

# Baptism of Our Lord

*Emanuel-St. John Lutheran Church*

January 12, 2025

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Welcome and Announcements

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love  
you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*A brief silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our  
sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore  
declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of  
the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Opening Hymn – Lord I Need You**

Verse 1

Lord, I come, I confess

Bowing here I find my rest

Without You I fall apart  
You're the One that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

Bridge

Teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Chorus

Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

### **The Apostolic Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### **Kyrie**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

### **Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray....  
**Amen**

**Scripture Readings and Psalm**

Isaiah 43:1-7

**Psalm 29 Baptism of Our Lord -- Jan 12, 2025**

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
**ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
**worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**  
The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
**the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**  
The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
**the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**  
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
**the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**  
he makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**  
The voice of the LORD splits the 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 oak trees writhe  
**and strips the forests bare.**  
And in the temple of the LORD  
**all are crying, "Glory!"**  
The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
**the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**  
The LORD shall give strength to his people;  
**the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

Acts 8:14-17

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**Gospel**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

after the reading

Praise to you, O Christ.

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

#### Hymn of the Day – Baptized in Water – WOY 693

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king;  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king;  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.

*Nicene Creed used for seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter*

#### The 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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.**

Or

#### The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and was born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Each petition ends:*

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen**

### **Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**                      *Give each other a sign of peace.*

### **Offering Song -- Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness -- WOY 684**

*Refrain:*

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep,  
and over the eons you called to each thing;  
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wing.”

*Refrain*

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand  
then you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

*Refrain*

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,

when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

*Refrain*

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise.

*Refrain*

**Offering**

*Thank you for your continued offerings. They are much appreciated.*

**Offertory**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

**The Prayers**

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

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

**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Benediction**

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 his favor and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**Closing Song – Blessed Be Your Name**

Blessed be your name In the land that is plentiful  
Where your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be your name

Blessed be your name When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be your name

And every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise  
And when the darkness closes in Lord Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be your glorious name

Blessed be your name when the sun is shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be your name

Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be your name

Chorus, then end with bridge 2x

\* Bridge \*

You give and take away, You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be your glorious name

### **Sending**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Bulletin Announcements**

### **Baptism of Our Lord January 12, 2025**

#### **WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

Worship Attendant: Cory Waller  
Greeters: Doug and Barb Riley  
Acolyte: Lille Greene  
Musicians: Kari Lantz and Pastor Ben Worley  
Lay Reader: Leah Henkelman  
Children's Sermon: Barb Riley  
Presiding: Rev. Ben C. Worley



#### **THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL-ST. JOHN**

SUNDAY, January 12<sup>th</sup>

8:45 a.m. Confirmation and Adult Bible Class

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

MONDAY, January 13<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Men's Group

9:00 a.m. Do-Day #1 with noon potluck

WEDNESDAY, January 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Sunrise Circle

THURSDAY, January 16<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Prayer Group

SUNDAY, January 19<sup>th</sup>

8:45 a.m. Confirmation and Adult Bible Class

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship



**Prayer concerns:** Our prayers are with the following people with ongoing health concerns: Gary Ausborn, Ellis Byriel, Ricky Dettmann, Kevin Frederick, Laurie Glasnapp, Aaron Grossehme, Julia Jacobs, Mathilde "Tillie" Trudeau, Dale Scharn, Ethan Simonson, John and Marjorie Stewart and Gracia Willis...We remember also our homebound & nursing home members: Joleen Harmon, Mildred Purdie and Gracia Willis...We pray for peaceful resolutions to the wars in Israel/Palestine and Ukraine...We pray for the peace of Jerusalem...We pray for America: that God would guide us through troubled times, renewing our faith in Him and respect for one another...We pray for the safety and well-being of all law enforcement personnel and first responders...And for our Nation and the men and women serving in the armed forces at home and abroad especially Shiloh Meyer, Hannah Hildreth and Samantha Potts.

**Members celebrating their birthday this week:**

Jan. 12 Gregga Schuetz

Jan. 13 **Stephen Kral**, Tyler Scharn, Theresa Schultz

Jan. 14 Micah Lantz, Steven Schultz, Abigail Worley

Jan. 15 Donna Bounds, Kylin Kruckenberg, Kaylynn Larson

Jan. 16 Tina Rix

Jan. 17 Keaton Hammen, Hank Segebarth

Jan. 18 Maddux Diersen, Tyler Riley, Grace Schrage, Brad Williams

**Members celebrating their anniversary this week:**

Jan 12, 2005 Nathan & Michele Hauptert

Jan 16, 1971 **Dennis & Patricia Johnson**

Emanuel-St. John Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> immediately after worship. The Outreach Committee is also hosting a Soup Dinner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are still in need of someone willing to serve as Vice-President and also someone for the Outreach Committee. Thank you to all that have volunteered to serve.

Annual Soup Dinner Sign Up sheet is in the entryway. The meal will be January 26<sup>th</sup> - same day as the church's annual meeting. Thank you in advance for all of your donations and help with this annual event. Spread the word!

Does your son/daughter want to go to camp this year? Now is the time to register. You can register at Ingham-Okoboji Bible Camp or Twin Lakes Christian Center websites. This year we are asking families to register your child, pay the required registration fee, then let the church office know where they are registered and Emanuel-St. John will cover the balance of the camp cost for you.

**ELCA Prayer Ventures for Sunday, Jan 12<sup>th</sup>:** Pray that we will affirm our baptism by telling others about the triune God, by loving and serving our neighbors, by encouraging the faith of our siblings in Christ and by seeking opportunities for spiritual growth.



**ELCA Prayer Ventures for Monday, Jan 13** Pray for those who respond to God's call by working hand in hand with our companion churches and other organizations around the world through ELCA Global Mission. Ask God to sustain and strengthen their faith, their commitment and their diverse gifts.

**ELCA Prayer Ventures for Tuesday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>:** "Who hears the song our sorrows swallow and offers hope to calm our fears? When all our words seem frail and hollow, God heeds the prayers within our tears" (*All Creation Sings* 1050). Give thanks that God hears and responds to our grief and suffering, even when our words fall short of expressing the depth of our sorrow.

**ELCA Prayer Ventures for Wednesday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for the outdoor ministries of our church that are busy recruiting and hiring young-adult staff to share their faith and serve campers of all ages, backgrounds and abilities in summer programs.

**ELCA Prayer Ventures for Thursday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>:** *National Religious Freedom Day* Give thanks that the U.S. Constitution supports the freedom to embrace religion, to worship and to share our faith according to our personal beliefs. Pray that we will respect the religious beliefs of our neighbors and support their right to practice their faith openly, without constraints or persecution.

**ELCA Prayer Ventures for Friday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>:** "You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts" (*WOV* 738). Lift up your worries, troubles, insecurities and grief to God, who understands us and grants comfort, strength and endurance in every circumstance of our life.

**ELCA Prayer Ventures for Saturday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>:** *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* Today begins a week of prayer with our siblings in Christ around the world. Give thanks that we are one in Christ and that, together, we cast a brilliant light in the world.