study the Scriptures with us, please speak with one of our Elders or the Pastor.

Each Saturday evening from 6-8PM Pastor Rappe avails himself for private confession and absolution, that which the historical Lutheran Church refers to as the third Sacrament. This is made available to those whose consciences are burdened and whose hearts are troubled. No one is forced to make private confession, as no one is forced to Baptism or the Holy Supper. Rather, this is the means of God's gospel to those who seek Him and the forgiveness of sins in Jesus.



**OLD TESTAMENT**

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me,  
Because the LORD has anointed Me  
To preach good tidings to the poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives,  
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,  
And the day of vengeance of our God;  
To comfort all who mourn,  
To console those who mourn in Zion,  
To give them beauty for ashes,  
The oil of joy for mourning,  
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;  
That they may be called trees of righteousness,  
The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

**ISAIAH 61:1-3**

**DIVINE SERVICE**

*Setting One*

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**EPISTLE**

**ROMANS 12:1-5**

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

Holy Gospel on reverse side

Announcements

## HOLY GOSPEL

## MATTHEW 3:1-17

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying:

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the LORD;  
Make His paths straight.'"

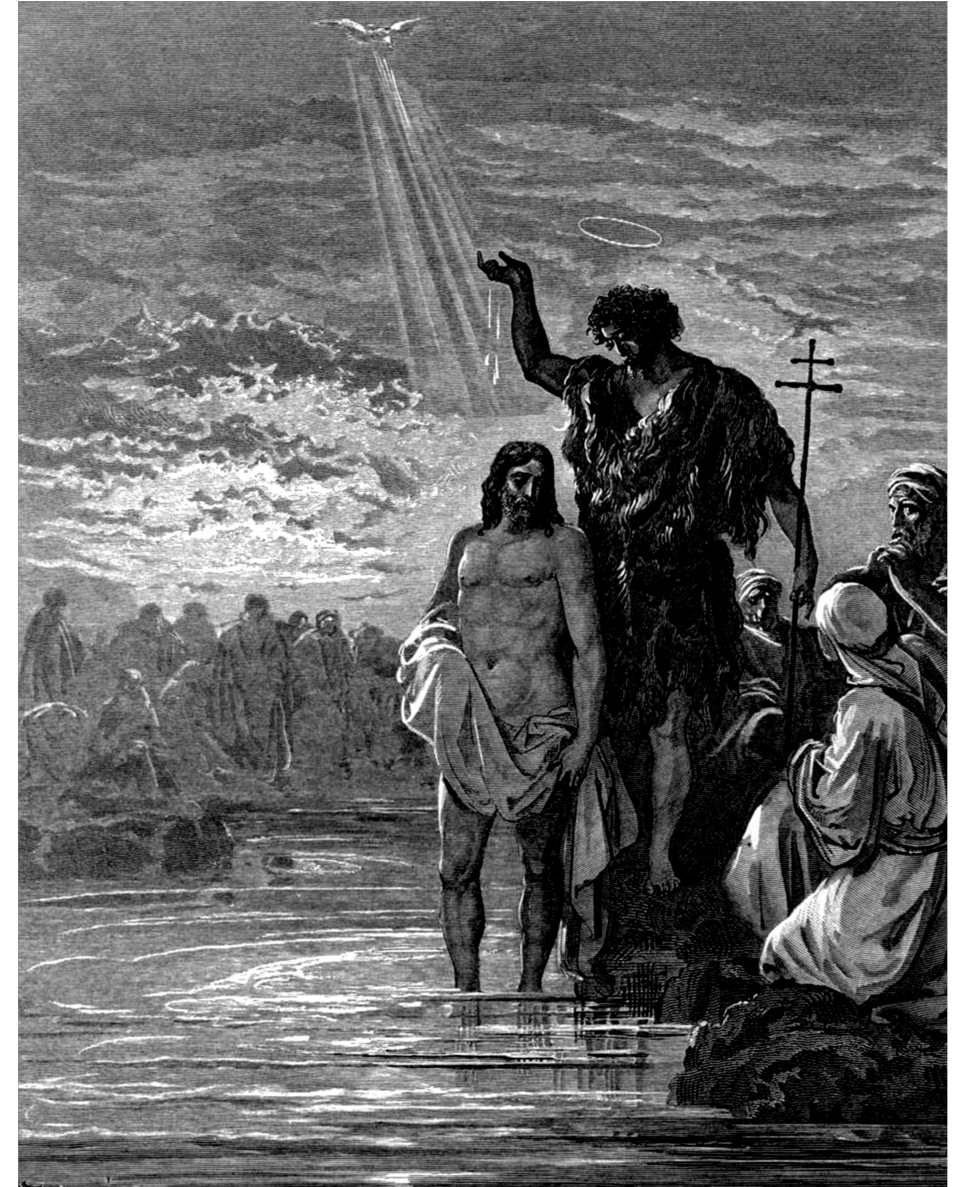
Now John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."



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For  
January 79, 2024  
The Baptism of Our Lord

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Today (07 January)**

10:30AM Divine Service  
11:AM Youth Confirmation  
11:45AM Coffee Hour

**Tue. (09 January)**

10:00AM Matins & Bible Study

**Sat. (13 January)**

9:00AM Men's Bible Breakfast  
6-8PM Office Of The Kyes/Confession

**Sun. (14 January)**

9:00AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
10:30AM Divine Service  
11:45AM Youth Confirmation  
11:45AM Church Council Meeting  
11:45AM Coffee Hour

**Serving Today**

**Altar Guild:** Kim Steffen  
**Acolyte::** Arthur Kolle

**Serving Next Sunday**

**Altar Guild:** Catherine Notestine  
**Acolyte:** Matthew Oldenburg

**FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE**

Attendance December 31.....65  
Altar Guild.....\$40.00  
General Fund Income..... \$2818.25  
Altar Guild .....\$40.00  
General Fund weekly difference from  
Budget .....(\$1682.58)  
The annual budget adopted by the Voters'  
assembly requires weekly giving of  
\$4500.83 to sustain it.  
Thank you for your Contributions.

**DAILY LECTIONARY**

07 Jan. - Psalm 35 & Mark 8  
08 Jan. - Psalm 36 & Mark 9  
09 Jan. - Psalm 37 & Mark 10  
10 Jan. - Psalm 38 & Mark 11  
11 Jan. - Psalm 39 & Mark 12  
12 Jan. - Psalm 40 & Mark 13  
13 Jan. - Psalm 41 & Mark 14



are given to the glory of  
God by Dave & Lorri Rettig in  
celebration of Lorri's birthday.



**Wedding Anniversaries This Week**

Jacob & Catherine Notestine 1/19  
Jim & Pauline Crocker 1/20



**Mark Your Calendars For Voters Assembly Meeting** will be Sunday January 20th right after worship service. We will be voting on the new church budget for the coming year and also we will be voting on the church officers that will be serving for the year 2024. If your would like to serve on the church council, please contact our Council Chairman, Wesley Price. All voting members are urged to attend. We must have a quorum.

**Church Council Meets next Sunday.** January 14th right after worship service. Open to the congregation.

**We Are In Need** of an Evangelism chairperson to serve on the church council for this year. If your are interested, please see church council chairman Wesley Price or any church council member.

**Men's Bible Breakfast is next Saturday.** January 13th at 9:00AM. All men are invited. Please bring a breakfast dish to share.

**Minutes From the December 9th Council Meeting** are posted on the bulletin board beside the church office for the congregation's review.

**While the psalmist urges us to "make a joyful noise to the Lord"**, he did NOT mean cell phone ringtones, children's noisy toys or other modern electronic marvels. Rather, these should be SILENT while we lift our voices and hearts in worship through song and prayer to our Lord. Please see that all cell phones, toys and anything else that might disrupt our worship are turned

**PLEASE COMPLETE A COMMUNION CARD**  
Fill in the names of only those who are communing and hand it to the usher. You may fill out one per family.

If we have missed anyone's birthday or anniversary, please let us know.

**NURSERY ROOM** is available for children 5 years of age who are having difficulty the service. There is also a rocking chair in the room. The room also has speakers in it to hear the service.