



AND A VOICE CAME FROM HEAVEN,
“YOU ARE MY SON, THE BELOVED;
WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASED.”

MARK 1:11, NRSV

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Baptism of Our Lord

January 9th and 10th



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**WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GATHERING HYMN

Christ When for Us You Were Baptized

Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.

God called you, "My beloved Son"; you are God's servant true, sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n, God's holy will to do, God's holy will to do.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your cross on us be signed, that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find, may perfect freedom find.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Let us confess our sin trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader: Holy God,

ALL: you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin— our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy.

Amen.

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Leader: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Christ Jesus our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

ALL: Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

SECOND READING

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—together there were about twelve of them.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens

torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

SERMON

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

HYMN

When Jesus Came to Jordan

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John, he did not come for pardon
but as the Sinless One.

He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins, to speak the vital
sentence with which good news begins.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make; this very day invade us, and
ev'ry bondage break.

Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most: to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.

NICENE CREED

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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Leader: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

Leader: For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

ALL: Have mercy, O God

Leader: For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through creation and faithful stewards care for all God has made, let us pray.

ALL: Have mercy, O God

Leader: For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray.

ALL: Have mercy, O God

Leader: For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for all who suffer that God shower compassion, let us pray.

ALL: Have mercy, O God

Leader: For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

ALL: Have mercy, O God

Leader: In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray.

ALL: Have mercy, O God

Leader: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

ALL: Amen.

OUR OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Oh God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

ALL: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.



P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you
and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and
forever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

ALL: Amen.

BLESSING

Leader: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter keep you in peace.

ALL: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

By the Water Flowing

By the water flowing, Christ our Lord has gone before us,
let us sing, "Jesus saves."
In his steps we follow into streams of living water,
let us sing, "Jesus saves."
Here the water awaits each confession of faith.
Come dip your robe in His mercy and His grace.
By the water flowing, Christ our Lord has gone before us,
let us sing, "Jesus saves."
In His love and kindness, Jesus Christ removed our blindness,
let us sing, "Jesus saves."
In the body of water, a witness is born, a picture professing that Jesus is Lord.
By the water flowing, Christ our Lord has gone before us,
let us sing, "Jesus saves."
In his steps we follow into streams of living water,
let us sing, "Jesus saves."
Jesus saves, Jesus saves, Jesus saves.
By the water flowing.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace, be the light of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Our Weekly Announcements

This Week at St. John

Tues: Blankets 9:00 AM
Thurs: Committee 7pm
Sat: Worship 5:00 PM
Sun: Sunday School 8:30 AM
Sun: Worship 9:45 AM

In our Prayers

Mark Witt-medical concerns
Audry S.-medical concerns
Jim Farkas-medical concerns
Joe Brossia- medical concerns
Lylah Nowak- medical concerns



Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Alvin and Freda Lowe's 76th wedding anniversary given by Franny Cranfield.
"Jitter bugging in heaven with Jesus"

Email Reminders

If you would like to be notified about events, activities, schedule changes, etc. through email, send an email to pastorobrien@stjohnwilliston.org and ask to be added to the list. We maintain a mailing list through Google Groups and you can remove yourself at any time.



2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES!

Please begin using your new 2021 offering envelopes.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

Budget Review Meeting

Sunday January 17 at 10:45a

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday January 24 at 9:45a

Installation of elected officers/committee members

January 30/31 at worship

