

CHRIST

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Divine Service

The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

✠ January 11, 2026 ✠

“Let It Be So Now”

“John excused himself from doing what he was directed to do, because he could not conceive that baptism was necessary for the One whom he knew had come to blot out the sins of the world. He rather pled that he himself ought to be baptized by Christ, saying, I am a man. You are God. I am a sinner because I am a man. You are sinless because you are God. Why do you want to be baptized by me? I do not refuse the respect you pay me, but I am ignorant of the mystery. I baptize sinners in repentance. But you have no taint of sin. So why do you want to be baptized as a sinner, who came for forgive sins?”

—Chromatius
Tractate on Matthew 12.1

THE LORD'S SUPPER

In preparation for reception of the Lord's Supper (*Holy Communion*), it is important that we review and understand what the Bible teaches regarding this sacrament:

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion¹, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins², and strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal³. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

Do I believe that I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sins?

Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?

Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?

Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?

According to Christ's Word in the Holy Scriptures, and in confession with the true Christian faith, at Christ Lutheran we observe the practice of closed communion. We believe that all who commune must confess the same holy faith, as Holy Scripture teaches. Since one's church affiliation indicates an individual's confession of faith, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the above teaching **and** are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod commune. If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold a different confession of faith⁴, you are still welcome to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today,
and pray God's richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

All members and our guests are asked to complete the worship attendance pads which can be found on each pew. Guests are also asked to sign the guest register found in the Narthex.

We are so glad to have you worshiping with us today!

LARGE PRINT worship folders are available at the usher stand at the back of the nave.

¹Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

²Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

³1 Corinthians 11:28-32

⁴1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

DIVINE SERVICE I

Preservice Music

The congregation may use this time to pray and meditate

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

Processional Hymn

From God the Father, Virgin-Bron

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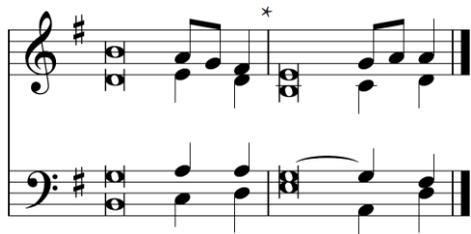
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Psalm: Exaltabo Te, Domine

Psalm 29; Antiphon Ps. 29:3



The voice of the Lord is over the | waters;*
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many | waters.

**Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly | beings,*
ascribe to the Lord glo- | ry and strength.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due his name;*
worship the Lord in the splendor of | holiness.

**The voice of the Lord is over the | waters;*
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many | waters.**

The voice of the Lord is | powerful;*
the voice of the Lord is full of | majesty.

**The voice of the Lord breaks the | cedars;*
the Lord breaks the cedars of | Lebanon.**

He makes Lebanon to skip | like a calf,*
and Sirion like a young | wild ox.

**The voice | of the Lord*
flashes forth | flames of fire.**

The voice of the Lord shakes the | wilderness;*
the Lord shakes the wilderness | of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the | forests bare,*
and in his temple all cry, | “Glory!”**

The Lord sits enthroned o- | ver the flood;*
the Lord sits enthroned as king for- | ever.

May the Lord give strength to his | people!*
May the Lord bless his people | with peace!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is over the | waters;*
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many | waters.

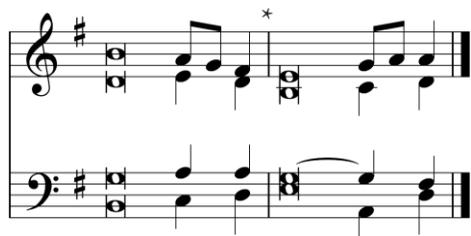
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Old Testament Reading Isaiah 42:1-9

Gradual *Psalm 117; 96:8*



Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name; *
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle

Romans 6:1-11

Alleluia

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

Cantor:

Mark 1:11b

*You are my be- | loved Son; *
with you I am | well pleased.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Office Hymn

Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered

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The City in the Water

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Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as



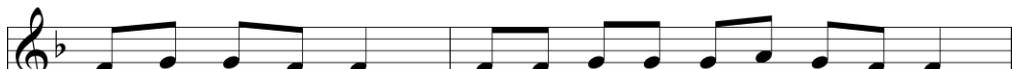
it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly



bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give



those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -



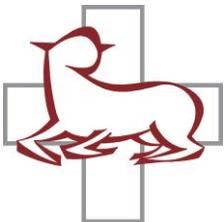
to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -
 ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For comfort, health, and recovery:

**Francis Dillon, John Garner, Jennifer Haggard, Jim Hansford,
Joseph Holleman, Sharon Holleman, Elaine Johnson, Linda Lau,
Roger Lindsey, Richard Mullis, Donald Ochs, Jean Sprecher,
Eloise Springer, Nicole Tatum, Dean Walker, Barbara Zeigler**

For those who are ill or distressed:

**Jenalee Adams, Blair Alford, Layne Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L.
Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan
Brown, Hunter Burkhalter, Wayne Burt, Bobby Carroll, Joan
Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers,
Tahlia Ferderer, George Fields, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Tim
Hansen, Faye Hartman, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman,
April Ann Hubmann, Joslyn Jones, Steve Kennedy, John Koster,
Katelyn Lawing, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Edlia Miller,
Elaine Monaghan, Don Ochs, Pippin Family, Deborah-Annette
Ried, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Jonnie Pearl Smiley, Bob
Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, Eloise Springer, Gary
Stoekmann, Dana Taquino, Lesley Tatum, Nicole Tatum, Donny
Thomas, Nikki Vines, Leonard Watson, Cynthia Widlitze,
Barbara Zeigler**

For college and graduate students:

Sara Fields, James Hansford

For military servants and their families:

Glen Hansford, James Hansford, Bill Nelson, Steven Tatum

This week's prayer family:

Roger & MariLynn Fuhrer and their loved ones

Serving Today:

Pastor: Rev. George Fields
Acolyte: William Held
Interpreter: Charlie Warren
Altar Guild: Michelle Miller

Elder: Keith Martin
Organist: Sr. Sara Fields
Cantor: Emily Held

New Member Reception: Last week, we received Nathan Brownstein into our Christ Lutheran family. If you didn't get to shake his hand or say hi, fear not, for you will yet have a chance! Join us for a reception in his honor following the Divine Service next Sunday, January 18th. See you there!

Matins Resuming This Week: No better way to begin the day than in prayer and God's Word! Join us on Wednesday mornings as we pray Matins together at 7:30 a.m.

Altar Flower Sign-Up: Sign up for the new year! Flowers have a long history of adorning the Lord's altar, and you can help to continue this beautiful tradition. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Readings for next Sunday, January 18th, the Second Sunday after Epiphany:
Introit Ps. 19:1-4; Psalm 40:1-11; Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42.

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: January 12 – January 18

Tuesday	6:15 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Matins
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service – Second Sunday after Epiphany



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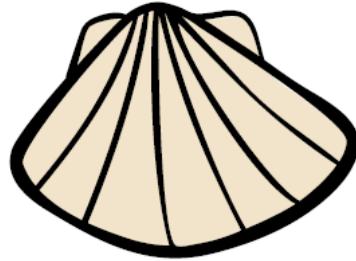
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**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
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What is “The Baptism of Our Lord”?

Today is the First Sunday after the Epiphany. Today we celebrate the day that our Lord Jesus was baptized by John the Baptizer. That’s right, Jesus was baptized just like you!

Why was Jesus baptized?

Jesus’ Baptism is very important. When Jesus was baptized, it marked the beginning of His mission to save the world from sin through His death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. As Scripture says, Jesus’ Baptism was one of the many things He did to “fulfill all righteousness.” Because of Jesus and all He has done for us, our Baptism is now a source of forgiveness, life and salvation.



Parents: Before or after the service, allow your children to approach the baptismal font in the sanctuary. Remind them that this is where our life in Jesus begins. Because of God’s gifts in Baptism, we have been washed clean, and now we are His children.





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