

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 9, 2021

Are you a member or a guest? Pastoral Care - **All Visitor's and members**, please notice the red book on one end of your pew titled "Record of Fellowship". In order to help the pastor provide good care for you please fill out one line and pass it to the next person in the pew. If someone comes after the book has passed to the other end of the pew, please assist by making sure the book is available to them. Please check all of the boxes in the middle of the line which are applicable to you. If you require a large print copy of the worship service, to better help you, please ask an usher.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.



Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold membership in a congregation other than a congregation in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod should refrain from receiving communion. If you are a member in good standing of another congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and would like to receive the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor or an elder prior to the service. We ask this out of Christian love and concern for you. (Please, indicate to Pastor if you require a Gluten Free Wafer.)

About our Lord's work at St. Matthew this week

- TODAY Communion Worship Service **9:00 AM**
Bible Class following Worship; Sunday School **10:15-11:30 AM**
- MONDAY Bible Class **10:00 AM**
- TUESDAY Catechism Book/Bible Study **9:00 AM**; Worship at KRCC **10:15 AM**
- WEDNESDAY Quilting **1:00 PM**
- THURSDAY Quilting **1:00 PM**; Council Meeting **7:00 PM**
- SUNDAY Communion Worship Service **9:00 AM**
Voter's Meeting following Worship; Sunday School **10:15-11:30 AM**

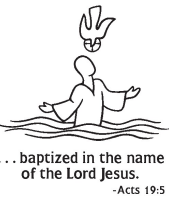
Gifts for the work of the Lord: \$ 4,279.00 (Jan.2) Summary to date:\$ 4,279.00
Together in Worship: Jan. 2 (56) Together on the internet: 178

Please consider this information in the light of God's Word, which encourages regular worship and the joyful giving of our offerings for the expansion of His Mission at St. Matthew by Reaching, Caring and Sharing Christ!



Social distancing is still recommended. The congregation continues to provide masks if you would like to wear them, and hand sanitizer is also available for your use. There is usually adequate seating at the front of the sanctuary if you prefer more social distance or in the Fellowship Hall. We do offer the common cup at the communion rail, as well as individual cups. If you have further concerns please contact the elders.

Luke 3:21 – "Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened." We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn't need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.



About the Cover: The voice from the heaven announces, "You are My beloved Son." Jesus, though He has no sin, has joined Himself to sinners in a Baptism for the repentance of sins, which He did not need. Likewise, He was counted among sinners as He hung on the cross in atonement for our sins. He united Himself to us in order that He might bring us into His resurrection life. In Holy Baptism, we each have been united to His cross and resurrection life so that we are dead to sin and alive to God.



Listen to the Lutheran Hour, next Sunday morning at 7:30 am on KDKT 1410 AM radio to hear "**Hazed and Confused**". Presented by speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God is against our pride because He wants to give Himself to us. (Luke 4:1-37)



Today in Sunday School:

Welcome back to Sunday School!!

Following worship today, the poinsettias are available for anyone to take home. Thank you to those who made our Advent Season special gift of a living adornment.



Men's Retreat is next weekend!

If you're planning to attend and haven't reached out to me or Rev. Bonine please do so. Father & son duos are encouraged to come. 2022 ND Men's Retreat - January 14-15, 2022 @ Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads. Rev. Dr. Michael W. Zeigler, Speaker of The



Lutheran Hour® presenting on Christian Hope. Contact Corey Isaak for more information. corey.isaak@gracefargo.org 701-281-0240

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- † Those struggling with cancer: **Sheila Faut / Becky Post / Judy Fitzgerald / Marcia & Elwood Grushow / Emily Zietz / Beth Wangler / Delmer Meissel / Nicole (Kilber) Teske / Kelly Weisz / Judy Johnson**
- † **Sophia Fischer / Carla Morast / Dewayne Sjostrand / Rev. Erich Kaelberer / Harold Mathisen / Marcella Knoell / Rev. Tom Eckstein / Myron Maas / Dave Fitzgerald / Stan Hanewald / Dawn Phillips / Allegra Boeckel / Betty Getz / Tracy Wolter / Emma Huber / Rev. Allan Eppen / Christine Albers / Rodney Wagner / Elmer Schiermeister / Layton Bornemann / Chloe Graberek / Alvin Scheid / Bob Johnstone** for strength and healing.
- † **Erna / Bea / Frieda / Hertha / Dallas & Monica / Dallas & Betty / Orlene Schaper** who reside in a care center.
- † **Pastors of our LCMS ND District**
- † **Large Print Work Center #193 / Dakota Hope Clinic**
- † **International Missions of the District**
- † **Our Military Personnel, Law Enforcement, and Rescue Workers**

Prayer chain contacts: Bonita Maas 748-6145 & Marie Mathisen 748-6347



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Worship
Service
9:00 a.m.

Sunday School
& Bible Study
10:15 a.m.

Hear our
Sunday Morning
Service *live*
each Sunday on
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