

Living Word Lutheran Church

The Baptism of Our LORD

January 14, 2018



“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” *Mark 1:11*

PASTOR: The Rev. Eric Hullstrom

Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9 am at the Meridian Habitat & Community Center

(Children’s Sunday School and Adult Bible Study available during the school year)

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Mission Statement: “We, God’s people of Living Word Lutheran Church, grounded in Holy Scripture, are called to follow and share the inspired Word of God in Christ, to live as faithful and obedient servants, reaching out to all people with the love of Jesus Christ.”

Motto: “Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Word Alone.”

Affiliated with LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)

ANNOUNCEMENTS/January 15-20, 2018

This week's activities:

Sunday	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am	Worship Service Coffee Hour Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School
Tuesday	10:00 am	Women's Ministry Board at the LWLC Office
Wednesday	8:00 am 9:30 am 6:45 pm	LWLC Prayer for Guidance meet at the LWLC Office Living Way Bible Study at the Krumwiede's Home Adult Bible Study meet at the LWLC Office
Thursday	10:30 am 6:00 pm	Midweek Bible Study at the LWLC Office Choir Practice at the LWLC Office
Saturday	8:00 am- 3:00 pm	CPR & 1st Aid Class, 902 7th St. NW, Puyallup

***The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Morgan & Yvonne Olson
in celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary.***

Today's Worship Assistants

Set up/Tear Down (Team 2)- Al Auge, Ron Heilman, Gary Gjerstad, Joe Burdick, Jim Gronhovd, Daryl Olson, Ron Johnson, Joey Ramos; **Ushers** – Carole Williams-Wood & Zale Wood, Lorraine Stargel, Hope Neilson; **Acolyte**-Hannah Vashchenko; **Lector**- Cynthia Faul; **Sound System**-Bill Zavadil; **Tellers**-Ron Anderson, Judy Krumwiede; **Communion Setup/Takedown**- Nancy Martin, Sharlene Parker; **Communion Assistants**- Pastor Gary & Kitty Jepsen, Bob & Nancy Martin; **Communion Bread**-Gayla Fenimore; **Altar Setup/Take Down**-Laura Burdick, Jan Halverson; **Coffee Hour**-Jan Halverson, Irene Feller; **Parking Lot**-Al Auge

**LWLC Semi-Annual
Congregational Meeting will follow
the January 21st service.**

Bible Verse of the Day: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." *Deuteronomy 31:6*
Quote of the Day: "We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." *Ronald Reagan*

When: Jan 20, Saturday**Time: 8 am-3 pm****Where: 902 7th St. NW, Puyallup****Fire Department building behind Subaru dealership on River Rd.*

Men's Ministry will pay for this training. Upon completion of this program you will be CPR & 1st Aid certified.



**CPR
First Aid
Training**

**LWLC Giving Statements for 2017 are
now available! PLEASE pick yours up
today on the sign-up table.**

Next Week's (Jan 21st) Worship Assistants

Set up/Tear Down (Team 1)- Bill Zavadil, Andy Anderson, Skip Whelan, Dennis Krumwiede, Rick Fields, Larry Vollmer, Alex Burdick, Gary Heintz, Wayne Flood; **Ushers** - Morgan & Yvonne Olson, Daryl & Deena Olson; **Acolyte**-Hayden Williams; **Lector**-Jan Halverson; **Sound System**-Joe Burdick/Ron Johnson; **Communion Setup/Takedown**- Nancy Martin, Ardis Kilber; **Communion Assistants**- Al Auge, Lorraine Stargel, Mary Vollmer, Sharon Johnson; **Communion Bread**-Gayla Fenimore; **Tellers**-Gaye Anderson, Al Auge; **Altar Setup/Take Down**- Lorraine Stargel, Sharlene Parker; **Coffee Hour**-Linda Kupka, Mary Vollmer; **Flowers**-Duane & Valerie Claiborne; **Parking Lot**- Tom Groce

Next week's Scriptures:

Jonah 3:1-10

Psalm 62

Mark 1:12-20

Please silence all electronic devices, including cell phones, upon entering the sanctuary.

Living Word Lutheran Church
Order for Worship

When you hear the bell, please be seated for the announcements.

Announcements

Please sign the attendance register and pass it down the row.

***Our worship begins with the prelude as we enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Let us give thanks to him and bless his holy name!***

Prelude

Opening Hymn

“Baptized in Water”

WOV 693

We Worship with Confession.

Pastor: Remembering our baptism into Christ Jesus, we gather as we are to live in the name of the Father, and of the (†) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the LORD, let us draw near with faithful hearts and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD. **C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my sins unto the LORD. **C: May God forgive the offense of my sin.**

P: (facing altar which symbolizes God’s presence): *Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, **C: we confess to You that we are by nature sinners and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, pleading for and seeking Your grace for the sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.***

(Silence for personal reflection and self-examination.)

P: *Most merciful God... **C: You have given Your only begotten Son to die for us. Have mercy upon us, and for Jesus’ sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.***

P: (facing the congregation declares God’s grace): Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for Jesus’ sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on Jesus’ Name, He gives power to become children of God and bestows on them His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O LORD, unto us all. **C: Amen.**

All: Praise the LORD!

We are sent to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:19). We begin by sharing the peace of the LORD with one another.

Cantors sing verses 1-3, Congregation sings responsively the refrain.

Cantors: vs 1- In our arrogance and pride We come to You. In our weakness and our guilt We look to You.

Congregation: O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy, O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy.

Cantors: vs 2- In our trouble and our pain We come to You. In our darkness and our grief We look to You.

Congregation: O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy, O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy.

Cantors: vs 3- Mighty God of love and power We come to You. You are here, and You are now. We look to You.

Congregation: O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy, O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy.

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.

Glory to God

Congregation: (Refrain)

**Glory to God in the highest, Sing! Glory to God!
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on Earth!**

Verse 1: Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father;
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory! **C:** (Refrain)

Verse 2: 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! **C:** (Refrain)

Verse 3: Women: For You alone are the Holy One,
Men: You alone are the Lord, the Most High, Jesus Christ,
All: with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father! **C:** (Refrain)

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P (spoken): *The LORD be with you.*

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY (All pray):

Lord God, you revealed your Son in the waters of the Jordan and anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. Sanctify us by Your Spirit, that we may proclaim the healing power of the gospel through our words and deeds. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

We Hear and Read God's Word

This reading is from The Book of Genesis, the 1st chapter

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And 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.

(Here ends this reading)

This reading is from the Book of Psalms, the 29th Psalm.

(to be read responsively)

Reader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

Congregation: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

R: ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C: worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

R: ³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

C: the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

R: ⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful;

C: the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

R: ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

C: the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

R: ⁶He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,

C: and Sirion like a young wild ox.

R: ⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

C: the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

R: ⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
C: and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

R: ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
C: the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

R: ¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people!
C: May the LORD bless his people with peace!

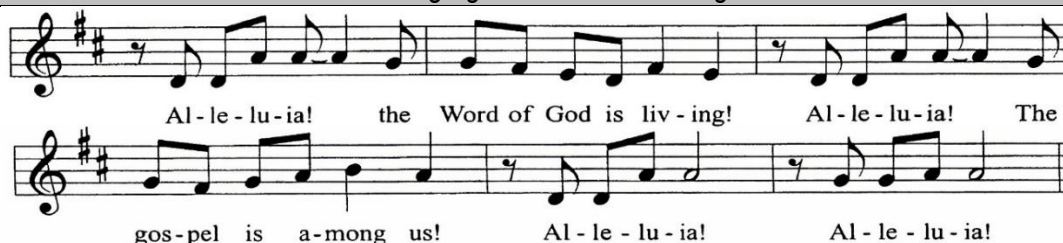
This reading is from the Book of Acts, the 19th chapter (ESV)

And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. ² And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³ And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one

who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all.

(Here ends this reading)

The congregation stands and sings:



The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter (ESV) C: Glory to You, O LORD

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

(The Gospel of the LORD.)

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Nicene Creed

WE BELIEVE in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

WE BELIEVE in one LORD, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the LORD, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one Holy Christian and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Children's Time with Lydia Auge -As the young children gather in the chancel; children of all ages are encouraged to listen in.

Hymn of the Day

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

WOV 697

Sermon

Pastor Eric Hullstrom

We Worship In Thanksgiving By Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

The offering is received

As the congregation stands, the ushers bring the offering forward.

"With Grateful Joy"

With grateful joy for you the source of all life
We raise one voice to you from whom all blessings flow.
You are the Giver of Life; you are the Lover of life,
the Good Sustainer of Life. We live in you. We live in you.

We pray together the offering prayer: P: Merciful Father...

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen

The Prayers of the church

(Each petition concludes with "LORD, in your mercy", to which the congregation responds: "hear our prayer")

We Worship by Receiving Our LORD in His Holy Meal

The Great Thanksgiving (Spoken)

P: *The LORD be with you.*

C: And also with you.

P: *Lift up your hearts.*

C: We lift them to the LORD.

P: *Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.*

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: *It is indeed right and salutary . . . (Here the minister continues with the preface:)*

**C: Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Words of Institution and The LORD'S Prayer

**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. Amen.**

Holy Communion: Lutherans believe the LORD's Supper is a holy sacrament in which Christ comes to us with His grace, love, compassion, and forgiveness. The crucified and risen Christ is present in, with, and under the bread and wine – He promises:

"This is my body... This is my blood". Therefore, the Apostle Paul says we should examine ourselves lest we eat or drink in an unworthy manner (1 Cor. 11:27ff.). Martin Luther wrote, "Anyone who does not believe these words ('this is My body given for you this is My blood shed for you. '), is neither prepared nor worthy; for the words, 'FOR YOU' requires simply a believing heart." Therefore, all (including children who have received instruction) who believe in Jesus Christ as

Savior and LORD and who see His presence in the sacrament are welcome to commune with us.

As you come forward for communion, you are invited to dip your fingers in the water of the baptismal font and then make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder of Christ's claim upon you through your baptism.

(For those with gluten allergies, we now have gluten-free wafers available for Communion on the Baptismal Font.)

The congregation sings: **"Lamb of God"**
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns:

"Blessed Assurance" WOV #699

"Softly and Tenderly" WOV #734

"Bind Us Together", WOV #748

Post-Communion Prayer and Canticle

Thank God and sing praise! Raise our voices high - er! Pro - claim
 Christ's Way! Thank God and sing praise! Make the cir-cle wid - er!
 All who know the taste of grace! God's peop - le gath - ered all
 ov - er the world, led on in prom - ise, sent forth in joy with
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing all ov - er the world, sing Hal - le - lu - jah!

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The Benediction (Pastor)

The congregation sings 3-fold **"Amen"**

On Our Way Rejoicing

Closing Hymn

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

WOV #770

We Worship By How We Live During the Week

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Musician: Mary Kay Owen

Choir Director: Dan Owen

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!

If you are a visitor, we are blessed that you have joined us for worship. We encourage you to pick up a 'Welcome' packet at the Visitor's table to introduce you to our church. Coffee hour will follow the worship service. Please join us.

Prayers for those who are serving our country (military, firefighters & police) and their families and keep them safe: Josh Jepsen, Chase, Seth Hearld, Powell, Evan Gregory Blodgett, Ken Solbrack, Michael Elliott, Chris Berentson, Cole Lufkin (Gjerstad's grandson), Brady Woodman (Relma Burmeister's grandson), Devlin Durkin, Damien Benigno (Lydia Auge's brother); Curtis & Riley McKenzie, Brandon Bules (Carole Williams cousin), Jacob Ramsey (Fenimore's grandson), pray for safety and draw close to God.

Our prayers for all those in harm's way are urgently needed during this time of turmoil and strife in this country.

Prayers for those who have recently lost a loved one: **Lin Jeffery and family** on the passing of Padre Francis (Jeff) Jeffery. Prayers for the family of **Kelley** (Lee Brown's granddaughter) who died recently of a brain tumor.

Prayers for those with cancer or long-term illness. **Dixie** (Sharlene Parker's sister). **Judy Ostendorf**. **Jeff** (Don & Carol Brennan's son), Continued prayers for friend, **Dana Yeaman** (Debbi Zavadil), Prayers for **Bruce** who is in the final stages of cancer. He just accepted Jesus, pray his faith stays strong, also strength and prayers for his family. Prayers for daughter **Elaina and her family** (Ron & Gaye Anderson) recovering from surgery, pray for healing and strength. **Don Minnick** (Harold & Clarice Liemohn) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. **Pastor Dave Steffenson** (Dave Ostendorf) diagnosed with prostate cancer. **Alice** (Ardene Bartness' sister), comfort and peace in her last months of life. **Hank Anderson** (friend of Kaye Sims) who is terminally ill with cancer. **Chrissy** (Gary & Rosie Heintz's daughter-in-law) who had cancer returned. **Bob Lungberg** (Bob & Nancy Martin) recently diagnosed with bladder cancer. **Aunt Glenda** (Lorraine Stargel) diagnosed with pancreatic concern. Prayers for her comfort from her pains and discernment of the medical staff with upcoming treatments. **Cousin Sandy** (Lorraine Stargel) for decisions on treatment for reoccurrence of cancer. **Virginia Held** who has been experiencing debilitating pancreatitis, pray for doctor's discernment and healing and recovery.

Prayers for healing and strength for those with health concerns and those facing or recovering from surgery.



Pray for permanent healing for **Phil Steves'** knee that continues to be painful because of the accident in February. **Phil**, son-in-law of Paul and Esther Braafladt for complete recovery after a fall from a ladder in January, many complications, pray for doctor's discernment and proper treatment. Nephew **Jeff Bertram** (Carole Williams-Wood), prayers for doctor's discernment in controlling his heart arrhythmia. Peace and comfort for **Carolyn Martin** and that the blood clots will dissolve. **Cousin Megan Hitt** (Jeff & Sarah DeBord), pray for continued healing and quick recovery. Prayers for the men in Mary Kaye Owen's sister's family: **Scott, Terry, Ian, Ivan, Owen**. Prayers for healing for

Connor (Daryl & Deena Olson) that the lung abnormality improves and for doctor's wisdom as they prepare for his delivery, prayers for peace of his parents **Brad and Kirstie**. **Bob**, our friend (Harold & Clarice Liemohn) who had surgery and his wife **Ardys** who will be having hip replacement surgery, pray for strength, quick recovery and help during this stressful time. **Don**, (Carole Williams-Wood friend) pray for guidance on how to proceed after surgery did not fix problem and pray for doctor's discernment for treatment. **Lori Wales** (Carole Williams-Wood daughter) pray for successful throat surgery and quick recovery and upcoming surgeries to remove tumor on kidney. **Dana Yeaman** (Debbi Zavadil) pray for continued healing on her foot. Prayers for **Claudia Harrell** (Gary & Carol Richey) after she fell and broke her leg. **Jon Paul Webber** (Heidi Sturdivant) recovering from cancer surgery. **Lee Brown** as he prepares to meet his Maker. **Gary Gjerstad** has pneumonia and **Barbara Gjerstad** recovering from eye surgery, pray for God's healing touch and for comfort and peace. Prayers for quick recovery and healing for **Mike O'Brien** (Gary & Rosie Heintz) recovering from by-pass surgery. Prayers for **Snookie Pankrantz** for good diagnosis and doctor's discernment on various medical problems. Prayers for **Al Auge** for good diagnosis, treatment and doctor's discernment on his heart problem. **Michelle** (Judy Ostendorf's niece) recovering from back surgery, pray for quick healing and recovering. **Myron** (Cynthia Faul's brother) hospitalized with influenza, also pray for **Gary, Cheryl and Zoe** who have also been hit with the flu this winter. Pray for **Debbi Z.** and **her mother** who are sick with the flu, pray for the **residents of the home** that her mother is in, now in lock down because of the flu.

Prayers for faith, strength and guidance. God's continued guidance and blessings in our search for a new church home. God's guidance and peace between nations of the earth especially between the U.S. and North Korea. God's love to overcome hate and fear in hearts around the world. Prayers for **daughter-in-law Crissy and son Casey** (Gary & Rosie Heintz) in Houston, TX receiving cancer treatments.

There is a marvelous story of a man who once stood before God, his heart breaking from the pain and injustice in the world.

"Dear God," he cried out, "look at all the suffering, the anguish and distress in the world. Why don't you send help?"

God responded "I did send help. I sent you." David J. Wolfe