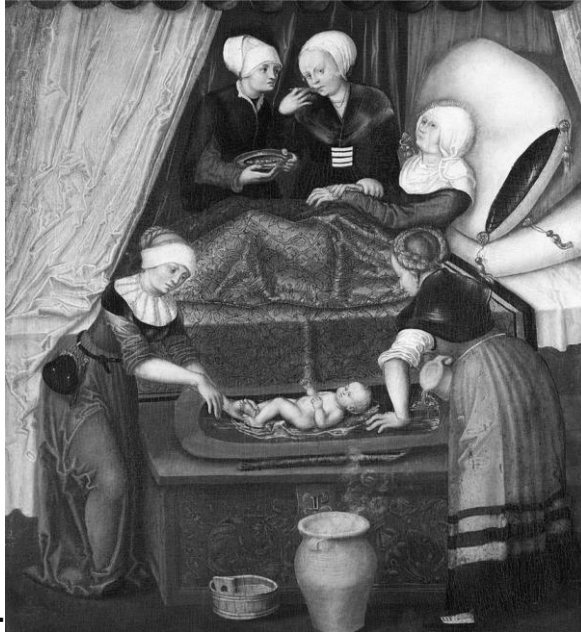


# Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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## Hymn of Invocation: 518 By All Your Saints in Warfare *sts. 1, 18, 3*

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### Introit

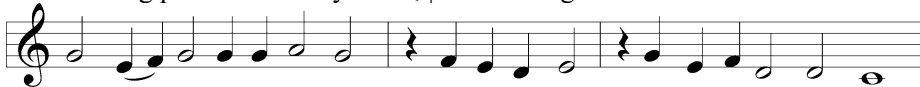
*Psalm 92:1; antiphon: Isaiah 49:1b–2a*



The LORD hath called me from the womb | by my name.\*

And He hath made my mouth like a | sharp sword;  
in the shadow of His hand hath He | hid me,\*  
and made me a | polished shaft.

It is a good thing to give thanks un- | to the LORD,\*  
and to sing praises unto Thy name, | O Most High.



**G** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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### Kyrie - Collect of the Day *p. 186ff*

**P** Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, didst proclaim salvation, grant that we may know this Thy salvation and serve Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

### First Lesson

*Acts 19:1–7*

In those days: While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.” And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?” So they said, “Into John’s baptism.” Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.” When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. Now the men were about twelve in all.

## Alleluia



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## Holy Gospel

*Luke 1:57-68*

At that time: Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son. When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her. So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. His mother answered and said, "No; he shall be called John." But they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name." So they made signs to his father—what he would have him called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, "His name is John." So they all marveled. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God. Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea. And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, "What kind of child will this be?" And the hand of the Lord was with him. Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people."

## Apostles' Creed

**Hymn of the Day: 346 When All the World Was Cursed**

**Sermon**

**Hymn: 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**

**Offertory** *p. 192 ff*

**Prayer of the Church** **P** let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.

**Preface - Agnus Dei** *p. 194ff*

**Distribution Voluntary: 347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

**Post-Communion Cantic: Benedictus** **p.226**

**Thanksgiving - Benediction** *p. 200 ff*

**Hymn to Depart: 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding**

## Looking Forward to Sunday (Fourth Sunday after Trinity)

Lessons: Isaiah 58:6-12; Romans 8:18-23; Luke 6:36-42

Hymns: 500-696-683-760/627/663/713-922

## Looking Forward to Next Wednesday (Wed. of Trinity IV)

Lessons: Ephesians 1:16-21, Matthew 21:23-27

Hymns: 947-492-940-948

## We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our **Welcome Center** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

### Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only active and repentant members of St. Peter's or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach (please read I Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:17-32). Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

### The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.



### Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

*"Repetitio est mater studiorum:* Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

