

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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Liturgy: WS p. 12

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BAPTISM



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## ✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #134

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Pastor

### Confession of Our Sins

**C** Congregation

*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful & need His forgiveness.*

**P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

Have mercy  
on me, *O God,*  
according to your  
steadfast *love.*


**P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

**C** Amen!

### The Kyrie & The Gloria Patri

*Latin for "Lord, Have Mercy" and "Glory be to the Father"*





C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing,  
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

## Collect Prayer of the Day

**P** 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**



### Isaiah 42:1-7

Behold 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. <sup>2</sup> He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. <sup>5</sup> Thus 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 on it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup> "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.



### **Matthew 3:13-17**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John

would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**G** *♫ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***These words are written that we may believe that  
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

### **Confession of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**G** I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

**Hymn: WS #749**

*"Come to Living Word and Water"*



## Romans 6:1-14

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We 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. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We 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. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup> Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup> Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

### **“Wanted, Dead AND Alive!”**

- I. Baptism makes you dead to the service of sin.
- II. Baptism makes you alive to the service of God.

### **The Offertory**

**✪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

### **✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠**

**Hymn: TLH #298:1,2,4,6**     *“Baptized into Thy Name Most Holy”*

# ✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

## The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

*The blessing given by God for His people.*

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace. **C Amen!**

## Hymn: LSB #404

*"Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered"*

1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Had no blem - ish  
 2 John con - fessed Him as the Sav - ior— "Look, the sin - less  
 3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior Great - ly longed to  
 4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Full o - be - dience

of His own; In the wa - ters of the Jor - dan  
 Lamb of God!" Yet he dared not loose the san - dals  
 un - der - go; This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed  
 was Your path; You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed

His true worth and work were shown; Heav - en o - pened  
 Of the One God's love had shod. Oh, how fair the  
 So the world God's love might know; This the mis - sion  
 Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath: Dy - ing to the

and the Spir - it There de - scend - ed like a  
 feet of Je - sus, Bring - ing news of peace to  
 of Mes - si - ah As He stepped from Jor - dan's  
 sin of Ad - am, Ris - ing to a life of

dove, As the Fa - ther's voice re - sound - ed,  
 us, Christ, the her - ald of sal - va - tion,  
 stream, He, the cho - sen and a - noint - ed  
 grace; We are count - ed with the righ - teous,

"Hear My Son, the One I love."  
 Preach - ing mer - cy from the re - deem.  
 Son of God, sent to re - deem.  
 O - ver us the cross You trace.

**Annual Meeting** – The voting members of St. John's are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Voters' Meeting today after the noon potluck meal. Besides regular Board reports, Agenda items will include: Finance Board status update on church/school/cemetery audit, CBP estimate, worship schedule for Lent/Easter, April Quarterly Meeting date.

**School Request** – Our teachers would like to ask for your consideration to share your time/talents with the students of St. John's. If anyone is interested in teaching a class or giving a presentation to our students, your time would be greatly appreciated by both the students and teachers. Perhaps you could teach a class or you could share a hobby or a special interest with the students. If you would like to help or have any ideas, please contact one of the teachers. Thank you!

**2026 CLC Mission Helper Trip** – The application deadline for the 2026 Mission Helper Trip to Africa is quickly approaching. Applications need to be submitted by Sunday, January 18, 2026. There are still spots remaining, so please apply soon. For information/applications, visit [www.mht.lutheranmissions.org](http://www.mht.lutheranmissions.org).

**CLC Call News** – Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has **returned** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, has **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has **received** the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA

<b>Ushers</b>	1/18	Kendall B, Larry B.
	1/25	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	2/1	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
<b>Cleaning</b>		This Week – The Boernsens (wk. 2)
		Up Next – Lueck, Liepold

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

January 19<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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**Mon John 2:1-11** Jesus' glory is revealed through His provision of wine for a wedding banquet. His gifts in little Cana are not only generous (v6), but they are also of the highest quality (v10).

**Tues Romans 12:6-16a** Our faith influences our use of the gifts which God has given to us, for faith works by love. Our love for the Lord will lead us also to love those for whom He died and to hate what is evil.

**Wed Deuteronomy 18:15-19** Like Moses, the promised Prophet would be a true human and Mediator, but not just for Israel. He would bring mankind to the God of forgiveness and salvation!

**Thurs Psalm 16** The one whom God guards does not chase after another god, but has a glorious inheritance that brings gladness to the heart. This is the glory which Christ shares with us!

**Fri Psalm 14** Like the fools who deny God's existence, by ourselves we deserve nothing but punishment from Him. But the Lord restores His people and provides salvation for them, as He promised of old! (V7)

**Sat Luke 19:1-10** The Lord's saving glory is seen as He passes through Jericho. Jesus seeks out Zacchaeus, one who helps the Romans exploit Israel, and He brings salvation also to this son of Abraham (v9).

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