

We Join Together in Worship

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church – Dickinson, ND
Sunday, January 9, 2011 – Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

Gathering

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements, Introduction of the Day

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who spread out the heavens and the earth, who gives light and breath to the nations, who makes all things new.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. Holy and healing God, **we confess that we have fallen short of the life you desire for us. We choose our priorities over your commandments. We divide the body of Christ. The earth groans under our demands. Have mercy, O God. Restore us and all things to health, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.**

Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved." You belong to Christ, and through the power of the cross + your sins are all forgiven. God is faithful and will strengthen you, that your light may shine before others, that you may be God's holy people in the world.

Amen.

Processional Hymn – ELW #304 *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

Kyrie & Canticle of Praise – ELW Page 120 (*Glory to God... Page 121*)

Prayer of the Day

Word

Scripture Readings – see insert (*response: The word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.*)

Psalm 29 (*Paraphrased into a song – refrain below, verses are solo*)

(Refrain - Psalm 29)



Give strength to your peo-ple, Lord, and bless your peo - ple with peace.

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Gospel Acclamation – ELW Page 124 *(repeat the Alleluias after the verse)*



Verse: **A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved,
with whom I am well pleased."**

Gospel *(before reading: Glory to you, O Lord. after reading: Praise to you, O Christ!)*

Sermon – Two Gifts to the Church: Baptism & Communion

Hymn of the Day – ELW #468 *Around You, O Lord Jesus*

Recognition of Baptisms – Presentation of Children's Bibles

Prayers, Sharing of Peace

Meal

Offering

Offertory Hymn – ELW #294 *(verse 3) "In the Bleak Midwinter"*

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.

If I were a wise man I would do my part. Yet what can I give Him? Give my heart.

Prayer and Great Thanksgiving – ELW Page 129 *(Holy, Holy – Page 130)*

Lord's Prayer and "Lamb of God" Hymn – ELW Page 134-5

Distribution of Bread and Wine – **Hymns #310, #313, #308** *(Epiphany Hymns)*

All the baptized are welcomed to receive the bread and wine offered in our Communion Meal.

Communion Blessing and Prayer – ELW Page 136

Sending

Blessing

Hymn – ELW #501 *Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus*

Dismissal – ELW Page 137 *(response: Thanks be to God!)*

Postlude

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Mission: “Living in Service to Christ”

***Worship: 7 p.m. on Thursday // 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. on Sunday
(10:30 a.m. Sunday Service Broadcast on KDIX Radio)***

For Thursday, January 6, 2010 and Sunday, January 9, 2011

Presiding Minister: Pastor Lisa Lewton
Preaching Minister: Pastor Ted Johanson
Assisting Ministers: Mary Bruhschwein (Thursday)
Jan Wilkie (8:00 a.m.)
Marcy Decker (10:30 a.m.)
Deacons: Steve Lervik (8:00 a.m.)
Sandy Beaudoin (10:30 a.m.)
Organist: Barb Arneson
Cantor: Cheryl Hewson (8:00 a.m.)
Servers: Devany Roberts (Thursday)
Suzanna Moberg & Samantha Urbanec (8:00 a.m.)
Stetson Pedersen & Tristan Hartl (10:30 a.m.)

FIRST COMMUNION: Last week, we welcomed Dawson Bechtold to the Lord’s Table for his First Communion.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP: All the baptized people of God are invited to the Lord’s Table. You may stand or kneel to receive the elements. Children who commune should extend their hands to receive the elements. Children who are not communing are asked to have hands folded to receive a blessing. *You may ask a server to provide a gluten-free wafer or grape juice if needed.* Come to the table; all are welcomed!

WORSHIP INFORMATION: Attendance last week was 298 . . . Transmitters are available for the hearing impaired. Ask an usher for help . . . If it is uncomfortable for you to stand during the service, please feel free to remain seated . . . If you are a visitor, or if you simply forgot your offering envelope and wish to designate your contribution, please use a **pew envelope** . . . The nursery is located in the Commons Area. Children’s **worship bags** are available during worship in the Commons Area and in the church entry.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Check out our website for more information at www.stjohnelc.org)

Monday: 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild Undecorate Sanctuary
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Quilting
7:00 p.m. Yoga Class / upstairs
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Angel Children's Choir
6:45 p.m. Hand bell Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Carol Children's Choir
7:00 p.m. Confirmation
Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Midweek Worship
7:30 p.m. Council Meeting
Friday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast / Bible Study at Ramada
5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. O'Brien/Bachler Wedding

BAPTISM RECOGNITION: On Jan. 9 at 8:00 a.m. And 10:30 a.m., we recognize families with children who were baptized in 2010. As a congregation, we share in the ministry of nurturing the faith of our youngest members of the body of Christ by equipping parents to pass on the gift of faith. Each family will receive a Children's Bible as a gift from the church.

BELL CHOIR CELEBRATION: St. John congregation and friends are invited to help the bell choir celebrate 25 years of making music on **Sunday, Jan. 9 at 2:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary. There will be a rededication of the bells and the service of the ringers. A reception will follow the concert.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will resume on Jan. 16 for preschool – 6th grade.

WINTER WEAR COLLECTION: We will be collecting new winter hats and new or gently used boots, gloves and scarves for children in the Dickinson Public Schools. Items may be dropped off in the baskets in the Commons Area and the Narthex and will be delivered at the end of January.

EARLY CONFIRMATION for 4th graders will be on Sunday, January 16, 23 & 30 at 9:15 a.m. in the basement. Students and parents will learn about the sacrament of Holy Baptism and continue learning the books of the Bible. All students must bring a parent or significant adult with them to complete this class.

VISITATION TEAM: Members of the Visitation Team assist the pastors in offering spiritual comfort and support to the hospitalized and homebound. We are currently looking for a visitor to check the hospital on Saturdays and someone to serve as a substitute visitor. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer visitor, contact a pastor. Training is provided for new members of the Visitation Team. The hours required varies but averages two hours per month.

MINISTRY SITE PROFILE: *Place Some of YOUR Ideas About the “Mission Site Profile” Onto the New Website*

In his recent visit to St. John, Bishop Narum was clear that the next step for St. John in the Call Process is to complete a Mission Site Profile, a document of about 15 pages. *(Note – At this writing three people have offered replies or comments; nothing else has started yet on creating/writing a Mission Site Profile.)* YOU can help to begin writing this document by offering your ideas and responses about the profile’s various questions. You can ask in the office for a listing of the questions. Better yet, you can go to a new website at: StJohnELC.wordpress.com (or click the button under my name on the congregation’s website: StJohnELC.org). (You can use a “nick-name” on replies and email addresses are not shown.)

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation is on Sunday, Feb. 13 at 12:30 p.m. The agenda includes the election of new Council and Trust Fund Committee members, and acceptance of the 2011 budget. Youth will provide a luncheon at 11:30 before the meeting.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS for 2010 giving will be available in the Commons Area by Thursday, Jan. 20. Questions about your giving or pledge? Contact Financial Secretary Pam Weidner at 225-6747, or weidner@stjohnelc.org.

BUG EVENT COMING IN FEBRUARY Attention all girls in grades 5-8! **Beautiful Unique Girl** will be here on February 3 from 5-8:30 p.m. to throw you a beach party in the church basement! This group out of Canada was here two years ago and were so much fun we asked them back! In order to register, you need to turn in \$10 to Jess Throlson at the church office by January 23. The total cost per person is \$35 and the church will pick up the other \$25. Moms, if you are interested in helping with this event, please let Jess know.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES for the New Testament - section 1 will be on Wednesday, January 12, 19, 26 & February 2 at 7:00 p.m. A list of the students who need to complete the class is on the Confirmation bulletin board in the Commons Area.

ORGAN RENOVATION PROJECT – PHASE 3 (Epiphany Project)

We met the challenge/goal of Advent’s Phase 2: *to receive ten \$5,000 gifts* for this renovation project. The project’s January and February “Phase 3” will offer a similar challenge (but sort of *reversed*) in terms of its goal: *to receive five-thousand \$10 gifts*.

Look for the Phase 3 “thermometer”. It symbolizes a chest of organ pipes with each space signifying a rank (a rank of organ pipes gives the same sound over 5 octaves – 60 notes). The chart represents about 5,000 notes or pipes, a number close to what the new organ console will bring to the congregation’s existing organ. Each note will represent a *\$10 gift* for the Organ Renovation Project received since December 21. Let’s “build” the organ with our many smaller gifts over the next couple of months.

Consider how you might contribute to this project. The Organ Committee intentionally developed Phase 3 to provide several very different giving levels that could provide many meaningful contributions. How might you challenge your own giving?

- A gift of: \$10 adds a...Note (pipe) to the “Organ Chest”
- A gift of: \$120 adds an...Octave (12 notes) to the “Organ Chest”
- A gift of: \$600 adds a...Rank (60 Notes or 5 Ranks) to the “Organ Chest”
- A gift of: \$2,400 adds a...Mixture (4 combined Ranks) to the “Organ Chest”

Individual gifts will be combined as needed to build each rank. A Rank symbol (five pipes) will be placed into one of the spaces each time a rank is built. Watch the growth and development of the chart as we move from week to week. All gifts marked “Organ Fund” will be folded into this project. Let’s have some fun “building” the pipe chest!!

ORGAN RENOVATION PROJECT – SPECIAL EVENTS

PLANNED You are invited to attend one of two special presentations to hear details about the renovation: Thursday, January 20 at 7:45 p.m. and Sunday, January 23 at 11:30 a.m. Plan to attend “Sweets and Tunes” an evening of special music and delicious treats on Friday, February 25 at 7 p.m. A limited number of tickets will be on sale.

Sunday, January 9, 2011 – Baptism of Our Lord

INTRODUCTION

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

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African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.

GREETING

The grace of God in Christ Jesus, poured out in every gift of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW)

O God our Father,
at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.
Make all who are baptized into Christ
faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons,
and empower us all with your Spirit,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW)

Alleluia. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, ^l the Beloved,*
with whom I ^l am well pleased." Alleluia. (Matt. 3:17)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1–9

God's servant Israel is endowed with the Spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever keep it from fulfilling its task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the new assignment of the servant is to bring light to the nations.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

PSALM (ELW): Psalm 29

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

¹Ascribe to the ¹LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- ¹ry and strength.
²Ascribe to the LORD the glory ¹due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- ¹ty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of ¹ glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the ¹ mighty waters.

**⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow-¹ erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a ¹ voice of splendor. R**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the ¹ cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce-¹ dars of Lebanon;

**⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip ¹ like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a ¹ young wild ox.**

⁷The voice ¹ of the LORD
bursts forth in ¹ lightning flashes.

**⁸The voice of the LORD ¹ shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder-¹ ness of Kadesh. R**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the ¹ forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are ¹ crying, "Glory!"

**¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a-¹ bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for-¹ evermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength ¹ to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless-¹ ings of peace. R

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34–43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13–17

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John

would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children, let us pray that the light of Christ shine on the nations, the church, and all those in need. Let us pray...

That you raise up prophets in the church to call us to faithful service on behalf of the oppressed and all who suffer, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

That we honor your creation and the gift of water by caring for oceans, lakes, rivers, and streams (*especially . . . a local body of water may be named*), let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

That leaders of nations show no partiality as they work for the good of all, especially immigrants, refugees, prisoners, and those without a voice in our societies, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

That the light of your healing shine on those living with illness, addiction, loneliness, or anxiety (*especially*), let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

That you strengthen this assembly to live out our baptismal promises as we witness to your grace in our homes, workplaces, and communities, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

That with the faithful departed we may see the heavens opened and hear your voice declare us beloved daughters and sons, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Receive our prayers and our hopes, God of mercy and justice, for we pray in the name of Christ, the light of the world.

Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Ever-faithful God, you have taken us again into your arms and nourished us as your dear children. Lead us and guide us, that we may share our bread and your healing light with those who hunger and thirst, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God the Father, the Majestic Glory;
God the Son, the Morning Star;
and God the Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
bless you and + grant you peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 9, 2011

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Saturday, January 15

Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.