

Jesus
was baptized
by John in
the Jordan

MARK 1:9

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
Church Office: 717-637-7101
Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday, January 10, 2021
9:00 a.m.



WELCOME! ARE YOU NEW? We are a group of people gathered together to make a difference. We seek to make a difference in ourselves, in our neighborhoods, and in our world. We are thankful that you are here today. Check out our website at www.stmattlutheran.org, where you can find out more about us and get connected into our community.

Please tear off and put in the offering basket as you leave:

Names of everyone attending Sunday, January 10, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.:

Would you like to be added to our email list? **Please list your name and email address:**

Please list any prayer concerns you would like added to prayers that are said in the service____ the prayer chain____ or both ____ (Please check preference):

Would you like to be contacted by a pastor? Please list phone number:

Pastor: Holy God,

All: you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin— our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

Pastor: How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN *Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God* - No. 458

Praise and thanks - giv - ing be to God our
Praise to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

mak - er, source of all bless - ing, prod - i - gal cre -
Spir - it: one Lord, one faith, one source of ev - 'ry



a - tor. Bap - tized and made your own, now we come be -
mer - it. Here now re - new your church through this sym - bol



fore you, and we a - dore you.
giv - en; grant peace from heav - en.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice
moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and
transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1:1-5 *Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.*

Pastor: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:4-11 *Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.*

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Kathy Vitalis Hoffman

MUSICAL OFFERING *What the Lord Has Done For Me* **Morgan/Larson**
(Lea Coppola and Brenna Sheaffer, Soloists)

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Apostle's Creed*

Pastor: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

Each petition concludes, *“let us pray.”* and the congregation responds, ***“Have mercy, O God.”***

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

*(The congregation is invited to greet one another in your own cars
with the words “Peace be with you.”)*

You may also honk your horn to greet others!

THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus.
Come and be fed.

All: Amen.

RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS OF BREAD AND WINE

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

All: Amen. (*Eat wafer*)

(Pause)

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

All: Amen. (*Drink juice*)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your
very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth
from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim
your good news and serve others in your name.

All: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.

All: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Baptized and Set Free – No. 453*



We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Our warm thanks to all those assisting in our worship services this morning:

MusiciansBen and Tyler Newman, Griffin Kuhn and Scott Fredericks,
Lea Coppola and Brenna Sheaffer, Soloists

Parking AttendantsJeremy Bucher, Jan Davis, Roland Kunde,
Tim Peck, Barb Rupp, Tom Shultz, Linda Wheeler

Worship AssistantsJoan Belt, Ardis Kunde, Gail Mummert

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jere Dubs by the family; and in loving memory of Robert C. Hartman who passed away January 12, 2012, by Charlotte and family; and in loving memory of Donald Krug who passed away January 10, 2017 and in honor of Doris Krug by their granddaughter Tami Feeser and family; and in loving memory of M. Sue (Cover) Nicks who passed away January 12, 2020, by her mother Loretta and family.

THE BULLETINS have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert C. Hartman who passed away January 12, 2012, by Charlotte and family.

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be held for Faye A. Swayze at the convenience of the family. Though we celebrate the departure of her life to be with the Lord, we also include in our prayers of support the members of her family and all who are bereaved.

Attendance: (01/03) 9:00 a.m. service93
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RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE READINGS for the week of January 10-17, 2021:

Sunday: Mark 1:4-11	Thursday: 2 Corinthians 10:1-11
Monday: Romans 4:1-12	Friday: Acts 13:16-25
Tuesday: Acts 22:2-16	Saturday: Matthew 25:1-13
Wednesday: John 1:29-34	

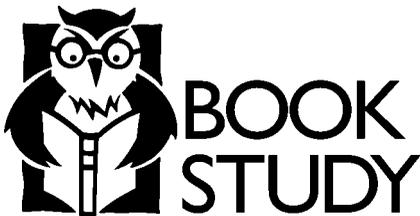
St. Matthew Calendar January 10 – 17, 2021

Sun.	Drive-In Worship with Holy Communion.....	9:00 a.m.
Mon.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:15-11:15 a.m.
Tues.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45-11:45 a.m.
Wed.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45-11:45 a.m.
Thurs.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45-11:45 a.m.
Fri.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45-11:45 a.m.
Sun.	Drive-In Worship with Holy Communion.....	9:00 a.m.
	Youth Group (Zoom)	6:00-8:00 p.m.



THE PRAYER CHAIN meeting will not occur in February due to the pandemic, but Gloria Koontz will update the list. If you have any changes or updates for the prayer chain, please notify Gloria, 717-637-7434, by January 25. Persons or situations added to the prayer chain are kept on the list for 3 months. At that time they are removed if there have been no calls asking to extend their stay on the list. Our pray-ers do like to hear about prayers answered so, please keep them updated as to the person/situation. Thank you to all who assist in this ministry!

INTERESTED IN ST. MATTHEW? Are you new to the area? Have you been worshipping with us for a while? Would you like to know more about this congregational community? If so, please let us know on page 2 of this bulletin by giving us your email address and telling us of your interest or note that you would like to be contacted by a pastor. You can tear it off and hand it to a parking attendant or put in the offering basket as you leave the parking lot.



“LOVING JESUS” BOOK STUDY Pastor David will be leading a discussion group on a book entitled, “*Loving Jesus*,” by Mark Allan Powell. The book invites us to fall in love with Jesus all over again. Powell reminds us how loving Jesus is and how love worthy we are by God’s grace. His book rejuvenates

our faith and outreach by teaching us how desperate for true love our world is and how thoroughly our spirituality can be imbued with love as it becomes more deeply formed by the Scriptures, prayer and worship.

Due to the recent changes to indoor meetings, the discussion group will only meet Wednesday evenings via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. The classes began on January 6 and will run for approximately 6 weeks. It is not too late to join! **Please contact the church office to receive the Zoom link, info@stmattlutheran.org.** Books are available to purchase in the church office for \$10.

OUR 2021 GIVING ENVELOPES ARE available in the hallway outside Fellowship Hall. **We have renumbered our envelopes for next year.** After many years, it was time to consolidate the numbers. This will save money in the number of envelopes we order moving forward. **The envelopes are in alphabetical order.** For the 9:00 drive-in service, please ask a parking attendant and they will bring you your envelopes. Or call the church office to pick them up during the week.



2020 HAS BEEN A VERY UNUSUAL YEAR for all of us. The pandemic has turned our world upside down and has caused many problems. St. Matthew has a Human Needs Fund to help if you are having financial hardships. It may be very stressful for some to admit that they need financial assistance, but we are here to help and will keep it very confidential. Please call, 717-637-7101, ext. 225.
Doris Deitzel, Lay Pastoral Assistant

ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT which is usually held the second Tuesday of the month, will not be held again this month due to the pandemic. If your committee would need to meet, please consider meeting virtually. You can contact Jane in the church office, 717-637-7101, ext. 222, and she can set up a Zoom meeting for your committee. Please note though that we will need annual reports done by the end of January. See the article below.

DONATE NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS FOR THE CARING CUPBOARD – Donations of food can be put directly in the cupboard, dropped off in the church office or given to a parking attendant.

ANNUAL REPORTS are due in the church office by Monday, January 25. We realize that many committees were not active for most of last year due to the pandemic. If that is the case with your committee, please submit a report that would indicate who is on the committee and that there has been no activity due to the pandemic. This is a historical document and we hope to have a clear report of how this past year affected St. Matthew and our activities. If you have email access, please email your report to info@stmattlutheran.org. If you do not have e-mail access, we would appreciate if you could have the report typewritten. If you need a copy of your committee's report from last year or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Stacy, ext. 223, or Jane, ext. 222, in the Church Office, 717-637-7101. Thank you for your time!



THE CHURCH LIBRARY is a wonderful resource for reading for education and for fun! The library is open during office hours during the week and may be accessed after the 9:00 a.m. service by request. Please see Deacon Jan or one of the pastors to let you into the building. We have a wide array of Christian fiction, including Jan Karon's popular Mitford series. Currently on display are fiction and non-fiction books on racism. Basically, educational books are on the left side as you enter and fiction and devotional books are on the right. A large children and youth section is located on the first shelves to the right. Come and browse and spend these dark winter evenings with a good book!





OUR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY continues to offer free yarn and knitting needles or crochet hooks for you to create a tangible sign of God's love. The Yarn Exchange is located in the lounge and includes yarn for prayer shawls, finger labyrinths and prayer squares. Knit and crochet instructions are also available. Don't know how to knit or crochet? Our team is ready to help you learn! Please contact Deacon Jan for more information.

AT THEIR DECEMBER 14 MEETING, the Congregation Council made the difficult decision to suspend indoor worship until further notice. Unless the weather forbids it, we will continue to hold Drive-In worship every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Our online worship services will be posted on Facebook, our YouTube channel and on our website, www.stmatthlutheran.org.

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Psalm 29**SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7**

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this,

they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Next Sunday's Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51.

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