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The Baptism of Our Lord
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Prayer before worship: Heavenly Father, too often we forget who we are: Baptized children of God, adopted by you to live in you and for you. Forgive us for Jesus' sake. Today, as we hear of Jesus' baptism, remind us of who he is: your Son, our Savior. Every day when we shower or wash our hands, remind us of our baptisms where you washed us of every sin. Then let that reminder motivate and empower us to live for you in thanks, with a fresh start each day. Send us your Holy Spirit to help us to that end. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Order of Service: **Saturday:** *Evening Prayer* page 52
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OPENING HYMN	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	CW 80
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MORNING HYMN		p. 45
Sunday		

PSALM of the DAY	Psalm 2	p. 65
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LESSON	1 Samuel 16:1-13
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The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." But Samuel said, "How can I go? Saul will hear about it and kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate." Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?" Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.	Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse had	seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered, "but he is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one." So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.
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GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs 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 he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

SEASONAL RESPONSE

We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son,
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

HYMN of the DAY

To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

CW88

SERMON

Titus 3:4-7

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He

saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that,

having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

A Fresh, New Start

1. A Clean Slate

2. A New Life

MAGNIFICAT TE DEUM

Saturday
Sunday

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OFFERING

PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

*Christ, Your Footprints
Through the Desert*

CW Supplement 709

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PREACHER ORGANIST

Pastor Rob Guenther
Steve Thiesfeldt

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Youth Mission Trip Presentation / "Prayer: A Simple Way to Pray"
Mon	7 pm	Evangelism Meeting
Wed	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Thu	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings
		NO Evening Bible Class
Fri	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Weekly Sermon Topic
Sat	9 am	Cards of Caring: 403 N. Minnesota St.
	10:30 am	Youth Group: Mt. Kato and Chili/Hot Dogs

† Upcoming Services †

Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 20	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: "Prayer: A Simple Way to Pray"
	11 am	Church Officer Installation
Jan 21	7 pm	Council Meeting
Jan 22	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Annual Voters' Meeting
Jan 23	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Jan 24	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: James
Jan 25	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Weekly Sermon Topic
	10 am	Sunset Apt. Service
Jan 27	8 am	Grades 1-8 sing
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: "Prayer: A Simple Way to Pray"
	3:30 pm	St. Paul's School Amazing Race
Jan 28	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Jan 29		St. John's MVL Night: MVL Boys Basketball vs. BLHS High School
Jan 30	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Jan 31	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: James
Feb 1	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Weekly Sermon Topic
Feb 3	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: "Prayer: A Simple Way to Pray"

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 456 with 348 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$13,554	Home Operations ~ \$14,806 is our weekly need		
\$769	MVL ~ \$1,140 is our weekly need	\$120	Lutheran Charities
\$1,161	Missions ~ \$1,681 is our weekly need	\$4	Food & Fellowship
\$1,304	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need		

Hospitalized This Week ~ Richard Hoffmann at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, and also Earl Heidtke at New Ulm Medical Center. Please keep our brothers in Christ in your prayers so that God may grant them health and healing according to his will.

Welcome, New Members! We give thanks to God for the following people who have been a part of our fellowship and have joined St. John's congregation in 2018. May their walk with us be a mutual blessing!

8 am	Alan and Jennifer Uher; Bethany and Kristin from Mount Calvary, Waukesha, WI Ron Zahrt from Grace, Scroggins, TX
9:30 am	Rachel Feld from Bethany, Kenosha, WI David and Trisha Homan; Jack, Noah, and Levi from St. Paul's, New Ulm, MN
11 am	Pastor and Becky Guenther; Josiah, Jacob, Judah, and Joel from Grace, Kenai, AK

Annual Directory ~ please let the church office know if you have a change in your address or phone number for the annual directory. Email changes to: stjohsnewulm@gmail.com or call the church office at 354-6744.

Contribution Statements ~ Statements reflecting contributions for January – December, 2018, are available and can be found in your church bulletin box. Please pick up yours today if you haven't already done so.

2019 Contribution Envelopes ~ The 2019 offering envelopes can be found either in your bulletin box or in alphabetical order on the tables in the new narthex.

Mixed Choir Rehearsals ~ will resume on January 16th.

Thank You Messages ~ The bulletin board in the narthex contains messages of appreciation to the congregation from employees of the congregation for gifts received during the Christmas season. Please take a moment to read the notes.

Cards of Caring ~ The Cards of Caring volunteers will meet Saturdays, January 19, and February 9, to make Warm Winter Wishes, Valentines, Easter, and Anniversary cards for our "Thinking of You" and homebound members. We meet at 403 N. Minnesota St. between 9 am and 12 pm. We welcome MLC students and members age 12 and older. Come and join us for this fun volunteer project. Contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230 with questions.

Youth Group ~ The Youth Group (Grades 6-12) are invited to Mt. Kato on Saturday, January 19th. We'll meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 am. Chili and hot dogs will be served at church following tubing. Please bring \$15 for the lift ticket. Sign up on the youth board in the new narthex if you are able to come. Parents, please pick up the kids at 3:30 pm. We will need drivers to get there and back. Please sign up on the board or contact Lisa Goeglein at ali3b2g@gmail.com or 507-217-7117 if you are able to drive. Thank you!

Newly Elected Church Officers ~ will be installed during the 11 am service on Sunday, January 20.

Annual Voters' Meeting ~ will be Tuesday, January 22 at 7 pm.

St. John's Night at MVL ~ will be Tuesday, January 29th. The MVL boys basketball teams will face the Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart High School teams. The C squad game begins at 4:30 pm and the Junior Varsity game at 5:45 pm followed immediately by the Varsity game at 7:15 pm. Complimentary tickets will be available in the narthex.

Marriage Tune-Up ~ All married couples are invited to Marriage Tune-Up at St. John's Church. We will meet every other Sunday evening at 5 pm beginning on February 17 and going through May 12. Child care is provided during the hour and a half workshop and until 7:30. The hope is that couples take a short date during this hour, to focus on each other and what God's Word says about marriage. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you plan to attend. Also, indicate if you will need child care. Thank you.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Time to Build Campaign Update ~ It's possible that in three months or less work could on-going with our school project! Wow! Preparations are in process for this big milestone. Discussions are ongoing for a ground-breaking in early April. Gifts continue to flow in - \$2,565,233 total with a fund balance of \$1,929,000 after expenses. Please keep our building and campaign committees in your prayers as well as those handling the bid process. Please make donations out to St. Paul's Lutheran School.

MVL Announcements ~ *MVL Anniversary Shirts* MVL has anniversary t-shirts available for purchase, \$10 for adults (S-3XL) and \$7 for youth (S-XL). Limited quantities in certain colors and sizes, so order yours soon! Contact Kristin Matzke at kmatzke@mvlhs.org or 507-354-6851. *Scrip Coordinator Needed* MVL is looking for a volunteer who would be willing to help order Scrip and fill orders for families. The time commitment for this position averages out to about two hours on Monday morning and two hours on Friday morning. If you are interested in serving MVL and our Lord in this way, please contact the MVL office at 507-354-6851.

The Southwest Area Lutheran Chorale ~ invites you to participate in their 2019 season. Our first rehearsal is scheduled for Sunday, January 13th at St. John in Redwood Falls from 2 - 5 pm. Our concerts will be held on Sunday, April 7th, at St. John's, Fairfax at 2 pm and St. Paul's, in St. James at 7 pm. A complete schedule will be distributed at our first rehearsal. You can also learn more by contacting our Organizational Committee: Jim Renz 507-327-7222 (director), Linette Scharlemann 507-227-2161 (director), and Pastor Scott Muske 507-426-7007 (pastoral advisor). New members are always welcome!

St. Paul's Lutheran School PreK Open House ~ for 3 & 4 year olds is Monday, January 14 from 2 - 6 pm. Visit school, let your child "try out" the room and talk to Mrs. Meyer about the Pre-K program! Contact Heidi Meyer, Pre-K Director, at 507-354-2329 with questions. Members of St. John's and St. Paul's are welcome to register early, January 1-14. (Public registration begins Jan 15).

OWLS ~ OWLS will attend MLC Evangelism Day on Wednesday, January 16. The program is dedicated to equip students to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, both in their personal lives and when they serve in the public ministry. Please join the OWLS and hear inspirational speakers as they talk about their evangelism experiences. The first presentation is at 4:30 pm. OWLS will eat dinner in the cafeteria at 5:30 pm. The second presentation follows at 6:10 pm. Registration is required. You can register and view topics and classroom locations at mlc-wels.edu.

Evangelism Day at MLC ~ MLC Evangelism Day is dedicated to equipping MLC students to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, both in their personal lives and when they serve in the public ministry. Again this year, we are proud to offer Evangelism presentations that are open to the public! Please join us Wednesday, January 16 starting at 4:30 pm and be inspired to do outreach one-on-one and within your congregation. For more information, and to register, visit our website - <https://mlc-wels.edu/event/evangelism-day-2019/>

Summit Avenue Music Series ~ presents the world-renowned string quartet, Pro Arte Quartet, on Sunday, January 27, 3 pm, in MLC's Chapel of the Christ. It features the Pro Arte Quartet, described by the *San Francisco Chronicle* as "One of the greatest quartets of our time." Purchase tickets in advance through SummitAvenueMusic.com/tickets or at the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce (1 N. Minnesota St.), or call 507-233-9141 to leave a message. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. For more information visit summitavenuemusic.com/pro-arte-quartet.

Save the Date ~ St. Paul's School Amazing Race Winter Edition is coming your way on Sunday, January 27, at 3:30 pm. Our Race is a team scavenger hunt around New Ulm, patterned after the TV show. In addition to the Race, the event will include supper (taco in a bag), cupcake walk, lightning tournament (a basketball shooting competition), and a silent auction featuring themed baskets put together by each classroom. Everyone is welcome (you don't have to race)! Proceeds will benefit the School Building Project. If you'd like to put together a team, you can find the registration form on our St. Paul's Amazing Race 2019 Facebook page or contact Amy Rich at stampinnut@me.com. Registrations are due to the school office January 10. Registration deadline without t-shirt orders is due Monday, January 21.

Men of Truth ~ **WHAT'S IT MEAN TO BE A "MAN OF GOD"?** Husbands, fathers, and young men, join us for the 4th Annual Men of Truth Conference as we are encouraged from Scripture on what it means to be a "Man of God" on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Martin Luther College. www.menoftruth.org

About the Cover ~ Why did Jesus need to be baptized if John's baptism was "of repentance" and "for the forgiveness of sin"? Jesus had no sin! But Jesus was assuming our place as he lived a perfect life in our place. That's how the Father could be well pleased with him. By our baptisms we are connected to Jesus' sinless life in our place. And so God now says to each of us who are baptized, "You are my child, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."