



January 13, 2019  
The Baptism of Our Lord

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## **Welcome to God's House of Worship!**

We consider it a privilege to worship our living Lord with you today! If you have any questions regarding our congregation, please talk with the pastor. We look forward to meeting you. Please come again and worship with us very soon!

- The order of worship is found in this folder.
- Restrooms are located in the entry area.
- Our fellowship hall is equipped with a speaker and child-friendly toys.

## **The Meaning of "Christ"**

This Sunday celebrates the baptism of Jesus. This was his formal "anointing." Just as King David was anointed to be the king of Israel, so in his baptism, Jesus was anointed to be our savior. After all, this is the meaning of the word "Christ" – anointed one! May the Holy Spirit guide us this morning to see why Jesus was baptized for us, so that we might be baptized into him.

## **Meditation Before Worship**

Lord God, you anointed your Son to be king for the sake of your Church. Help us, as members of his kingdom, to serve him faithfully and to come to the full knowledge of his grace and glory. Amen.

*Preservice music will be used to help in quiet preparation for worship.*

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## **Divine Service I**

*“Divine Service I” is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian Church  
found in Christian Worship Supplement.*

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**CHOIR ANTHEM** (10:30 a.m.)

**Just a Drop of Living Water**

**OPENING HYMN**

**Hail to the Lord’s Anointed**  
*Christian Worship 93*

*Please stand*

### **INVOCATION**

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

**Congregation:** *(spoken)* **Amen.**

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY** (*Kyrie*)

**ABSOLUTION**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (*spoken*) **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**GLORY TO GOD** (*Gloria in Excelsis*)





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

*Be seated*

## FIRST LESSON

**1 Samuel 16:1-13** (NIV)

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."

<sup>2</sup>But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

<sup>4</sup>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?"

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD<sup>8</sup> anointed stands here before the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>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 people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

<sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." <sup>9</sup>Jesse then had Shammah pass

by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." <sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

<sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

<sup>13</sup> 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 powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalm 2**

*Page 65 in the front of the hymnal*

## SECOND LESSON

**Titus 3:4-7 (NIV)**

<sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> 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, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**Mark 1:11b (NIV)**

M: Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL

**Luke 3:15-17,21,22 (NIV)**

M: The Gospel according to Luke chapter 3.

C:

<sup>15</sup>The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>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."

<sup>21</sup>When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup>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."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C:

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

*Be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It**  
*Christian Worship Supplement 737*

**SERMON**

Text: Luke 3:21-22

Theme: Baptism Has Power!

*Please stand and sing:*

*Be seated*

### **OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS**

*The members of St. Mark's have joined together to spread God's message both in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. You are our guests, and we thank you for giving us the opportunity to share God's Word with you! Please take a moment to sign our friendship register.*

*Please stand*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive**

**us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Be seated*

**HYMN**

**All Who Believe and Are Baptized**

*Christian Worship 299*

*Please stand*

**M:** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** *(spoken)* **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C:** *(spoken)* **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ**

*Christian Worship 401*

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## *Welcome!*

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If this is your first time worshiping with St. Mark<sup>®</sup>, we pray it will be the first of many times! If you have questions, please feel free to speak with Pastor Zamzow or one of the members. Materials are available in the entry; take as much as you<sup>®</sup> like.

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Janet Bitzer (with health concerns)  
Sally Carroll (with health concerns)  
Kevin Peterson (with health concerns—cancer)  
Milo Holderbecker (with health concerns)  
Gene Wagner (Brenda<sup>®</sup> brother, with health concerns)

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Early:	60
Late:	69
Total	129

### SERVING THE LORD AND US

Organists: Jan Barckholtz, Jan Jason  
Greeters: John & Katrina S., Jan B., James & Rachel J.  
Communion helpers (Jan): Boe & Riess (early), TJ Holderbecker & Grob (late)  
Ushers (Jan): T. Carroll, B. Wyman, W. Newell, N. Barckholtz,  
K. Peterson, P. Jones, G. Berget, P. Ekhoﬀ  
Church cleaning for 1/19: Augustine, Kuehn, Nelson, Jason

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# Announcements

## THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone for all the prayers, thoughts, cards, and well wishes during these past months for Chris Bensen's cancer treatments. He is now in remission and will continue maintenance treatments for two years. God bless, Chris & Karon Bensen

## SHOWING CHRISTIAN LOVE

Our brother in Christ, Karl Brummund, is recovering from some bleeding on the brain which caused some stroke like symptoms. His wife Dianne has moved in with their son Ken, who has been extremely helpful. Pastor asked them if they needed anything specifically, and she said that her kids had been very helpful. That said, if anything they could use some Christian encouragement right now. I (Pastor) think that a simple card that expresses hope for Karl's swift healing would go a long way in encouraging the whole family. Thanks for your consideration!

## TELLING THE NEXT GENERATION SEMINAR

On February 9th a seminar called "Telling the Next Generation" is being held in Baxter, MN at Christ Lutheran Church. The seminar offers various outreach strategies and programs to be implemented by a growing Christian Day School like ours. The seminar is open to anyone in the congregation that is interested. Pastor and Principal Bitter will be attending. If you are interested, speak with either of them.

## RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are collecting used Christmas cards to be recycled and repurposed for ministry. If you have cards to donate, please place them in the basket on the counter in the narthex.

## FOOD SHELF

The Ladies Guild will be accepting donations for the COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF. There is a "Tub" located in the narthex for your donations. The month of January will focus on **pancake mix and personal care products** (shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc). Any donations however will be appreciated. Please contact Pat Berget at 759.1321 or [berget@paulbunyan.net](mailto:berget@paulbunyan.net) if you have any questions, suggestions, or comments!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Jan 13 (Sun)</b> .....	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
Jan 14 (Mon).....	5:30 p.m.	Elders meeting
Jan 15 (Tues).....	7:45 a.m.	Mens Bible Study @ Country Kitchen
	10:00 a.m.	Moms & Tots
	6:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Information Class (BIC)
Jan 16 (Wed).....	10:00 a.m.	Womens Bible Study
	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Jan 19 (Sat).....	10:00 a.m.	Jesus Cares
<b>Jan 20 (Sun)</b> .....	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship with Communion</b>
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship with Communion</b>

If you would like to have St. Mark's online calendar synced with your Google calendar, you can choose "Add a friend's calendar" and put in: [calendar@stmarksbemidji.org](mailto:calendar@stmarksbemidji.org)

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**St. Mark's Mission Statement**

We, the members of St. Mark's, are a Christ-centered church family that will **glorify** God, **grow** in His Word, and **go** with it to all.  
(1 Corinthians 10:31, 2 Peter 3:18, Matthew 28:18-20)