
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 8 & 9, 2022

Hymn

O Love, How Deep

LSB 544

- 1 *O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!*
- 2 *He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.*
- 3 *For us baptized, for us He bore
His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.*
- △ 7 *All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.*

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Stand Opening Versicles

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C Teach me Your paths.
- L** Sanctify us in Your truth.
C Your Word is truth.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C** 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.

Readings From Holy Scripture

Sit Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

- L** A reading from Isaiah, the forty-third chapter.
- 1 But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

- 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
- 3 For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
- 4 Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
- 5 Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
- 6 I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
- 7 everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

Reading

Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reading

Luke 3:15–22

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Responsory

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Stand Ten Commandments

- C** **You shall have no other gods.**
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
And 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.
I 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. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

- 1 To Jordan's river came our Lord,
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light,
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—
The Son of God in flesh disguised—
To stand beneath the Father's will
And all His righteousness fulfill.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood
And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,
Descended on Him from above.
- 4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound
Came God's own voice with words profound:
"This is My Son," was His decree,
"The one I love, who pleases Me."
- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
To save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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Sermon

The Sinner's Substitute

Hymn

Have No Fear, Little Flock

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen
To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock! 2 Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you
In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock! | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you,
Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above! 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God! |
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Offering—Offerings received in baskets at each door.

Stand Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

L 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.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Saturday) Luther's Evening Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

(Sunday) **Morning Prayer**

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

New Testament Canticle 

LSB 266

C *Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.

Raised from the dead, He will never die again.

Death has no more dominion over Him.

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.

Living, He lives to God.

Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Blessing

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Hymn

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

LSB 596

1 *All Christians who have been baptized,
Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized
The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done,
The gifts He gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!*

2 *You were before your day of birth,
Indeed, from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth,
None good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood,
Turned inward from the highest good,
You constantly denied Him.*

3 *But all of that was washed away—
Immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your Baptism day
Restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed
And all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.*

4 *In Baptism we now put on Christ—
Our shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed
And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of His own blood
Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.*

5 *O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.*

6 *So use it well! You are made new—
In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do
Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!*

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Please help us keep this list updated, if you know of any changes in status call the church office 965-3192.

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Mission Prayer

Give thanks as you pray:

- That God would make us bold witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ in this new year and always.
- For opportunities to witness to friends, family members and strangers. Please send Your Holy Spirit to give us wisdom and faithful words to use during these encounters.

Bible Readings

From *Lutheran Service Book* Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Sunday, 1/2	Isaiah 62:1-12; Luke 2:1-20
Monday, 1/3	Isaiah 63:1-14; Luke 2:21-40
Tuesday, 1/4	Isaiah 63:15-65:2; Luke 2:41-52
Wednesday, 1/5	Isaiah 65:8-25; Luke 3:1-20
Thursday, 1/6	Isaiah 66:1-20; Luke 3:21-38
Friday, 1/7	Ezekiel 1:1-14, 22-28; Romans 1:1-17
Saturday, 1/8	Ezekiel 2:1-3:11; Romans 1:18-32

Thank you

Thank you for the cards and gifts we received this Christmas season as well as the prayers you offered up for the ministry here at St. Mark's this Holiday season. God's Blessing to you all in the Christmastide and the New Year upon us! Pastor, Rebecca, and the Girls.

Worship Service Schedule

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Class @ 9:50 a.m. (No Bible Study Dec. 26th)

Sunday School @ 9:50 a.m. (No Sunday School until after the New Year)

Adult Choir Practice @ 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays

Handicapped Accessible Service—January 13th @ 10:00 a.m.

****A video recording of the service will be posted on Facebook and YouTube. ****

Christmas Decorating Committee—Sunday, January 9th @ 1:00 p.m.

The committee will be taking down decorations this Sunday and can use any volunteers to help.

Board of Family & Missions—Monday, January 10th @ 6:00 p.m.

Parish Council—Monday, January 10th @ 7:00 p.m.

Board of Elders—Monday, January 10th @ 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study—January 12th @ 10:00 a.m.

Installation of Officers—January 15th & 16th

LWML Meeting—January 20 @ 7:00 p.m.

Matching Gift Challenge

Psalm 133:1~”Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity.”

As we begin a new calendar year here at St. Mark’s we are starting up a Capital Campaign to make much needed improvements with our buildings. One of the first focuses of this campaign is to raise money to renovate the ceiling in the sanctuary as well as other improvements with the interior. Our campaign will be titled: Faith & Family:150. The Campaign Committee, with a generous donation of \$15,000, is issuing a challenge to the congregation to match this gift of \$15,000 by February 28, 2022.

*Capital Campaign Committee: Nathan Reitz, Brandon Smith, Andy Gerlach,
Brian Fortner, Rodney Wilson, Pastor Mark*

Keeping The Faith, One Verse At A Time

As we begin the New Year

Oh, I didn,t....

Ugh, I messed up again....

She is constantly messing things up.....

He doesn’t ever get it right.....

Their clothes are always dirty.....

Take a breath and remember that God’s mercy is

NEW EVERY MORNING!

For you!

For me!

For everyone!

Wether you like them or agree with them it doesn’t matter!!

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”~~~ Lamentations 3:22-24

2022 Offering Envelopes

Everyone should have received their 2022 Offering Envelopes in the mail this last week. If you did not and would like to receive envelopes, please call the church office at 965-3192.

Thank You

Thank you so much for your support of our 2021 Angel Tree. This was our 26th year of providing Christmas gifts for children in need in the Randolph County area. Thanks to the unfailing support of the community organizations, businesses, school clubs, churches, and individuals we were able to provide gifts to 324 children! We reached out to 113 families in 13 area towns! We are able to function solely due to the contributions we receive, so we sincerely appreciate your continued support.

Allowing us to place a satellite tree in your facility/facilities was a huge help to get our program out into the public so the angels could be adopted. Thank you for helping us with this!

We will keep you in our prayers throughout this year that 2022 may be filled with happiness, good health, and laughter! And that your year will be abundant and prosperous!

You are amazing! God's richest blessings to you! ~Vickie Wathan, 2021 Angel Tree

Card Shower

Norma Ernsting is celebrating her 90th Birthday on January 16th. Her family is asking that her friends and church family send her a card wishing her a Happy Birthday. Her address is: 402 S Charles, Steeleville, IL 62288.

Wish List

Items on this list are above and beyond what the budget allows for.

- **Church Ceiling Repair & Painting**—The bid we have received is over \$100,000 to sandblast the ceiling and repaint the church.
- **Building & Maintenance Savings**—Our Building & Maintenance Savings account is getting low and needs to be replenished to allow the Board of Trustees to keep our church and school running safely and efficiently.

Youth Group Scrip Orders

The next deadline to order gift cards is Tuesday, February 1st and should have the cards in time for Valentine's Day. The next deadline will be March 31st to have gift cards available for Confirmation on April 10th and Easter on April 17th. We will continue to try to order cards bi-monthly, so if you need any for your personal shopping, dinners out, birthday gifts, wedding/shower gifts, consider ordering from the Youth Group to help them raise money for their National Youth Gathering. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 965-3192.

Poinsettias

Thank you to everyone who donated a Poinsettia this year to help beautify the church for Christmas. Please take your Poinsettia home if you have not already.

Vaccination Clinic

9 a.m.—4 p.m., Monday, January 10th

@ K-River Community Center, 310 W Elm St, Baldwin, IL

All 3 vaccines will be available including Booster and Pediatric doses. Walk-ins are welcome. There is no cost but you may be asked for your insurance cards.

St. Mark's School Notes

St. Mark's 2nd grade class will lead chapel on Wednesday, January 12. Weather permitting chapel will be at the church.

St. Mark's will be hosting the 55th Annual All Lutheran Tournament Thursday, January 20 through Sunday, January 23. All games will be at St. Mark's with the exception of the last day, January 23. These will be at Steeleville High School. Watch for more information on the ALT.

St. Mark's Lutheran School will be celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week later this month - January 23-29 with the theme, "In All Things". Many different activities are in the planning stage for the students. Unfortunately, due to the Covid situation we will be unable to hold our VIP lunch again this year. Watch for more information to follow.

St. Mark's Coop Sports

Mon., Jan 10 – G BB vs Pinckneyville 204 – 5:30 pm (C,B,A)

Mon., Jan 10 – B BB OVC Tournament vs Prairie du Rocher at St. John's Lutheran, Red Bud – 5:00 pm

Tues., Jan 11 – B BB OVC Tournament at Red Bud– if win 7:30 pm, if lose 6:15 pm

Thurs., Jan 13 – B BB OVC Tournament at Red Bud concludes

Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School

Club Basketball: Come cheer for the Soldiers this week! They have an away game vs. the Edgemont Bible Church Youth Group on January 11 at 6:00 p.m. On January 13 at 6:00 p.m. they will be playing at home vs. a home school group. On January 14, current students will be playing against *COS* Alumni at 7:00 p.m.

21st Annual Trivia Night: Join us for this year's "School Days" Trivia Night & Silent Auction on January 28 at 7:00 p.m. in our gym. Adults \$15 ea., 5th-8th grade students \$6 ea., and 9th-12th grade \$10 ea. with a limit of eight people to a table. Reserve your table by calling 618-853-7300. All proceeds from the evening will support Prom and Post-Prom at *COS*.

Registration for 2022-2023 is now open! If you have a student or know someone who will be high school age during the 2022-2023 school year, encourage them to consider Christ Our Savior Lutheran High school. Call 853-7300 to schedule a shadow day or a private tour. Learn more and download a registration form from our website, www.coslhs.org. Early registration ends March 31.

School Visitors: To comply with continuing ISBE and state COVID regulations, visitors are asked to contact the school to make an appointment for a visit or for deliveries. Face coverings are required for entry into the school. We are asking for your patience, prayers and understanding as we strive to do our very best to protect our students, faculty, staff, and you. The office is open Monday – Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, through worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays @ 6:00 p.m.
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Accessible Service @ 10:00 a.m. on 2nd Thursdays

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at the 9:00 a.m. service and at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening service.

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We believe and confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church is faithful and true to the Bible and we strive for a balanced Law/Gospel practice of same.