

ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

The Baptism of our Lord

January 13th & 14st, 2024

We ask that you please fill out a yellow attendance card and place it in the offering basket. Attendance cards are in the pews. Thank you very much!

The Season

The world is starving for good news. And that is exactly what we get at Christmas. The angel told the shepherds, "I bring you good news of great joy" (Luke 2:10). The angel reported a fact—the birth of One who would make everything right again. This child would remove all our fears and fill our hearts with joy.

The Sunday

Jesus' baptism reveals to us who he really is. Our own baptism does the same. Our baptism was the beginning of a new and better life—eternal life—a gift graciously given to us by our truest friend. Jesus' ministry and our eternity with him. It begins with baptism.

The Service

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar in which we joyfully receive Christ's body and blood, in, with, and under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament we also give public confession of our complete unity in the Christian faith. We invite communicant members of St. Lucas Lutheran Church, or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) to commune. If you are a guest visiting with us today, please refrain from communing until you have spoken with our pastor. The congregation reads the potions in bold print.

Prayer before Worship

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you, loving Lord, for cleansing me of my sins and adopting me into your family through the miracle of Holy Baptism. As I worship today, help me remember what my baptism means to me. Lead me to feel genuine sorrow for my sins and empower me to put down the sinful nature that still lives in me. Lift me up as I hear your promise of forgiveness and give me strength to live a life pleasing to you.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning Organist: Coralee Henning

Ushers: Mike Beyer (6 pm Saturday)
Henry Schacht (8 am Sunday)
Dough Strack (10:30 am Sunday)

Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert

Christian Worship Supplement 709 Stand for 4th stanza



This hymn not only underscores the significance of our Lord's baptism in his work of salvation but also demonstrates the intimate connection between his baptism and our own.

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In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

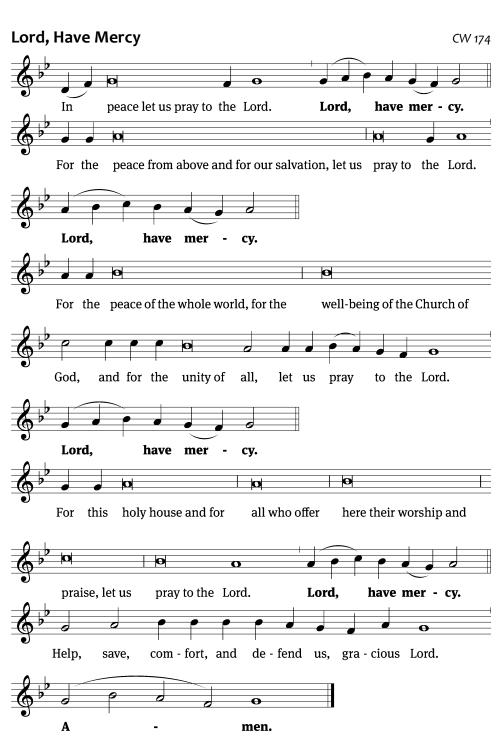
with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.







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The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-6

Through the pen of the prophet Isaiah, the Messiah himself speaks, telling us of the work he would do when he was anointed at his baptism.

¹Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

and concealed me in his quiver.

3He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant

to bring Jacob back to him

and gather Israel to himself,

for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD

and my God has been my strength—

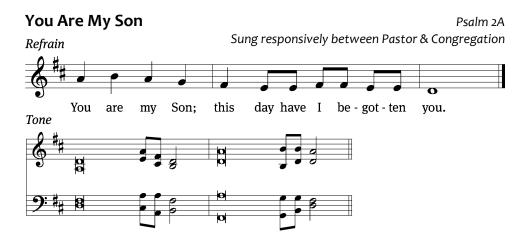
⁶he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant

to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Why do the / nations rage?

Why do the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers assemble a- / gainst the LORD and against his A- / nointed One. *Refrain*

He who sits in / heaven laughs;

the Lord / scoffs at them.

Then he addresses them in his anger and frightens them with his fury, / saying,

"I have set my King on Zion, my / holy hill." Refrain

I will declare the / LORD's decree:

He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- / gotten you."

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the / Holy Spirit,

as it was in the be-/ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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Second Reading

Romans 6:1-11

St. Paul connects our baptism to Christ, and he discusses the results of that connection in our lives.

¹What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—

⁷because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

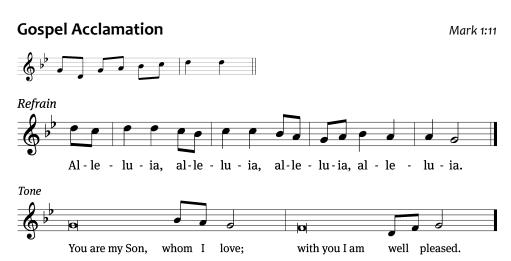
⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand



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Gospel Mark 1:4–11

Jesus public ministry begins with the anointing he received in his baptism.

⁴And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew





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Sermon

Remembrance of Baptism

Holy Baptism is the priceless means of grace by which our Father in heaven connects us with Christ in his life, death, and resurrection. The apostle Paul wrote: "All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Again Paul wrote: "All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

In Holy Baptism, God takes away our sins and gives us new life. We reject the devil and confess that we believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

I ask you: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty? Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

Yes, 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.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Yes, 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.

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to remain faithful to your Lord Jesus, to value the Word and sacraments, and to live a life that pleases God?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

May the eternal God, who saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you to everlasting life.

Amen.

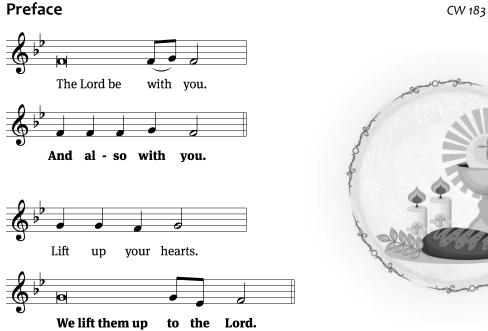
Loving Father, lead us to rejoice every day as we remember our baptism. When we sin against you and others, give us power to put down the sinful nature that was drowned in the water of baptism. When we doubt your love, cause us to remember the promises you made when we came to the font. When we feel weak, invigorate us with the hope of eternal life that awaits all who are baptized and believe in you.

Keep in your care all our brothers and sisters who are suffering in sickness, enduring hardship, carrying a cross, or mourning the death of someone they love. Let them also return to their baptism and remember the blessings you bestowed on them through the water and the Word. Keep all the baptized in your care and bring us at last to the river of the water of life in heaven.

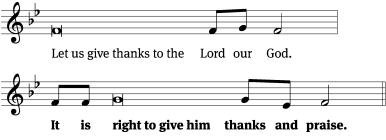
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The Sacrament







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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.



Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**



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Distribution



- 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 true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go + in peace.

Amen.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

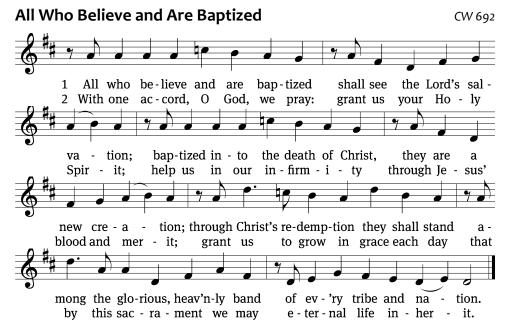
Blessing

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.

Amen.



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Announcements

Attendance Cards: We ask that you please fill out a yellow attendance card and place it in the offering basket. Attendance cards are in the pews. Thank you very much!

St. Lucas Women's Retreat: St. Lucas Women's Ministry is hosting their 19 th annual one-day retreat on **Saturday, March 9,2024** titled "Make a Joyful Noise". The retreat will be held at St. Lucas Lutheran School, 1410 Parkview Drive, Kewaskum, WI, in Hoenecke Hall on begenning at 8:30 AM and concluding at about 2:45. A non-refundable registration fee of \$30.00 includes lunch and presentations. This is a one-day retreat filled with speakers, worship, and fellowship. Andy Braun, Rachel Braun, and Jeremy Bakken of Branches Band will be presenting at this year's retreat.

A printable brochure with registration form is available on our website www.stlucaswels.org or can be picked up in the church annex on the left side as you leave church. Registration is also possible at https://Stlucasretreat.eventbrite.com Registrations are due by February 20 th. Please call Sandy Survis 262-483-7988 with questions.

Lutheran Memorial Park – **Annual Lot Holders Meeting:** The annual lot holders meeting will be held Monday, January 22, 2024, at 6:30pm in the St. Lucas School Meeting Room. Anyone interested in serving on the Cemetery Board, please contact Chairman Paul Lemke at 262-626-4829 or Secretary Joyce Kral at 262-626-2725.

PTO Gala Meeting: The PTO will be hosting a meeting for their spring gala on Wednesday 1/17/24 in the upstairs meeting room of the School at 6:30 pm. All who are interested are invited to attend.

PTO Spring Fundraising Gala – "**Pearl of the Sea**": I know, it's hard to think about spring being right around the corner when the air is getting colder by the day and lingering Christmas decorations still twinkle around town. In reality, St, Lucas Lutheran Grade School's PTO fundraising gala is only two short months away! Make sure you mark your calendars for this fantastic event being held on **Thursday March 7**th, **2024**. The gala aims to raise funds for the school all while providing an enchanting evening for all in attendance. The event will take place at Foundry 45 with food provided by Crave Catering, live music by Whole Yachta Love, and friendly fellowship. In addition to the food, there will be a silent auction as well as a raffle.

The PTO would like to reach out for assistance in making this an enjoyable and successful evening. They are in need of volunteers to assist with various tasks, donations of any size, silent auction items, and gift baskets for the raffle. The PTO will provide a donation receipt for any donations made that will include the PTO's tax-exempt number for your records.

If you are interested in volunteering your time, providing a donation, or have any questions, please contact Liz Dreher at (262) 923-0241 or Jenell Enright at (608) 669-3190 or jenellenright@gmail.com.

KML Job Openings:

<u>Director of Operations</u>: Due to the upcoming retirement of Mr. Jody Hansen, KML is looking to hire a Director of Operations. The Director of Operations has the important role of leading the fiscal and business affairs of KML and includes oversight of the maintenance of the facility. This

individual is a member of the 1KML Leadership Team and is directly accountable to the President. The position is full-time with benefits. KML desires this person to start around April 2024. **Please submit cover letters and resumes by February 5, 2024**, **to Mr. Jody Hansen, Director of Operations** (jody.hansen@kmlhs.org). Questions? Email President Jamie Luehring (jamie.luehring@kmlhs.org) and/or Director of Operations Jody Hansen.

<u>Gift Planning Officer</u>: KML is looking to fill the position of **Gift Planning Officer** due to the upcoming retirement of Mr. Paul Snamiska. The Gift Planning Officer is responsible for supporting the KML Federation through deferred giving, estate planning, and alumni engagement. This individual is a member of the Mission Advancement Team and is directly accountable to the Director of Mission Advancement. The position is full-time with benefits. KML desires this person to start around April 2024. <u>Click HERE for a more detailed job description</u>. Please submit cover letters and resumes by <u>February 5, 2024</u>, to Mrs. Wendy Breimon, Director of Mission Advancement (<u>wendy.breimon@kmlhs.org</u>). Questions? Email Director of Mission Advancement Wendy Breimon.

Study Hall/Commons Supervisor: KML is looking to fill the position of Study Hall/Commons Supervisor. Duties include monitoring students, maintaining an atmosphere conducive to study, issuing student passes as needed, collecting and entering lunch deposits, and depositing money with the fiscal office. Additionally, the person in this position will compile and disseminate school-wide morning announcements. This is a part-time seasonal position of approximately 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM, Monday - Friday, yearly from August through May (during the school year). Proposed start date for this job opening: January 2024. Hourly pay is based on experience. This position does not include benefits. Please submit questions and resumes on or before January 15, 2024, to Mrs. Melanie Schoeneck (262.677.4051 x4018; melanie.schoeneck@kmlhs.org).

<u>Concessions</u>: Work in KML's **concession stand** during home games and tournaments. This entails simple food preparation, customer service, and clean up. The schedule involves nights and weekends. **If interested or for additional information, contact Mr. Jody Hansen, Director of Operations** (262.677.4051 x4004; jody.hansen@kmlhs.org).

Travel to Germany in July 2024: Recently five spots became available for the 2024 summer trip to Germany, sponsored by Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. This trip is open to anyone, students and adults. If interested, contact Mr. Wes Schmandt (wes.schmandt@kmlhs.org). More info: bit.ly/KMLGermany24.

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Austin Ksioszk – 1/14 Audra Beyer – 1/18
Austin Nagel – 1/14 Gary Hostettler – 1/18

CALENDAR

Readings for January 14th - January 21st

Sunday

Ezekiel 36:33-37:14 Romans 5:1-21

Worship w/Communion 8 am

Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am Worship w/Communion 10:30 am

Monday

Ezekiel 37:15-28 Romans 6:1-23

Tuesday

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Ezekiel 38:1-23

Romans 7:1-20

Bible Study - 6:30 pm

Wednesday

Ezekiel 39:1-10, 17-29 Romans 7:21-8:17

Catechism Instruction 6th-8th Grade - 3:30 pm PTO Gala Meeting -6:30 pm

Thursday

Ezekiel 40:1-4, 43:1-21 Ezekiel 40:5-42:26; 43:13-27 Romans 8:18-39

Fuel for Moms - 7:45 am Bible Study - 10 am Ladies Guild - 6:30 pm

Friday

Ezekiel 44:1-16, 23-29 Romans 9:1-18

JAN 20

Saturday

Ezekiel 47:1-14, 21-23 Romans 9:19-33

Worship - 6 pm

Sunday

John 1:1-20 Romans 10:1-21

Worship - 8 am

Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am

Worship - 10:30 am

Ushers for 1/20 & 1/21

Sat. 1/20 6 pm - Butzke

Sun. 1/21 8 am - Kempf

Sun. 1/21 10:30 am - Koch

Ushers for 1/27 & 1/28

Sat. 1/20 6 pm - Peters

Sun. 1/21 8 am - Stoltz

Sun. 1/21 10:30 am - Wolter

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