

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those with illness:

Shirley Alexander
Harvey Blevins
Pastor Boliek
Grace Caldwell
Cindy Christopher
Scott Clem
Ava Daniels
Evan Davis & family
Iona Dorn & family
Benton Gatch
Libby Gill
Mitchell Greene
Mark Habicht
Tiffany Henning
The Hobbs family
Orville Hughes
Mary Johnson
Emma Knicely
Vicki Kalabokes
John Kuchar III
Kelli M. Miller
Fred Meise
Tony Montone
Jo Morrison
Bob Rigger
Hitch Roland
Ross Smith
Richard Spahr
Melanie Vohs
Ruth Welkner
Sophie Wittlesberger

Deployed soldiers & families/Special needs:

Violence in our society
Everyone is invited to a Memorial service
for Ken & Shirley Bareham on Saturday,
Jan. 19 at 11am in the Worship Center

Current ministries:

Empowerment of the Holy Spirit in:
† Garden Ministry
† Dominican Republic Mission Team
† NOLA Mission Team

Our mission partners:

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
– Prs. Gary Dittman & Carol Perlie
Prs. Mercedes & Isaias Nelson (Dom. Rep.)
Pr. Tyrone Smith (New Orleans)
National ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
Delaware Maryland synod Bishop Bill Gohl
Nicole & Kevin Fuhr, serving Guatemala
Crucified Church in Johnstown, PA
– Pr. Josh Knipple
Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

Prayers of thanksgiving:

Jackie Lober
Adam & Kristin Lublinsky,
Izabella, Conor, Logan
Barry & Brenda Lucas
Welcome to the world Faith Anna Fuhr!
She was born to parents Kevin & Nicole
on 1/9/19 at 10am, weighing 7.2lbs.
Big sister Eden will be helping.

*Names on the prayer list are printed with permission of the person named. After receiving permission you may place a completed yellow prayer request card in the offering plate or contact the church office to add a name to the prayer list. After four weeks on the list a name will be removed unless the office is notified for an extension of time. **Visitation:** please notify the church office if you anticipate a hospital stay. Thank you!*

E p i p h a n y G i f t s o f C h r i s t



Splash!

Baptism Celebration with Baltimore Campus Ministry

**January 13, 2019
8:08 and 11:08 am**

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Sweet Air
3911 Sweet Air Road, Phoenix, MD 21131
410.592.6565
www.stjohnssweetair.org**

WELCOME TO SEASON OF EPIPHANY

Pastor Sarah Wright

*Epiphany is a season for the gifts of Christ revealed.
ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship is the red hymnal
P = Pastor L= Leader*

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The First Noel”

-arr. Lloyd Larson

Michael Chambers

CELEBRATING THOSE BAPTIZED IN THE PAST YEAR:

Pastor Sarah Wright

Henrik Kurt Hafner	Jack Munday Carroll
Charles Edward Jubb	Allison Linnea Brown
Camila James Constantino	Derek Owen Brown
Cali Lynn Woolson	Laine Avery Cook
Landon James Glock	Avery Lynn Hays
Riley Margaret Tehan	Alice Jade Liebert
Vincent Anthony Zeno	

INVITATION TO CELEBRATE BAPTISM (Evangelical Lutheran Worship p. 236)

Please rise as you are able

Pastor: When a baptized Christian affirms the faith (often called confirmation), the presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism and asks this question: Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God’s faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

RESPONSE: We do, and ask God to help and guide us.

Leader: In Holy Baptism, we make these promises as parents, godparents, and congregation. We need God’s help in living out the journey.

All: **Everyone is born a child of God. Thank you for baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Thank you for this free gift of grace and unconditional love.**

Leader: We are invited to discipleship, connected in the body of Christ as students:

All: **children of the same heavenly father, working together in mission.**

Leader: And so begins a daily claiming and re-discovering of the God-given gifts of discipleship. These gifts overlap and are intertwined as one gift flows into another and into faithful living. Come to the waters. Be refreshed. Be blessed. Fear not. The Messiah is revealed: Jesus Christ our Lord!
Amen!

HYMN

“Crashing Waters at Creation”

ELW #455

MISSION

Leader: Let us engage in this mission together

All: **Welcome All. Tell the Story. Grow as Disciples.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: "Lamb of God"

ELW page 154

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

"Spirit of Gentleness"

ELW #396

BLESSING AND PRAYER Assisting Minister

Leader: Please rise as you are able and receive God's blessing. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray

All: We give you thanks, almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEXT STEPS 8:08 am
11:08 am

Pastor Lisa Arrington
Pastor Sarah Wright

BENEDICTION 8:08 am
11:08 am

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Pastor Sarah Wright

INVITATION TO CELEBRATE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AT THE BAPTISMAL FONT

This is a simple way to bless one another in baptism:

Anyone may come to the font in two lines and make the sign of the cross on the forehead of the person opposite with the words:

"In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assisting Minister

Leader: Let us pray

ALL: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in us the gift of your Holy Spirit. Confirm our faith, guide our lives, empower us in our serving, give us patience in suffering, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Leader: Please rise as you are able for the Gospel Verse

GOSPEL VERSE Setting four

ELW page 151

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

BIBLE READING Matthew 3:1-17

Reader

Reader: Listen for the Gospel, the good news of God, in the book of Matthew.

ALL: **Glory to you O Lord.**

Reader: *Let's join the story. In this Epiphany Season, we are in Act 5 about Jesus. The prophet, John, fearlessly proclaims the greatness of Christ from the wilderness. In Jesus' baptism, he is confirmed as the beloved Son of God and we are reminded that the gifts of God are often found outside our structures of tradition and power. Question: How do we step out of our building to connect with people on the margins? A reading from Matthew 3:*

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" ⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were

going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ “I baptize you with [□] water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with [□] the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹³ Then 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 the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, [□] with whom I am well pleased.”

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

Reader: Please be seated.

INTRODUCING OUR PREACHER

Pastor Sarah Wright with video

Feeding students with a feast of food, welcome and Jesus.

MESSAGE

Pastor Laura Sinche

Lutheran Campus Ministry

HYMN

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

ELW #305

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Assisting Minister

Leader: You are invited to sit or kneel as we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

SHARING PEACE

Assisting Minister

Leader: Let us rise so we may share peace. The peace of the Lord be with you all ways.

ALL: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another especially visitors.

If you are not well give a wave for peace and prayers.

We are a very loving church,

but please ask someone if it is okay to share a hug.

Hand sanitizer is at the corners of the church

OFFERING & MUSIC

Leader: Let us celebrate the offering of time, talents and treasures. Don't forget your yellow pew card.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Wade in the Water” - African American spiritual

St. John's Bronze

- arr. L. Rettew

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW # 188

Please rise as you are able & offering plates will be brought forward.

PRESENTING OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Assisting Minister

Leader: Let us pray,

All: We bring our gifts before you in this new year, asking you to bless them and use them for ministry. Thank you for the vital mission of campus ministry. We ask that you bless all the students with good news of Jesus Christ. May we grow as disciples by learning and listening with them. May your light lead the way. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

8:08 am Pastor Lisa Arrington

11:08 am Pastor Sarah Wright

WORDS FOR COMMUNION

Setting 4 ELW page 152

P: in the night in which he was betrayed...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to continuous communion. It is a meal of God's grace and love for all believers. Ushers will invite you down the center aisle. Please share your name. Receive bread or a blessing. Dip the bread into red wine or white grape juice and return to your seats by the side aisles.