

**The Baptism of Our Lord
January 11, 2026 8:30 A.M.
St. John's Lutheran Church**

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Announcements

Prelude

See The Eastern Star

Michael Burkhardt

Ringing of the Church Bell

Confession and Forgiveness

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P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, [☩] one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, whose salvation is sure.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most Merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

As With Gladness Men of Old

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Greeting and Kyrie

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

C: Amen

The Hymn of Praise (*Glory to God in the Highest...*)

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L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

P. O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-9

L: ¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Psalm: 29 (read responsively)

P: ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

C: ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

P: ³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

C: ⁴ The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

P: ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C: ⁶ the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

P: ⁷ The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

C: ⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

P: ⁹ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

C: ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.

P: ¹¹ O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10: 34-43

L: ³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Special Music: Following the Star to Bethlehem Dan Edwards
Senior Choir and Piano

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation "Allelulia, Lord to whom shall we go?" page 151
C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17

C: Glory to You, O Lord/ Praise to You, O Christ.

P: ¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the

heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him.
¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Message

Confession of Faith

Apostle's Creed

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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.

Offering Hymn:

Shall We Gather at the River

ELW# 423

Offering Prayer:

P: God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet you reveal the wideness of your mercy and love in sending your Son. Use what we have gathered to feed all in need in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayers of the Church:

P: Merciful God....

C: Receive our prayer!

The Lord's Prayer

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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.

Benediction:

P: May the triune God, send us forth with joy that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, in the name of the Father, and of the Son  and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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Dismissal: **P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

<u>Activities this Week at St. John's</u>		<u>Jan 11, 2026, to Jan 21, 2026</u>
Sun, Jan 11	8:30am & 10:30am	Worship Services
	9:30am	Senior Choir/Sunday School
	7:00 pm	Men's Choir
Tues, Jan 13		No Sarah Circle until April
	7:00pm	Virtually Dorcas Circle
Wed, Jan 14	6:00pm	Youth Bell Choir
	7:00pm	Senior Bell Choir, Confirmation
Thurs, Jan 15		Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)
Sun, Jan 18	8:30am & 10:30am	Worship Services W/ Communion
	9:30am	Senior Choir/Sunday School
	7:00 pm	Men's Choir
Tues, Jan 20	1:30pm	WELCA mtg, Lounge
	6:00pm	Trustee Mtg *Tentative
Wed, Jan 21	6:00pm	Youth Bell Choir
	7:00pm	Senior Bell Choir, Confirmation

General Funds (undesignated)

Jan 1 – Jan 7, 2026	
Actual Income	\$1979.21
Actual Expenses	\$0
Jan 1 – Jan 31, 2026	
Budget Expenses	\$17,239

Attendance

2026 Average	86
2025 Average	103

Greeters	8:30am	Lee & Chris Ellickson
	10:30am	
Readers	8:30am	Dave Sanderson
	10:30am	Ed Stamper
Ushers	8:30am	Tom & Bev Leiran Family
	10:30am	Yohe/Fahey Family
Secretary		Lana Dahlstrom
Custodians		John & Sharon Roe
Organist/Director of Music		James H. Bieber
Pastor		Waldemar Gies

Today we welcome **Pastor, Waldemar Gies**, who will be leading us in worship.

Radio Broadcast Ministry Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by generous gifts received during the holidays. We are grateful for your faithful support of this important outreach ministry.

Join us Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. on KNEI 103.5 FM to listen to the service.

Note: When sponsoring a broadcast, you have the opportunity to select a hymn of your choice for that service.

Attention Members: Please contact the Church Office at 563-568-3623 or email

stjohnswaukon@gmail.com with your current email, address, phone so we can update our records for all 2026 Church correspondence. Thank you for helping us stay connected!

The 2026 Mailing Directories are now available! Please pick up your copy in the Church Narthex.

Baby kits are again being made for World Relief. Thrivent Action Teams contributed \$250 to complete 20 kits with what we already had collected. You can help by supplying a larger blanket 36"-50", smaller blanket, 2 t-shirts (Sz 3-24 Mo), a sweatshirt with a hood, 2 sleepers or pajamas without feet, socks, or cloth flat fold diapers. Things can be gently used if donated. Thank you to all that keep this project going!

Thank you for your continued support of St. John's Lutheran Church. **2025 giving statements** (Jan 1–Dec 31) will be printed and mailed with the 2026 Pledge Cards in the coming week. Questions may be directed to the Church Office.

Church Committees: We ask all committees to submit their reports to the church office by **January 8, 2026**, to allow the Financial Review Committee to complete its work.

The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for January 25, 2026 at 12:30 pm. Please watch for confirmation following approval by the Church Officers and Board of Trustees.

The **LYO** will be having their annual soup, sandwich, and dessert Luncheon prior to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25, 2026, serving from 11:00 am to 12:15 pm. We will be serving soup and chili, along with ham and grilled cheese sandwiches, dessert, coffee and milk.

Call Committee Update: We have completed the Ministry Site Profile and submitted it to Synod staff for review, and we continue to move forward in the call process. If you have not already completed the Congregational Questionnaire, we invite you to do so. Copies are available in the narthex. Please return completed questionnaires to the wooden drop box at the back of the church or to the church office.

Camp EWALU Summer camp registration IS NOW OPEN! **Adult Enrichment Event** with outdoor photographer Kip Ladage has been rescheduled for Thursday, January 15, at camp. **Winter Family Fun Day** is Saturday, January 17, at camp and would make a great group outing for youth and families. Registration is NOW OPEN on the website www.ewalu.org/Summer-Camp, or call the EWALU office M-F at 563-933-4700.

Walk with Ease February 2- April 2 Monday/Thursday 2-3pm at the Waukon Wellness Center. Registration deadline January 16, see bulletin board for more information.

Volunteers for Jan 18, 2026, service:

Ushers for January: 8:30 am Tom & Bev Leiran Family; 10:30 am: Yohe/Fahey Family

Greeters: 8:30 am Bev Haas 10:30 am:

Readers: 8:30 am Sue Blagsvedt; 10:30 am Karen Stamper

Comm. Asst	8:30am	Randy Hesse, Bonnie Roe, Vickie Larson
	10:30am	Karen Stamper
Comm. Prep	8:30am	Kayla Leiran, Kreed Leiran
	10:30am	Altar Guild