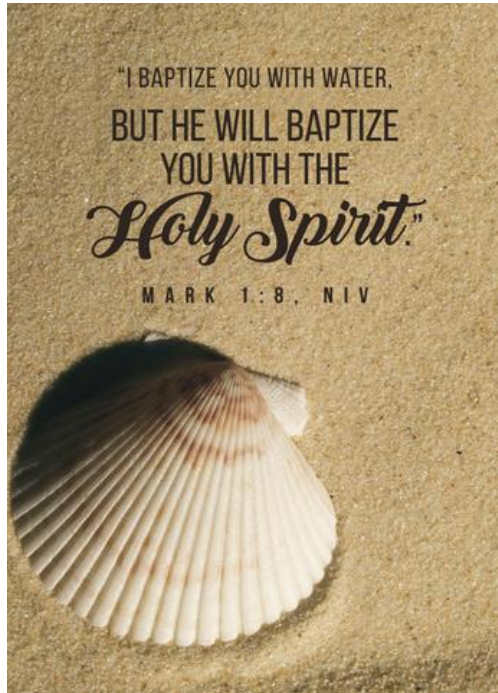


Grow ... Go ... Gather
January 9, 2022



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The Baptism Of Our Lord Sunday

The Order of Service

Preservice Music, Call to Worship, and Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 590, "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of
the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Baptismal Address

P: Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make

disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

And so, recognizing our dire sinful condition, we were baptized in the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We received the sign of the holy cross both upon our (+) forehead and upon our (+) heart to mark us as one redeemed by Christ the crucified. We were baptized by water and God's Word by which God washed away our sin, adopted us into His family, sealed us with the Holy Spirit, and promised us everlasting life.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing the washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus

Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that we who have been baptized according to Your boundless mercy would continue to be blessed with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood, all sin, which we inherited from Adam, and which we have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that we be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, we would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Renunciation

P: As a baptized child of God, do you renounce the devil?

C: Yes, I renounce him.

P: Do you renounce all his works?

C: Yes, I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce all his ways?

C: Yes, I renounce them.

Profession of Faith

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you 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?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you thank and praise God that you are baptized in His holy name?

C: Yes, I do! I am eternally grateful for His mercy and grace granted to me through Christ Jesus my Lord and Savior!

P: May the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, strengthen you with His grace to life (+) everlasting.

C: Amen.

A Hymn of Praise: "Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone" (Tomlin)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

**My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace**

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures **(Chorus)**

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

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. 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. 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. 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. Fear not, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. 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, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Lesson: Romans 6:1-11

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

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. 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A Hymn: LSB 605, "Father Welcomes"

Refrain

Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil-dren To His fam - 'ly

through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,

Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil-dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

Refrain

Mer - cy for your sin.
 Shall be born a gain.
 Live in the peace of God.

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The Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:15-22

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John 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. His 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.” So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But 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, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and 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.”

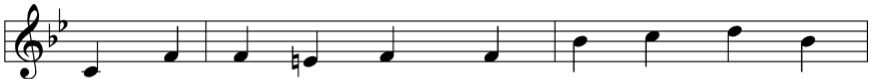
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 405, “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”



1 To Jor - dan’s riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
 4 Then from God’s throne with thun - d’rous sound Came God’s own



heav’n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
 God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
 voice with words pro - found: “This is My Son,” was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow’r, and might.
 Fa - ther’s will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
 heav’n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
 His de - cree, “The one I love, who pleas - es 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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The Sermon

The Offering: During the offering we will sing, AGPS #71 "Behold What Manner of Love" (Sung 3 times)

Verse

Behold what manner of love
The Father has given unto us
Behold what manner of love
The Father has given unto us

Chorus

That we should be called
The sons of God
That we should be called
The sons of God

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The General Prayer of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

A 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 cross:
 Son of God, sent to re - deem.
 O - ver us the cross You trace.

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Salutation and the Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. 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.

The Benediction

LSB 166

P 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 favor and
 T give you peace.

C Amen.

The Closing Hymn: LSB 595, "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: January 9 – 16

- TODAY:** **11:00 a.m.** Coffee Hour
 11:00 a.m. Bible Study
 11:00 a.m. Friends in Faith
 3-5 p.m. Youth Meet
 6:00 p.m. LWML
- Monday:** **6:30 p.m.** Monday Evening Worship
 Service w/ Holy Communion
 7:30 p.m. Council
- Tuesday:** **7:30 p.m.** Bible Study on Zoom
- Wed:** **10:00 a.m.** Bible Study w/ Darrell
- Thursday:** **1:00 p.m.** Dorcas "Game Day"
- Friday:** Pastor's Day off
- Sunday:** **8:00 a.m.** Gizmo Devotions on FB
 9:30 a.m. COMMUNION WORSHIP at St
 James & FBL.
 KIDZ TIME during the sermon, pre-2nd
 11:00 a.m. Bible Study

Those who serve Today:

- Deacon:** Jerry Talen
Ushers: Ben & Ashley Johnson
Lector: Amber Streeter

Those who serve January 16:

- Deacons:** Craig Popma and Bryan Ensing
Ushers: Jim and Nancy Spears
Lector: Charlie Kirt

January Altar Guild: Cindy McAuliffe

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: January 2, 2022

General Fund	\$2,405.00
Plate Collections	10.00
	Total: \$2,415.00
<u>On-line giving</u>	<u>602.50</u>
	Total: \$3,017.50

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: December 31, 2021

General Fund	\$6,155.00
On-line	451.25
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Total:	\$6,606.25



St. James' LWML meets **TONIGHT** at **6:00 p.m.** Ladies, will you join us as we are led in Bible Study by Marjie Weiss.

The study, written by Diane Grebing, is entitled "Setting Our Focus". It promises to be a wonderful way to begin our year of study, fellowship, and service. We hope to see you there.



Is Anyone Interested in Coordinating a Vacation Bible School this summer?

It doesn't have to be a week-long morning event! We might consider other options like an evening VBS or a one day a week VBS for three or four weeks. If you are interested in being the VBS Coordinator, please speak with Pastor.

DORCAS GAME DAY! Join the ladies for a game day at St. James Lutheran Church on Thursday, **January 13th** at **1:00 p.m.** in the Gathering Room. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ward at 616-957-2947.

Youth Meeting! There will be a Youth Event **TODAY** at church from **3:00 – 5:00 p.m.** It is an "After the New Year's" Party. Bring a snack to pass, beverages will be provided and as always - *Friends are welcome to attend!*



Questions? Contact Youth Director Kelsey Butler.

2021 Year End Financial Statements are done. Check your mailboxes.

Beyond the Walls with Jesus – 1 Peter 2:12
A Conference for Laity and Church Workers Together

St. Peter says in 1 Peter 2:12, *“Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.”* It is difficult to live honorably as a child of God when the Church is increasingly marginalized and ridiculed. At this conference, our keynote speakers will help us consider how our faith can shine as we engage with the culture outside the walls of the church

Where is the conference? Our Savior, Lansing

When in the conference? February 5, 2022

Keynote speakers include: Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer; Rev. Dr. Joel Lehenbauer; Rev. Dr. Theodore Hopkins; and Mr. Greg Baylor.

Registration Fee? \$20.00 General and \$15.00 for a student.

For Livestream details see the event page.

For more information visit:

www.michigandistrict.org/theological22.

*If you are interested attending in person, please speak to Pastor Schaeffer **ASAP** so that we can register together and arrange for transportation.*

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Hartland MI, Life Team, Protect Young Eyes, and LFL of MI are sponsoring a **Mental Health & Children Seminar** on **Saturday, February 12, 2022, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.** Tickets are \$15 and can only be purchased online at: <https://oursaviorlifeteam0222.eventbrite.com/>. Last day to purchase tickets is January 29, 2022. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Speakers are Chris McKenna, Founder & CEO of Protect Young Eyes, Pastor Michael Saleminck, LFL Executive Director of Mission and Ministry, and Eric Hipple, former quarterback of the Detroit Lions and a member of Our Savior, Hartland. Go to the link above for more information. A printed ticket and photo ID will be required to enter.