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**Baptism of Our Lord**  
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**Prayer before worship:** Heavenly Father, too often I act like I know better than you. Every time violate your will, I behave as if I were smarter than you. Forgive me for such foolishness for the sake of your Son, Jesus, who took my place; at his baptism in the Jordan River, throughout his life, and on the cross. Thank you for your gift of baptism which has washed me clean of my sin and made me your adopted child. Help me to remember my baptism every day and to live for you in thanks. In Jesus' name I ask it. Amen.

### **Order of Service: Christian Worship Supplement** ***Divine Service I* p. 15**

#### **OPENING HYMN**

***Hail, O Source of Every Blessing***

***CW87***

#### **FIRST LESSON**

**Isaiah 42:1-7**

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth	justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope." This is what God the LORD says-- he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who	walk on it: "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.
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#### **PSALM of the DAY**

**Psalm 45**

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#### **SECOND LESSON**

**Acts 10:34-38**

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel,	telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached-- how God anointed Jesus of	Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.
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#### **VERSE of the DAY**

Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.  
- Mark 1:11b

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 3:13-17**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

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## HYMN of the DAY

*To Jordan's River Came Our Lord*

**CW89**

## SERMON

**Matthew 3:13-17**

**Jesus Says, "Let It Go!"**

- 1. Let Go of Thinking You Know Better Than God**
- 2. Let Go of Your Sins in His Righteousness**

## OFFERING

## INSTALLATION of NEW OFFICERS

11 am

## PRAYERS and LORD'S PRAYER

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To our worship guests seeking an altar at which to commune: Since the Lord's Supper is an expression of outward unity in the faith as well as inner union with Christ, we ask that those who are not communicant members of our fellowship please schedule a meeting with one of the pastors before coming to the Lord's Table. We ask this in loving obedience to the Scriptures and not in judgment of anyone's faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

## DISTRIBUTION

*Delay Not! Delay Not*

**CW337**

## HYMNS

*God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

**CWS737**

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## PREACHER

Pastor Rob Guenther

## PRESIDING MINISTER

Pastor Jeffrey Bovee

## ORGANIST

Becky Berg

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

Sun	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Prayer
	11 am	Officer Installation
Mon	2 pm	St. Paul's School PreK Open House
	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Tue	9 am	Kitchen Cleaning
	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Council Meeting
Wed	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Thu	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: 2 Kings
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Colossians
Fri	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: I Apologize
	10 am	Sunset Apt. Service

### **† Upcoming Services †**

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Jan 26		NO Sunday School or Bible Class
	11 am	St. Paul's School Dedication Service at St. Paul's School
Jan 28	7 pm	Annual Voters' Meeting
Jan 29	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Jan 30	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: 2 Kings
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Colossians
Jan 31	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: I Apologize
Feb 1	10 am	Youth Group: Game Day
Feb 2	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Prayer
Feb 3	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Feb 4	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting
Feb 5	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Feb 6	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: Colossians
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 2 Kings
Feb 7	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: I Apologize
Feb 8	9 am	Cards of Caring at 403 N. Minnesota St.
Feb 9	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Prayer
	11 am	PreK-8 sing

The full church calendar can be found at [www.stjohnsnewulm.com](http://www.stjohnsnewulm.com)

## **ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Attendance** for the past weekend was 706.

Fruits of faith given over the past two weeks:

\$10,423	Home Operations ~ \$15,346 is our weekly need		
\$1,129	MVL ~ \$1,163 is our weekly need	\$52	Food & Fellowship
\$1,801	Missions ~ \$1,714 is our weekly need	\$30	K-12 Education Assistance
\$689	Building Fund ~ \$1,397 is our weekly need	\$25	St. Paul's School Building Fund

**2020 Newly Elected/Appointed Officers to Council, Boards and Committees** ~ Church Officer Installation will take place at the 11 am service Sunday morning. The following were elected or appointed to office and will be serving our Savior and his congregation for 3 years:

Vice President	Greg Diersen
Financial Secretary	Mike Thom
Deacon	Brad Price
Finance Committee	Bob Johnson
	John Micheel
	Geraldine Steffen
Board of Evangelism	Jesse Zahrt
	Ron Zahrt
Endowment Committee	Mark Bauer
Board of Youth and Education	Stan Aufderheide
MVL Delegate / Alternate	Jon Roux


**St. John's Coffee Mugs** ~ Newly ordered St. John's coffee mugs are used by our prospective member visitation team as a gift to help our new friends remember our local congregation. Perhaps you wish you had your own St. John's mug to help you remember to pray for our ministry during your morning java. Your wish has been granted! Stop by the display table in the narthex to pick up one of these stylish mugs for only \$5 each! Just leave your payment - cash or check to St John's - in the box provided.

**2020 Contribution Envelopes** ~ The 2020 offering envelopes can be found in alphabetical order on the table in the new narthex. If you have done so already, please pick up yours today.

**Volunteers Needed** ~ The St. John's church kitchen is in need of deep cleaning inside all the cupboards and drawers. Tuesday January 21st from 9 am - 12 noon you have the opportunity to assist with this project. All cleaning items will be provided but bring your own gloves if you need them. This is an opportunity for men and women who have some time available on a weekday to help maintain a neat and tidy kitchen. Our kitchen continues to be a busy room in our facility as fellowship opportunities abound and much food is prepared and served. Please consider dedicating some of your time to assist the kitchen committee in accomplishing this task. If you have questions, please call: Grace Stoering at 359-2790 or Jeneane Thiesfeldt at 507-240-4523. Thank you for your help.

**Youth Group Game Day!** ~ Youth in grades 6 - 12 are welcome to come to Game Day on Saturday, February 1st, from 10 am - 12 pm in the church basement. Bring a game and a snack to share. Feel free to bring a friend! See you there!

**Cards of Caring** ~ The St. John's Cards of Caring volunteer group will meet on Saturday, February 8th to make Valentine and warm winter wishes cards for our homebound and "thinking of you" members and also, for our LWMS Befriend a Mission families. We continue to meet at 403 N. Minnesota St (enter on 4th North). You are welcome to come for fun and fellowship between the hours of 9 am and noon as your schedule permits. MLC students are welcome as are our members ages 12 years old and older. Contact Lois Willems with questions at 507-676-1230.

**Charity Donations through Amazon** ~ Support St. John's at no extra cost when you shop smile.amazon.com. In the Account tab, go to Your AmazonSmile. You will find St. John's Lutheran Church, New Ulm as an option when you do a search. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your purchases to St. John's! 

**Parents of College Students** ~ We're hoping to send college students of our congregation cards and Meditations. Please email their snail mail address to Lisa Goeglein at stjohsnewulm@gmail.com. Thank you!

**Contributions for St. Paul's School Building Fund** ~ Please make out checks to "St. John's Lutheran Church" and indicate "St Paul's School Building Fund" on your offering envelope. This will help us better track our congregation's support of the building project. These amounts will be reflected on your St. John's contribution statement. Thank You!

### **AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Concert at MLC** ~ The Summit Avenue Music Series (SAMS) eagerly anticipates the second concert of its 2019-2020 season with a program entitled *French Connection* on Sunday, January 19, at 3 pm. This performance will welcome the return of Peter McGuire on violin, Richard Belcher on cello, and SAMS artistic director Bethel Balge on piano. Tickets are available in advance through SummitAvenueMusic.com or at the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce (1 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm). Individual tickets are \$15 (general) and \$5 (students with ID). Tickets may also be purchased at the door on the day of the concert. For artist bios and further information, please visit our website.

**St. Paul's School PreK Open House** ~ will be on Monday, January 20, from 2 - 6 pm. NEW!! St. Paul's Preschool will offer full day and part-time sessions next school year! St John's and St. Paul's members are invited to have first choice of preschool sessions through Jan 20th. Community "Open Registration" begins Jan. 21. (Many sessions fill by early Feb.) If you have questions, please contact our preschool director, Mrs. Heidi Meyer: hmeyer@splnewulm.org.

**St. Paul's School Dedication Service** ~ Join us in praising God for the blessings the completed building project has given to us! We will dedicate our addition on Sunday, January 26, with a special 11 am worship service at St. Paul's School, immediately followed by a fried chicken dinner and an opportunity for a self-guided tour of the school. The dinner will be catered, but we ask that attendees bring a disposable plate of cookies or bars to share. When our special celebration is completed, we will also open our doors to the public from 3-5pm that same day to share our beautiful new facility with those who are interested in seeing the changes.

**Bible Study** ~ *Time of Discovery* will begin on February 2 at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room at St. Paul's Church. Join us for this six-part series of exploring and discovering how our unique gifts and talents can be used to serve our Savior in thanks for what he's done for us. Together we will grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**MLC Ladies Auxiliary** ~ The annual Bingo Night at MLC is scheduled for 7 pm on Thursday, February 13th. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary for the enjoyment of all MLC students and supported by people such as you has been a highly anticipated and successful event for many years. The success of the event lies in great part on the gifts awarded to the students. Many gifts are needed due to the number of students that participate. You could help by donating: 1) baked goods such as pies, cakes, cookies, bars; 2) gift cards for gas, pizza, stores; 3) quilts; 4) cash. Items should be brought to the MLC receptionist desk by Friday February 7th. The desk is open from 8 am to 4:30 pm weekdays. Baked goods could be delivered on the 13th. You may also mail items to: MLC, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. Questions may be addressed to the receptionist at 507-354-8221. Thank you for your participation in this event. Jeneane Thiesfeldt, contact person 507-240-4523; thiesfjm@gmail.com.

**MLC Wind Symphony Concert** ~ The Martin Luther College Wind Symphony will perform on Sunday, February 16, at 3 pm in the Chapel of the Christ. Please join us as we celebrate God's glorious gift of music. *"It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High!"* (Psalm 92:1).

**Job Openings** ~ Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for one temporary limited-term Men's Cross Country Head Coach. A comprehensive description of this position can be found at [mlc-wels.edu/hr](http://mlc-wels.edu/hr). Interested individuals should apply online. Applications will be accepted through 12 pm (noon) on Tuesday, January 28. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at 507-354-8221.

We are taking staff applications at Jesus Loves Me Learning Center in North Mankato! JLMMLC has six rooms and the purpose of our center is to share the message of Jesus our Savior with everyone. All six rooms have a child-centered environment where children learn and thrive in all developmental areas. We offer competitive wages and fun-filled days. Email [directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com](mailto:directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com) for more information or call 507-508-2041.

## Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors 2020 Programs

FEBRUARY 23 Sunday

Play and dinner at MLC (*The Mouse that Roared*)

MARCH 9 Monday Noon Potluck at St. Paul's, New Ulm

Funeral Planning with Your Pastor

APRIL 20 Monday Noon Potluck at St. Paul's, New Ulm

Senior Scams and Abuse

MAY 4 Monday 9:30 - 4:00

District Rally at MLC



JUNE 8 Monday Noon Potluck, St. Paul's, New Ulm

Game Day

Corn Hole Tournament and Indoor Game Option

JULY ? 7:00 Concert in the Park / Root Beer Floats at St. Paul's

AUGUST 10 Monday 4:00

Picnic at Gary and Geri Steffen's, New Ulm

SEPTEMBER 14 Monday Noon Potluck, St. John's, New Ulm

MVL Scrip and Convention Host Planning

OCTOBER 14-16 Wednesday - Friday

WELS Convention for Seniors at MLC and Best Western

NOVEMBER 9 Monday Noon Potluck, St. John's, New Ulm

WELS "Welcome Home" Video

DECEMBER 14 Monday Noon Dinner at St. Paul's, New Ulm

Program

**About the Cover** ~ "Baptism" is a painting by Danny Hahlbohm (1949-Present) (of "Footprints in the Sand" fame). It depicts John the Baptist finally granting Jesus' request to baptize him. Though it seemed odd to John that the sinless Son of God should receive a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins," Jesus assumed our place and was baptized as if he were a sinner, that he might win our righteousness. Now we live for him in thanks in all we do. (For more information about the artist, visit his website at [www.inspired-art.com](http://www.inspired-art.com).)