

Welcome to
St. John's Lutheran Church



Baptism of Our Lord
Holy Communion
January 11, 2026
God's Work/Our Hands
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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.


Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his
family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into
freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the
Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.



We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus
Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.


Remember and Rejoice



1 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.
2 In life, in death, we trust in God's most ho - ly name,
3 We pledge our - selves a - new to flee the lures of hell,
4 God, bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.
5 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.



We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.
for - ev - er traced by wa - ter sign, and sealed by Spir - it flame.
to cling to Christ's com - mu - ni - ty, in jus - tice, peace to dwell.
Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.
We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.



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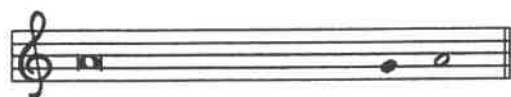
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GREETING

- 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.



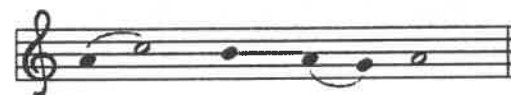
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights,
upon whom I have put my spirit,
to bring forth justice to the nations.

² Not crying out, not lifting up his voice,
not making it heard in the street,

³ a bruised reed my servant will not break,
nor quench a dimly burning wick,
but will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ My chosen one will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

(cont'd)

⁶ I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
 I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
 to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸ I am the LORD, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
 before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord.

📌 **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 29

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (*Ps. 29:3*)

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory
 thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
⁴ **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. R**
⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
⁶ **the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
 and Mount Hermon like a young**
⁷ The voice of the LORD
 bursts forth in lightning flashes.
⁸ **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
 the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. R**
⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips
 the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are
 crying, "Glory!"

(cont'd)

¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹ O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who is God-fearing and does what is right is acceptable to God. ³⁶ "You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witness to all that Jesus did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised Jesus on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² Jesus commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.

☐ **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for Gospel Acclamation



GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

¹³ 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 John 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."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit for Sermon

Stand for Hymn of the Day

When Jesus Came to Jordan



- 1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

**☐ Merciful God,
☑ receive our prayer.**

PEACE

**☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.
☑ And also with you.**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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OFFERING PRAYER

P God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

DIALOGUE

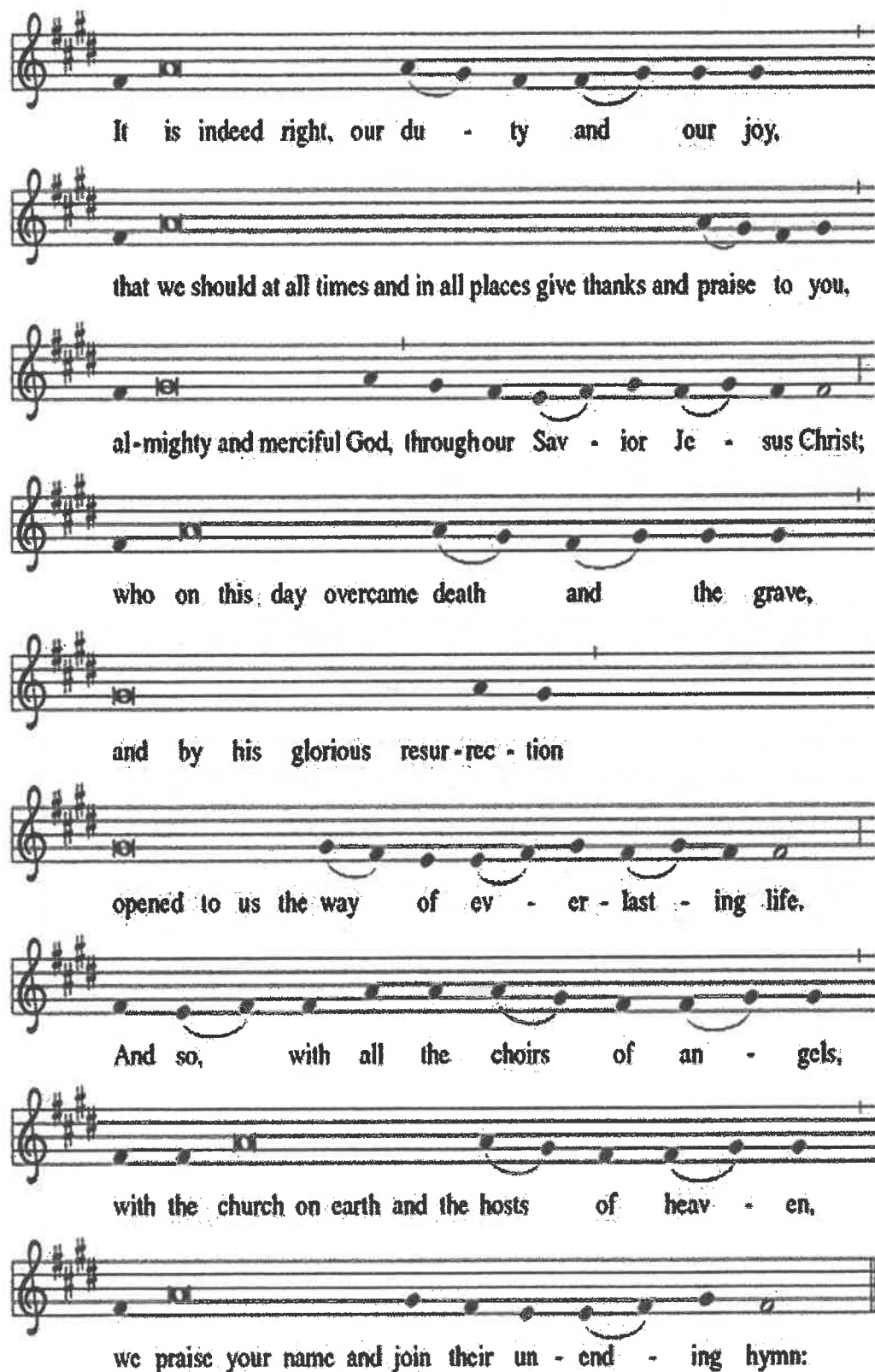
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

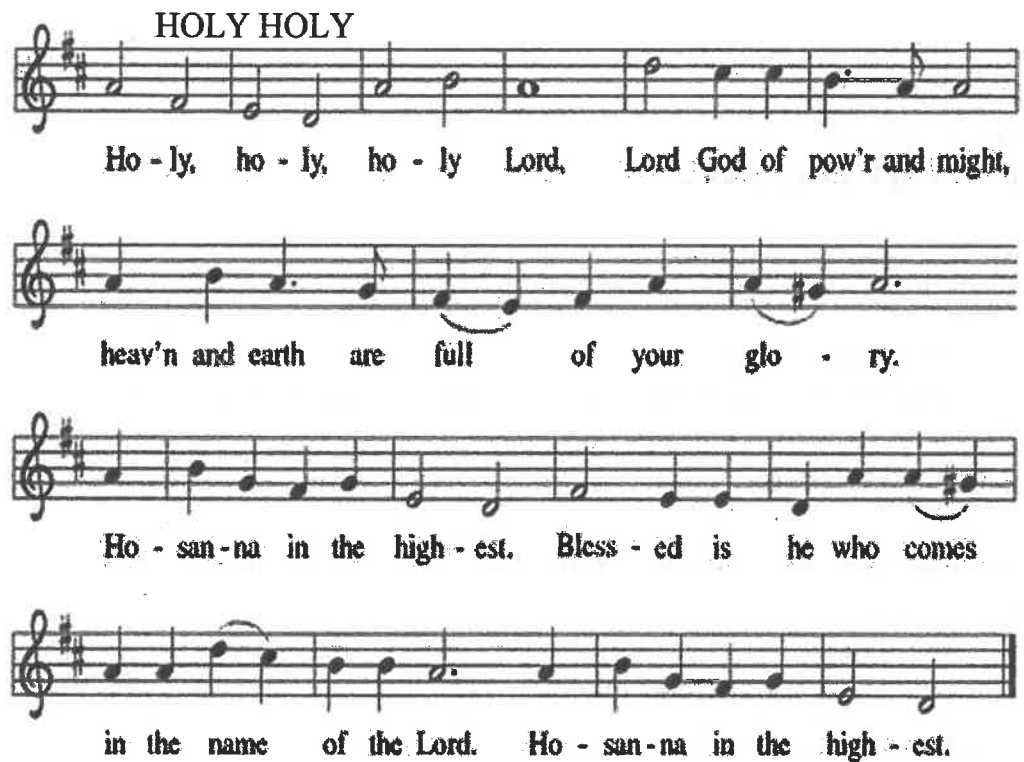
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It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resur-rec - tion
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
 Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
 Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
 Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
 Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
 Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
 Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
 the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

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Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup

we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

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**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

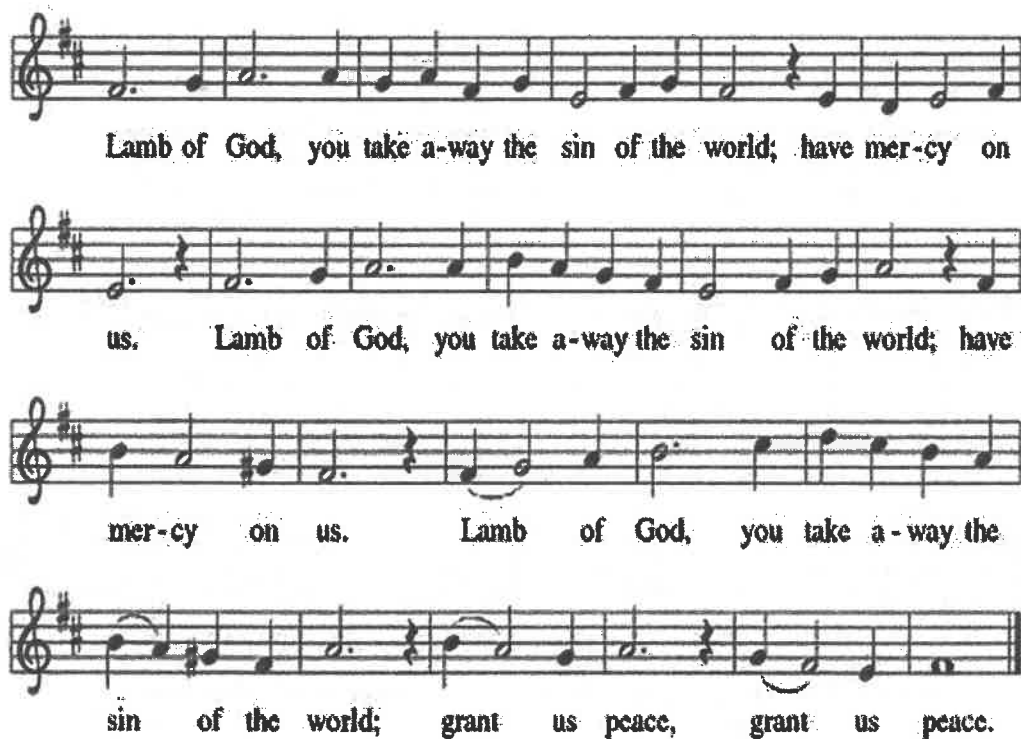
THE FRACTION

- P** When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.
- C** **Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

CHOIR SINGS "COME TO THE WATER OF LIFE"

Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



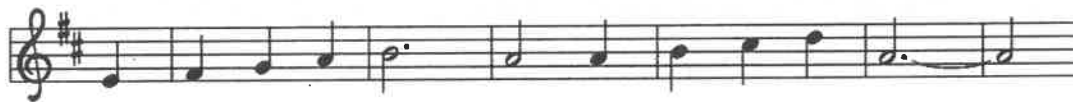
stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Refrain

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POST COMMUNION DISMISSAL

P Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C Thanks be to God.

DEAR FRIENDS & MEMBERS, In an effort to have our prayer list as current and as accurate as possible, please indicate whether or not you would like to have a name continue to be included. Thank you!

Eric Alber Michelle Bahlavooni *Derl Crawford* Diane Deptula *David Ferro* Carl Frank * Jennifer F.* Mary Faith Fisher* *Adam Gajkowski * AJ Gunther* Jim Hess* Scott Hollenbach * Jo Ann Johnson * Marlene Karchner * *Dave Madara * Vinnie Moroney* Steve Novak* Jan Peifer* Henry Reinsburrow *Sheri Renner* Irene Surratt* Tom Termini* Mark Troup * Marlene Trotman* Ron Utt* Melissa Waltman* *Kathy Whitesel *Ron Wolfe* *Shirley Young* Jim Zeart*

THIS SUNDAY: JANUARY 11, 2026

Outdoor Greeters : Lydia Ferro & Carolyn Bahlavooni

Greeters & Ushers: Mark & Diane Young

Lector: David Ferro

Communion Assistant: David Ferro

Altar Guild: Carolyn Bahlavooni & Vinniedee Hippensteel

Offering Counters: David Ferro & Don Bogert

Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

NEXT SUNDAY: JANUARY 18, 2026

Outdoor Greeters : David & Karen Bird

Greeters & Ushers: Nate Johnson & Lance Miller

Lector: Loreen Comstock

Communion Assistant: Loreen Comstock

Altar Guild: Darlene Turner & Sharon Bachman

Offering Counters: Ryan Young, Nate Johnson & Lance Miller

Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Paul Zajac
in honor of Wendy's 65th birthday

Our Sanctuary Lamp this week burns to the Glory of God
by no sponsors

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 ALTAR FLOWERS & SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Altar Flower & Sanctuary Lamp charts and envelopes for
2026 are now available in the narthex.

GATHERING TIME HOSTS

We are looking for committees or groups of 2-3 people to host
our monthly Gathering Time. A sign-up sheet is on the back table
in the sanctuary. Any questions, see Carolyn Bahlavooni or Lydia
Ferro.

BIBLE STUDIES

On Thursdays . Regular Bible Study will be at 1:00 PM and
Christian Movie Study will follow at 2:00 PM.

CHIMES & CHOIR PRACTICES

On Thursdays. Chimes practice at 3:00 PM & Choir 4:00 PM

WELCA MEETS

Our next WELCA meeting will be on **Wednesday, January
14th at 6:30 PM**. Anyone who would like to join us is very wel-
come to attend.

SENIOR LUNCHEON-CORRECTION

As always, the luncheon will take place the 3rd Wednesday of
the month. We will go to Morris in Berwick at **12:00 PM on
Wednesday, January 21st**.

COUNCIL MEETS

Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00 PM.

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday, January 11, 2026
Eucharist: 9:00 AM

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Monday, Jan 12, 2026

Office Hours

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tuesday, Jan 13, 2026

Office Hours-Pastor in

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Wednesday, Jan 14, 2026

Office Hours

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Thursday, Jan 15, 2026

Office Hours-Pastor in

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

*Bible/Christian Movie
Study*

1:00 PM/2:00 PM

Chimes/Choir

3:00 PM/4:00 PM

Friday Jan 16, 2026

Office Closed

Saturday, Jan 17, 2026

Office closed

Sunday, Jan 18, 2026

Second week of Epiphany

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Christmas Eve : 108

Last Sunday Attendance : 47

Offering Amount Needed Weekly:

Current: \$2,878.00

Benevolence: \$135.00

New Building: \$401.00

Offering Amounts Received:

Current: \$ 1,708.00

Benevolence: \$ 107.00

New Building: \$ 233.00

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION -JANUARY 11TH

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs (*local water sources may be named*). Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

