



The Festival of The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

CHRIST ALONE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SERVICE NOTES: THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green (except for Trinity Sunday) during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers.



BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet minutes in prayer before the service. Review the lessons, the service notes, and pray this prayer:

Almighty God, you gave your servant John the Baptist to be the forerunner of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant us grace to repent of our sins, to boldly rebuke vice, and to patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

INFORMATION

Restrooms are located across the hallway as you exit the gymnasium by the water foundations.

A Mother's Room is available for your use at any time during the service. It's located down the hallway to the right as you exit the gymnasium by the water fountains.

Children's Activity Sheets give activities and lesson pertaining to the Scripture lessons for the day. Pick one up at the information table or speak to an usher.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Paul M. Seager, pastor of Christ Alone

Michele LaRocque, keyboardist

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry | 16

INVOCATION

please stand

L(leader): The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C(ongregation): **And also with you.**

CONFESSION

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

ABSOLUTION

L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS | 551

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
All who their faith before the world confessed,
You name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might,
You, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight
And in the darkness drear their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, may your soldiers, faithful, true, and bold
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

The leader says the Prayer of the Day.

C: Amen.

The Word of God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-5

- 1 Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.
- 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.
- 3 A voice of one calling:
"In the wilderness prepare
the way for the Lord;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.
- 4 Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.
- 5 And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine,
Yet all are one within your grand design.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest.
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

SECOND LESSON

Acts 13:16-26

¹⁶ Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: "Fellow Israelites and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me! ¹⁷ The God of the people of Israel chose our ancestors; he made the people prosper during their stay in Egypt; with mighty power he led them out of that country; ¹⁸ for about forty years he endured their conduct in the wilderness; ¹⁹ and he overthrew seven nations in Canaan, giving their land to his people as their inheritance. ²⁰ All this took about 450 years.

"After this, God gave them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet. ²¹ Then the people asked for a king, and he gave them Saul son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years. ²² After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

²³ "From this man's descendants God has brought to Israel the Savior Jesus, as he promised. ²⁴ Before the coming of Jesus, John preached repentance and baptism to all the people of Israel. ²⁵ As John was completing his work, he said: 'Who do you suppose I am? I am not the one you are looking for. But there is one coming after me whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.'

²⁶ "Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent.

VERSE OF THE DAY

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds to ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 1:57-67

please stand

⁵⁷ When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. ⁵⁸ Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.

⁵⁹ On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, ⁶⁰ but his mother spoke up and said, "No! He is to be called John."

⁶¹ They said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who has that name."

⁶² Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child.

⁶³ He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John." ⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵ All the neighbors were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. ⁶⁶ Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, "What then is this child going to be?" For the Lord's hand was with him.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

By All Your Saints Still Striving | **552, vv. 1, 12, 3**

Theme

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

Thanksgiving

OFFERING

The members of Christ Alone Lutheran Congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

LORD'S BLESSING

L: Brother and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

A Closing Prayer

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The time has come, O Lord, for
us to leave this place; Guide us and pro - tect us and
lead us in thy grace. Wher-ev - er life may take us
as we go our sep'-rate ways, Help us share with
oth - ers the things we've shared to - day. May the
peace of God the Fa - ther, and the love of
Christ, His Son Guide us in the days a - head and
strength - en us, each one. May the bless - ings of
the Spir - it fill us from with-in; God bless us and re-turn
us to this fel - low - ship once a - gain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Visitors and Guests: We are glad that you are with us this morning, and we pray that you will worship with us again soon. God's richest blessings to you!

June 10 - 17:

Today	10:00AM	Meet & Greet
	10:30AM	Worship
Sunday	10:00AM	Meet & Greet
	10:30AM	Worship with Holy Communion

Faithbuilders: Our Faithbuilders class is for people interested in becoming members of Christ Alone, or for people just looking to build their faith through the study of the basic teachings of the Bible. Classes will be held at our church's office on the corner of Ray White and Heritage Trace Pkwy. **A new class will begin on Tuesday, June 26th @ 7pm.** If you would like to attend or would like more information, contact Pastor Seager. Free childcare is provided. Everyone is welcome!

Summer Canvassing: We will again be canvassing homes this summer to tell our neighbors the good news of Jesus! The next time we'll go canvassing is Wednesday, July 11. We'll meet at Kay Granger at 6:30pm, receive maps, and canvass from 7-8pm.

Camp Shiloh Youth Camps are available for your children of a variety of ages. These camps are a great way to enjoy fun with children as the same faith as our own. It's also a great way to grow in God's Word together. Go to campshilohretreat.org.

June-July Volunteer Schedules

Sunday	Friendship Register		Video Taping
June 3	Isaac Murry	Noelle Siegler	Dominic Gross
June 10	Grant Thowe	Nathan Covarrubias	Jessica Horn
June 17	Gabrielle Fleisher	Nadia Covarrubias	Nate Meyer
June 24	Samantha Fleisher	Aurora DeAmicis	Julie Cartlidge
July 1	Elizabeth DeAmicis	Nihal Katikala	Charvi Katikala
July 8	Noelle Siegler	Grant Thowe	Nick Meyer
July 15	Nathan Covarrubias	Eliana Seager	Ashley Horn
July 22	Isaac Murry	Samantha Fleisher	Addison Fleisher
July 29	Aurora DeAmicis	Elizabeth DeAmicis	Garrett Bartels

Ushering Teams

June				July			
Bartels	Brad	Berens	Micah	Horn	John	Meyer	Nick
Gross	Chris(AV)	Berens	Pejah	LaRocque	Brian(AV)	Meyer	Nate
Green	Leroy	Berens	Chad	Siegler	John	Mekala	Ashley
Bartels	Garrett	Covarrubias	Edgar	Meyer	Geoff	Fleisher	John

Ere cre - a - tion was be - gun!
 Praise the first - born from the dead!
 Our sal - va - tion's work is done!
 By your sav - ing means of grace!
 Quick - ly come! Make all things new!
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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ABOUT CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ Alone Lutheran Church is a new Christian congregation, a mission plant of the third largest Lutheran church body in America. Christ Alone congregation held its first service on January 10, 2010. More recently, Christ Alone purchased 11 acres of land on Main St. in Keller. By God's grace, Christ Alone Lutheran remains focused on our mission of reaching out with the good news of the Savior Jesus Christ who died on the cross to pay for all sins and rose again to give eternal life.

Christ Alone Lutheran Church worships the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We accept the Bible as God's inspired and errorless word. It is the only source of truth for life and for eternity.

Christ Alone is dedicated to preaching the truth, that God has prepared a way to save sinners from eternal damnation by sending His Son, Jesus Christ. By Jesus' perfect life and innocent death, the sins of all people have been paid for in full. Jesus' resurrection is proof of this! Whoever believes (trusts) in Jesus has the forgiveness of sins, possesses eternal life now, and has a certain future with Jesus in heaven. Believers in Jesus have been given the new life of faith by which they offer their lives in service to the Lord and all people.

The mission of Christ Alone is to proclaim this eternal gospel (the good news), "that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them" (2 Corinthians 5:19). It is this gospel that gives our church its name: Christ Alone Lutheran Church—He did it all!

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