

We are strengthened in our faith through scripture, by watching what God does in our lives, and by taking the opportunities to serve others giving grace and mercy. We then enjoy the hope and joy in Christ.

What is the Feast of Saint John the Baptist?

Saint John the Baptist was Jesus' cousin. He was born to elderly and barren parents. His birth was announced by the angel Gabriel.

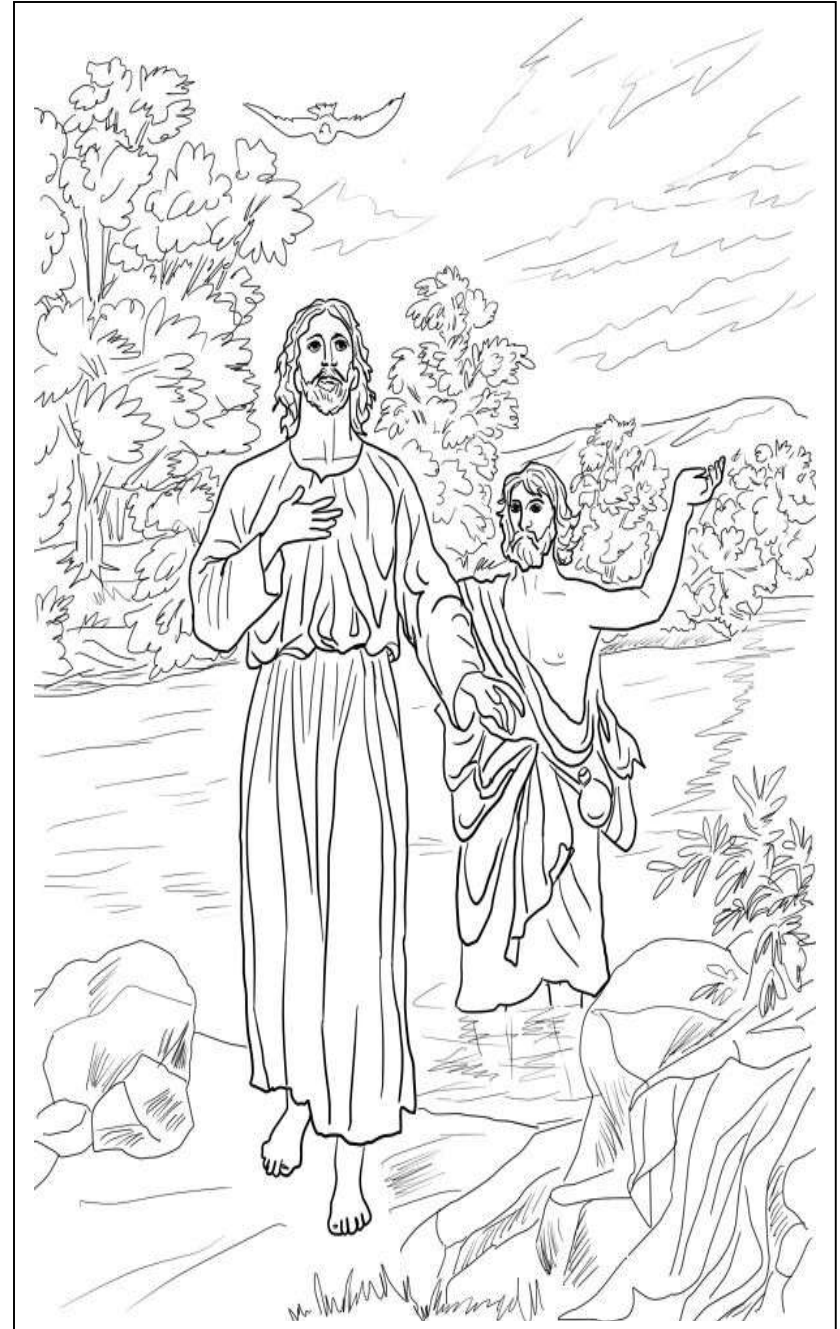
John was instrumental in preparing the way for Christ. He directed his followers to repent, be baptized, be virtuous, and be just.

John was of the line of Aaron. Herod pursued John as well as Jesus' family to prevent the King from rising and taking his place. His father, Zechariah is killed for not telling Herod where John was hidden and where Jesus family was hiding.

The feast day of Saint John is June 24 or the closest Sunday to it. The day honors John's birth rather than his death and celebrates his role as the herald of Christ.

John the Baptist prepared the way for Christ and his message of love, grace and mercy by calling all who would hear to repent, be baptized, and be just. His message of "He (Jesus) must increase and I (John) must decrease" reminds each person to stand firmly in their faith and live their life with humility. John reminds everyone Jesus is the light who shines in the darkness and introduces Jesus as the light of the world.

John was imprisoned by Herod and martyred by beheading for calling out his unlawful marriage to his brother's wife.



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Announcements and Happenings

June 3-6 – Annual Conference

**June 7- Potluck Conference updates
Last day of Mark Bible Studies**

**June 24- Trailer of Hope
Look for sign ups in the Narthex**

**June 28- Feast of St. John the Baptist
Carry in with our Scottish Rite guests**

July 5- Outdoor church and carry in- weather permitting- bring your lawn chairs, some coffee and let's praise the Lord for 250 years of freedom!!

UPCOMING SERMON TITLES

June 7 — Nothing under the Sun
June 14 – Either Or
June 21 — This is pointless
June 28 — Life in His namae

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CHURCH FINANCES

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The Pleasant News

Sunday Worship 10:00am
Bible Study 9:00am

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Pastoral Ponderings

As we wrap up our Bible study of Mark, we look forward to a summer of contemplation and fun. We also meditate on the Word, on how people study it and what happens when we take a deep dive into the Life and teachings of Christ, and the guidance of the scriptures. Some lose hope, some lose faith, and some are strengthened by the truth of the word.

King Solomon was one of those who lost hope. He had *everything* he wanted, needed, or desired. He felt there was nothing under the sun that could bring him happiness or make him feel he had gained anything in his life. A life without trial, a life without trouble makes us complacent and forget God's plan, His providence and His care for us.

King Solomon struggled during the last years of his reign. He had turned from God and His teachings. He could not come to grips with either/or. He wanted both/and. When we serve God, we remember He commands us to put no other gods before Him, to be singular in our thoughts and deeds. God wants us though to acknowledge the good and bad in the world, but to keep our eyes on Him.

King Solomon's heart was hardened by the futility of His position. He felt all our work, possessions, and learning were pointless. BUT Solomon could see the hand of God in the lives of His people, He just could not see God in his situation. How often we forget God is close to us. How He guides and guards our ways. How He gives us blessings so that we may bless others.

In all of Solomons moroseness, he forgot the amount of joy and goodness God could bring to his life and days. We forget sometimes too, just plodding through our days seemingly without purpose, BUT when we believe in Christ and His salvation, we find we can have life in His name. Our lives can have joy and hope when we allow Christ to work within us.