

Baptism of Our Lord — January 11, 2026

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn

Lord God, We Praise You

ELW 558

Apostolic Greeting

ELW Pg. 147

L 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.

Glory to God

ELW Pg. 148

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you

C And also with you

L 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

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He 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: 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. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C Thanks be to God!

Psalm 29 *chanted*

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo-ry 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.**

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 wild ox.**

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.**

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!"

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

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he 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 he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him 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 He 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.” Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

ELW Pg. 151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 3rd Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

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 he 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 God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized

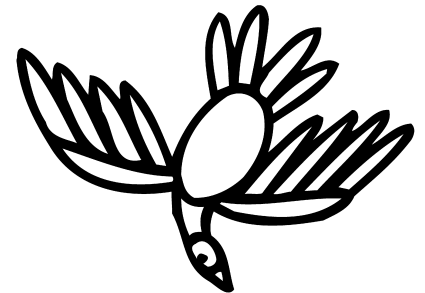
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Apostles Creed

**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.**



Prayers of the Church

L: Guided by the same Spirit that filled Jesus, we intercede for others in their varied needs.

AM: For all who follow Christ, the anointed Savior of the world, that we may be drawn closer to one another as the Body of Christ, and that we may be fruitful and faithful bearers of his reconciling grace, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the entire human race, the powerful and the vulnerable, the rich and the poor, the wise and the foolish, the strong and the weak, that the promises of Jesus might be a source of new life, joy, and healing for all, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For our God-created earthly home, the land, water, and air upon which we depend for our lives, and in honor of the people who inhabited these Litchfield hills long before we came to dwell here, that we may act with wisdom and gratitude as we now tend it with care, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the children of the world, that their thriving may guide our policies and programs, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For our own sins and offenses, that the fullness of God's mercy may free us from their grasp, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For a thankful spirit, that we may know the joys of a generous heart, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For any other needs you now speak or raise in silence.....Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

L: For all other needs we have not yet raised, we trust in God's providential care., Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer. Amen.**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The offering is received

Anthem: The Gospel Light Music & arranged by Mary McDonald

Jesus loves all the children, all the children of the world. So he sent his son of love to the world from heaven above. Jesus loves all the children of the world. We are walking in the light of his love sharing Jesus to the world. All are precious in his sight! We will shine the gospel light to all the children of the world. Send the light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine from shore to shore! Send the light, send the light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine forever more! There's a call comes ringing or the restless wave, send the light! Send the light! There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save; send the light! Send the light! Send the light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine from shore to shore! Send the light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine for evermore! We are walking in the light of his love, sharing Jesus to the world. All are precious in his sight! We will shine the gospel light! Send the light, send the light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine, let it shine come from shore to

shore! Send the light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine forevermore! Let it shine forever more! Jesus loves all his children. Let us shine the gospel light!

Offertory Hymn

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Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving – page 152

L The Lord be with you. C And also with you.
L Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.
L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface is chanted.

L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus Pg. 152

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Great Thanksgiving

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Agnus Dei Pg. 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away

the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion is distributed.

Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

ELW 786

Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C Thanks be to God

Postlude

Thank you for coming.

May God's peace be yours today.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens	Jason Lashbrook	Sigrid Smitley	Gail
Connie Aparo	Gail Lavoie	Paul Smith	F.C.H.
Phil Bascetta	John Lewis	John Sproat	Stephan
Charlie Blakeslee	David Little	Dana & George Steele	Jason R
Jamel Bonello	Rebecca Little	Jennifer Stella	Diane L.
Kathleen Bowler	Amy & Dave Louen	Deb & Jon Sterling	Holly L.
	Kari Machowski		Al & Mary
Cherie Brown	Mary Ellen Mackinnon	Tom Sterling Sr.	Isaac
Sharon Cable		RuthAnn Stone	
Kathy Ann Campbell	Jerry MacManus	Patricia Switzer	Family and Friends of
Angelo & Nicole Capasso	Irene Madore	Gloria Thibault	Keith Friday
Carol Cianciolo	Audrey Marquard	Andy Thomas	
Ann Combs	Abigail Marine		Our Nursing Home Members
Leif Dallaire	Richard Marine	Julia Thompson Carroll	Dee Gammon
Emily Decker		Susan Tycienski	Midge Rosenbeck
Linda Dellano	Janis Martin	Lucille Videtto	Judy Schaller
Carla Derrickson	Gil & Marilyn Martin	Carol Vrlik	Ernest Marquard
Winifried Diorio	Gladys Medina	Eveyln Walters	Mae Fay
Irene Douglas	Michael Meyers		Francine Ahrens
J.J. Eby	Kate Merrow	Steve Warner	Betty Hilton
Judy Elliott		Sue Watkins	Walter Joray
Diane Engle	Colin Moore	Kim Weissman	
Walt Esker	Brigitte Mueller	Renee Woodard	Our Military Friends
Jan Eucalitto	Bob Murphy	\Bruce Yauney	Lord Jesus, Savior of the
	Barbara Nalette		World and King of Peace,
Jennifer Ezzo	Karen Ness	Clayton Young	watch over our sons and
Weston Faith		Clarence & Priscilla	daughters in the service of
Bruce & Liz Falls	Tom O'Brien	Ed	their Country. Protect them
Tommy Fitzpatrick	Lea Orriola & family	Jen O.	from the physical and moral
Bob Frantz	Karen Pagano	Jaiden	dangers. Keep them close to
	Russell Palmer		you and help them live the
Ashley Friday	Maria Payne	Steve	commandments. Lord, Jesus
John Fox		Lou W.	give them courage to serve
Joan Gerard	Lisa & Dennis Polzun	Steve	their country with honor and
Danise Hall	Caroline Quintal	Todd	dignity. Be with them when
Jack & Barbara Heintz	Leisa Radzinz	Robert K.	they are in danger; strengthen
	Ed & Susan Regner		them when they face hardship.
Brayden Herzberg	Gordon Richard	Terry	Above all Lord, grant that
Renate Higgins	Jonathan Richard	Joe	when their service is finished
Charles Hilton	Louise Roche	Carol G.	that they may return to us,
Kathleen Hilton	Baerbel Roehl	Kristen & Jared	sound in mind, body and soul.
Shannon Hilton	Patricia & Richard	Vinny	Amen.
	Sawitzke		
Jake Hoadley	Holly Schaff	Hagbard	Tyler Quinn
Sven Holmgren	Rosemary & Otto Schibi	Carolina	Eric Beyus
Erma Horn	Denae Seelye	Robert P.	Major Zachary Fulton
Eunice Jones		Peanut	Brandan Holbrook
Rusty Judd		Colleen	Jonathan Connell
	Sara Seelye		Tom Gregg, Jr.
Colin Keeley	Matt Simpson	Ken	Eric Bremer
Marilyn Killingbeck	Lori Sola	Kathy	Peter Hutchinson
	Dana Steele	Jaxson	SPC Dominic Boscarino
			PVT Noah Braatz
			PVT 2 Christian Braatz
			Aiden Avenia USCG
			2nd Lt. Ben Speaker

Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Blood Drive	1/12	1 pm
Worship & Music Meeting	1/15	6 pm
Council	1/19	7 pm
Breakfast	1/21	8:30 am
WELCA game night	1/23	6 pm
Install Council Service	1/25	10 am

Bible Study

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm

In person Bible Study Wednesdays
10:00 am

Wednesdays

Tai Chi 11:00 am
Quilting Group 1:00 pm

Offerings Summary:
We are resetting for 2026!
Stay tuned!

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The Offering is received

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In other news...

Please fill out commitment sheets if you have not done do already.

If you can share food for those in need, we would be grateful. The food will be distributed between the social service agencies in our area.

Sunday helper rotation for 2026- Anyone who would like to do any of the roles - Asst Min, Comm Asst, usher, slides, healer - should contact Pastor via email, text, or sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Those interested in becoming official members please fill out a form found in the Narthex. We will find a convenient date early next year to welcome you during worship.

Our new website is up. Please check it out. It should help you stay informed. If you have suggestions for any improvements, please let us know. We are working on adding a calendar with all the meeting dates of committees, groups and other events that are happening.

Bulletins - The full text bulletin is intended for those who have trouble following the service with only the monitors. The abbreviated bulletin is sufficient for most members. Also, there is a milk carton under the desk near the right hand exit door. Please recycle either bulletin there unless you are taking it to someone who would like it. The prayer list, for example, is on both the full and abbreviated bulletin.

Don't forget Name Tags are in the Narthex!

