



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**120 West Gano Chance Road  
Centralia, Missouri 65240**

**The Baptism of Our Lord  
January 13, 2019**

**WELCOME**

**Pastor Robert Kriete (vacancy)**

**DIVINE SERVICE (Setting Four) – Lutheran Service Book pp. 203-212**

**Entrance Hymn: *LSB* 400 – “Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”**

**Hymn of the Day: *LSB* 405 – “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”**

**Message: “~~The Great Divide~~” – Luke 3:15-22 - Pastor Robert Kriete**

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* 605 – “Father Welcomes”**

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 43:1-7 (ESV)**

**Alane Gronefeld**

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

**Romans 6:1-11 (ESV)**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 3:15-22 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap 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 the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." <sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. <sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were 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 beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **S.W.O.T. Meeting Today**

In preparation for our next steps in trying to call a pastor, the Christian Growth Committee would like to conduct a S.W.O.T. (Strengths Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats/Concerns) analysis of our congregation. This will be done after church on Jan. 13 with a light lunch of pizza provided by the church. We expect this to take 2 hours or less. Everyone is encouraged to attend. S.W.O.T. analysis is a great way to guide directed discussions. Please come prepared to brainstorm ideas focused on our GSLC mission, and long term goals for our congregation and community. S.W.O.T. sessions are best when participants share their ideas freely. The more participation we have, the better results we can expect. Please plan to attend this event.

## **SUNDAY EVENTS**

Confirmation Class: 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 8:45-9:45 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.  
Worship: 10:00 a.m.

## **JANUARY EVENTS**

- 1.13 S.W.O.T. meeting today after worship service light lunch provided.**  
1.15 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.  
1.19 Centralia Ministerial Alliance Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m. (Hosted at Good Shepherd)  
1.21 Worship Committee, 6 p.m.  
1.22 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.  
1.27 Congregational Quarterly Meeting with potluck dinner, 11 a.m.  
1.29 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.

### **THANK YOU**

Dear Good Shepherd Members:

We are forever grateful to all of you for your generous donations to the families we serve at Lutheran Family & Children's Services (LFCS). The amount of diapers, wipes, baby clothing, blankets and baby items were amazing and will certainly be put to good use.

On behalf of the children and families served by LFCS, you have our heartfelt thanks for this unique gift. May God's blessings be with you and your family.

Best Regards, Heather Wall, Director

## **BIRTHDAYS**

**Garon Stowers** – January 14; **Audrey Seider** – January 15; **Ella Smith** – January 15;  
**Danny Nadler** – January 18.

## **SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS**

**Bob Moss; Martha Blevins** – friend of the Gronefeld family; **Susan Harris; Whitley Adkisson** – Great Granddaughter of Verda Adkisson, daughter of Johnny & Cortney Adkisson; **Hank Maseman; Jane St. John; Bill Mahieu; Sandy Harlan; Wayne Nolan** – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Joanne Bettenhausen; Michelle Smith** – Daughter of Jane St John; **Sherry Hashagen** – Aunt of Catherine Simmons; **Tracy Brownstein** – sister of Randy Simmons; **Glennon Stelzer** – uncle of Russell Stelzer and Palmyra Dubbert; **Lucas White** – cousin of Jeff Jaeger; **Norma Remmert** – sister of Ernestine Ramsey; **Arla Benskin** – daughter of Mary Brechler; **Mark Ramsey** – son of Ed Ramsey.  
**Community: Brian Flatt** – undergoing treatment for Liver Cancer.

## **ARMED FORCES**

**James Wessels** – grandson of John and Sherry Morse; **Brittany Macklin** – great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Zachary Warden** – grandson of Betty Warden;  
**Diton J. Parker** – grandson of Margaret Parker; **Thomas Teem** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Kaylyn; **Andrew Butler** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Sarah.  
Community: **Ray Finlay; Jeremy Mitchell; Justin Thurston.**

**Help raise money for the Centralia Ministerial Alliance Benevolence Fund by joining us  
for Trivia Night Saturday, 1/19/2019, at 6:30 P.M.**

**Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall**

**\$10/person for an 8 member team**

**Prizes**

**1st Place - \$200    2nd Place - \$100**

**3rd Place - \$50    Raffle Prizes**

**Best Decorated Team/Table – Half of the Mulligan Proceeds**

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