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In the Lord’s Service

Preacher and Celebrant	Rev. William Weedon Director of Worship and IC Chaplain
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	Rev. Kevin Robson Chief Mission Officer
	Rev. Robert Zagore Executive Director, Office of National Mission
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Divine Service

on

The Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist



**International Center
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

June 24, 2019

Divine Service, Setting Three

Confession and Absolution *LSB 184*

Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn “Sing Praise to the God of Israel” *LSB 936*
Kyrie *LSB 186*
Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 189*

First Reading *Isaiah 40:1–5*

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Gradual *Congregation*

Before I formed you in the womb I | knew you,*
and before you were born I conse- | crated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the | nations.*
Behold, I have put my words | in your mouth.

Alleluia Verse *LSB 190*

Holy Gospel *Luke 1:57–80*

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, but his mother answered, “No; he shall be called John.” And they said to her, “None of your relatives is called by this name.” And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they all wondered. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, and all who heard them laid them up in

their hearts, saying, “What then will this child be?” For the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

Homily
Hymn of the Day “When All the World Was Cursed” *LSB 346*
Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 194*
Sanctus *LSB 195*
Lord's Prayer *LSB 196*
Words of Our Lord *LSB 197*
Pax Domini *LSB 197*
Agnus Dei *LSB 198*

Distribution

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated today in the joyful and glad confidence that our Lord, as He promises, delivers into our mouths His very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. The host congregation is Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri.

We welcome to the altar today those baptized Christians who have publicly confessed the faith of the Lutheran Church and are members in good standing of an LCMS or partner Church congregation. All others are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are not receiving the Eucharist, simply cross your arms across your chest to form an X.