

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Officiant: *In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

People: Amen.

Officiant: *The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.*

People: And in His temple all cry, “Glory!” (Psalm 29:3–4, 9b)

## “PREPARE THE WAY”

Verse Prepare the way: make straight the path for Him.

Let the King of Glory enter in! Let the King of Glory enter in! Who is this King of Glory?

Chorus The Lord, strong and mighty; the Lord, mighty to save.

The earth is full of His glory. Creation calls, prepare the way.

His love endureth forever; His power is without an end!

His strength is victory’s treasure. Let all who call His name prepare the way.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Officiant: *When God spoke creation into existence, He saw that it was very good. But we rebelled against God. Only through the death and resurrection of Jesus are we saved from our sin. As baptized children, in God’s view, we are new creations! Let us therefore confess our sins and call on God for pardon and peace. Most merciful God,*

People: We confess that we have not been faithful to You: our hearts and minds have turned away from you and we act without regard to Your will or reign. In Your mercy You have graciously joined us to the Body of Christ. For His sake, forgive us our sins. By Your Holy Spirit, turn our hearts to love You and our neighbors.

Officiant: *“The death Christ died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 6:10–11) Through baptism you have died with Christ and been raised with Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

People: Amen.

Officiant: *Let us pray. Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, Your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in Your grace and transform us by Your Spirit, that we may follow after Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

People: Amen.

## GENESIS 1:1–5

## ACTS 19:1–7

## MARK 1:4–11

## “O PRAISE HIM”

Verse 1 Turn your ear to heaven and hear the noise inside:

The sound of angels’ awe, the sound of angels’ songs, and all this, for a King!

We could join and sing all to Christ the King.

How constant, how divine: this song of ours will rise.

Oh, how constant, how divine: this love of ours will rise, will rise!

Chorus O praise Him, O praise Him. He is holy, He is holy!

Verse 2 Turn your gaze to heaven and raise a joyous noise:

The sound of salvation come, the sound of rescued ones, and all this, for a King!

Angels join to sing, all for Christ the King.

How infinite and sweet: this love so rescuing.

Oh, how infinite and sweet: this great love that has redeemed, as one we sing,

Chorus “Alleluia! Alleluia! He is holy! He is holy!”

“Alleluia! Alleluia! He is holy! He is holy!”

## MESSAGE, CREED, OFFERING & PRAYERS

# Saint John’s Ministries and Activities

## TODAY AT SAINT JOHN’S

WELCOME! Visitors: Local first-time visitors are invited to bring their Friendship Card to the Welcome Center for a special gift. *THANKS FOR JOINING US!*

**Chancel Flowers:** Given by Faith Tschannen in loving memory of her husband, Bob. *ADDITIONAL ALTAR FLOWERS GIVEN BY CARL JORGENSEN’S FAMILY IN CELEBRATION OF HIS 98<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY.*

8:00 AM **Classic Grace:** Traditional worship service. *WORSHIP CENTER*

9:00 AM **Fellowship:** Join us downstairs for coffee, donuts and conversation. *LARGE FELLOWSHIP HALL*

9:30 AM **Church Year Bible Study:** A weekly reflection on each Sunday’s Lectionary readings. *LARGE FELLOWSHIP HALL*

**“Life in Christ” Class:** Those interested in joining Saint John’s or looking for a refresher on Lutheran theology are invited to attend. *SMALL FELLOWSHIP HALL*

**Sunday School and Youth Bible Study:** The children and youth take an in-depth look at the Bible stories from today’s worship service, using lessons that point to Christ as the Savior while integrating a strong Law and Gospel focus. *PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY: ROOMS 201–205 (WEST WING), SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADES, HIGH SCHOOL: JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH ROOMS (DOWNSTAIRS)*

10:45 AM **Hearts Afire:** Contemporary worship service. *WORSHIP CENTER*

## THIS WEEK’S BIBLE STUDIES & EVENTS

WEDNESDAY **Bread of Life Bible Study:** Morning study and discussion; currently working through 1 Samuel. 9:30 AM, ROOM 302

**Woman-to-Woman Bible Study:** All women are invited to “Stepping Up: A Journey through the Psalms of Ascent,” a new study by Beth Moore. 9:00 AM, ROOM 301; *BABY SITTING PROVIDED*

THURSDAY **Elderberries Potluck and Travelogue Program:** Please join us for our regular “third Thursday” potluck and stay to hear Pat Prill tell us about her trip to Croatia—and a little bit of Venice! NOON, *LARGE FELLOWSHIP HALL*

FRIDAY **Men’s Bible Breakfast:** All men are invited to come enjoy breakfast and an interesting group Bible study on Hebrews. 6:30 AM, *MCCOY’S MORNING GLORY (1003 WEST HORSETOOTH)*

## MINISTRY TO CHURCH & COMMUNITY

STAFF **Thank You:** A “thank you” from the staff to the congregation for the 2011 Christmas bonuses. *YOUR KINDNESS IS APPRECIATED!*

**Lost and Found:** Please check the drawer at the Welcome Center and the coat rack outside the Large Fellowship Hall if you are missing any items. *WE WILL BE CLEANING OUT ALL LOST AND FOUND ITEMS TOMORROW!*

**2012 Offering Envelopes:** If you haven’t yet picked up your 2012 envelopes, you can find them at the Welcome Center.

FELLOWSHIP **Campus/Young Adult Ministry:** “Elevate” is a fellowship group for all young adults, from college students to singles and couples in their 30s. *IF YOU’RE NOT RECEIVING GROUP EMAILS, CONTACT TOM IN THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH YOUR NAME, PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS*

HUMAN NEEDS **Helping Hands:** Have a project at home that you’re unable to do because of illness or ailment; do you need a group of friends to help with a move or downsize; maybe you just need a ride to the store or the pharmacy? *SAINT JOHN’S HELPING HANDS PROGRAM IS UP AND RUNNING, AND WE’RE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HELP; CALL BRENT AT 218-8764 IF YOU NEED (OR CAN LEND) A HAND*

**Emergency Help:** If you need emergency financial help, please contact Pastor Bestian for counseling and assistance. *YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO VISIT SAINT JOHN’S FOOD AND CLOTHING BANK TUESDAY MORNINGS BETWEEN 9:00 AND 11:30*

FOUNDATION **Sandy Lange Music Endowment Fund:** Jack Lange established this fund with the Saint John’s Foundation to provide musical instruments, music, robes and other equipment necessary to enhance our music and worship. *PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO HELP BUILD THIS FUND, WHICH WILL EXIST FOR MANY YEARS TO COME: MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE SAINT JOHN’S FOUNDATION AND INDICATE “MUSIC ENDOWMENT FUND” IN THE MEMO FIELD*

**Special Music Fund:** Saint John’s Foundation is creating a music fund to be used to pay guest artists, like brass quintets or string quartets, for special worship services. *IF YOU CAN HELP THIS SPECIAL NEED, PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE SAINT JOHN’S FOUNDATION AND INDICATE “SPECIAL MUSIC FUND” IN THE MEMO FIELD*

PRESCHOOL **Register for Open Arms Preschool:** Registration for the 2012–2013 school year is now open for current preschool families, alumni families and Saint John’s members. *REGISTRATION WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON FEBRUARY 1*

**Gift Certificate Fundraiser:** Purchase gift cards at the Welcome Center at face-value while supporting Open Arms Preschool. *WE HAVE MANY OTHER CARDS IN STOCK AND A HUGE LIST OF OTHER COMPANIES OFFERING GIFT CERTIFICATES*

COMMUNITY **Tune in to The Lutheran Hour:** LutheranHour.org or Sunday mornings. 850 KOA AT 6:00 AM OR 1310 KFKA AT 9:30 AM

**Lifeline Screening:** A LifeLine Screening can help you avoid a stroke for just \$149—and they’re coming to Saint John’s. *FEBRUARY 10, LARGE FELLOWSHIP HALL; CALL 800-679-5192 TO REGISTER OR GRAB A PINK FLYER FROM THE WELCOME CENTER*

**Powerful Tools for Caregivers:** Those who provide care to others need to care for themselves, and this class will give you the tools you need to relax and reduce stress, communicate effectively, reduce guilt, anger and depression and set goals and problem-solve. *TUESDAYS, MARCH 20 TO MAY 1, 9:00 TO 11:30, ROOM 302; TO REGISTER CALL THE ASPEN CLUB (970-495-8560)*

**Workers Needed for Wellington Habitat House:** Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity is seeking help to finish a home in Wellington. *WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM; SIGN UP AT FORTCOLLINSHABITAT.ORG*

## PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION

Officiant: *The Lord be with you.*

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: *We lift them to the Lord!*

Officiant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

People: *It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

Officiant: *It is truly good, right and beneficial ... evermore praising You and singing:*

People: *Holy, holy, holy is our Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.*

(sung) *With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings!*

*You are my everything, and I will adore You!*

Officiant: *Holy, mighty and merciful Lord, You spoke and formed all of creation. You spoke from*

*the clouds at the baptism of Your Son, Jesus, announcing Your Gift to this sin-sick world.*

*And He, our Savior and Redeemer, proclaimed victory over sin and death from the cross*

*with the words, "It is finished." Our Lord Jesus Christ ... Whenever you eat this bread and*

*drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)*

People: *Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! (Revelation 22:20)*

Officiant: *Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:*

People: *Our Father, who art in heaven ...*

## DISTRIBUTION

## DISMISSAL

## BENEDICTION

Officiant: *May God the Father, the light-creator; God the Son, the Light from Light; and God the Holy Spirit, who reveals the light to all people, bless you and ☩ keep you, now and forever.*

People: *Amen.*

Officiant: *Go in peace. Share the good news!*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## "THE RIVER IS HERE"

Verse 1 *Down the mountain the river flows, and it brings refreshing wherever it goes. Through the valleys and over the fields the river is rushing and the river is here.*

Chorus *The river of God sets our feet a'-dancing! The river of God fills our hearts with cheer.*

*The river of God fills our mouths with laughter, And we rejoice, for the river is here.*

Verse 2 *The river of God is teeming with life, and all who touch it can be revived.*

*And those who linger on this river's shore will come back thirsting for more of the Lord.*

Verse 3 *Down to the mountain we love to go, to find the presence of the Lord.*

*Along the banks of the river we run; we dance with laughter, giving praise to the Son.*

## PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

SPEAKER *Pastor Brian Bestian*

OFFICIANT *Pastor Ron Nickel*

WORSHIP TEAM *Cheryl Poole, Harrison Cox, Janelle Gibbons, Rich Tiley, Sammi Gardner, Tom Miles*

ACOLYTE *Isaak Bestian*

ALTAR GUILD *Fran Roth, Judy Young, Peggy Herzog*

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LAY READER *Emily Geisler*

GREETERS *Jerry & Fran Roth, Tom & Rosemary Niichel*

NURSERY *Lydia Page*

WELCOME *Pat Stugart*

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*Joyfully SHARE Christ's love, SPREAD God's Word & SERVE all people.*



# Hearts Afire

January 15, 2012 • 10:45 AM  
*The Baptism of Our Lord*

## AS WE GATHER

The set of Sundays that come after the Epiphany continue the theme of "manifestation" introduced that day. In Mark's gospel, we will see Jesus revealing Himself to an ever-broadening group of people. Today, Jesus steps into the public after a long introduction by His cousin, John the Baptist. The light of the Holy Spirit, descending through parted clouds, accompanies a voice from the heavens announcing "You are My Son, whom I love; with You I am well pleased." As we remember our own baptisms, through which God declared us His sons and daughters, we also consider the ongoing work of re-creation that God is doing in our hearts, every day, through the power of the Holy Spirit.