



First Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 11, 2026 | Baptism of Our Lord

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING SONG | *Baptized & Set Free*, vs 1, 3-4

1. We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love. Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
3. We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings. As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.
4. Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong. Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

CONFESSON & FORGIVENESS

P: Merciful God, C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out our offenses. Release us from the guilt and shame we carry, and renew a right spirit within us. Teach us your ways, and uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

KYRIE | *Create in Me a Clean Heart* | ELW #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

HYMN OF PRAISE | *Glory be to God* | ELW pg 204, vs 1

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth.
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you, here on earth our songs we raise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God our Father, C: 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. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Names of Baptized: Michael David Ohman | Parents: Sam and Tori Ohman
Sponsors: Alexander and Alyssa Ohman; Lucas and Ashley Montag*

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, ...

C: We renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

MUSICAL MESSAGE | *River of Life* | Worship Band

FIRST READING | *Isaiah 42:1, 6-9*

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. 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.

RESPONSIVE PSALM | *Psalm 29*

R: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

R: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

C: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

R: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

C: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.

R: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

C: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

R: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

C: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

R: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | *ELW pg. 205*

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL | *Matthew 3:13-17*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Then 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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON | Pr. Joe Skogmo

HYMN OF THE DAY | *Here I Am Lord* *ELW #574*

1. "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

2. "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" **Refrain**

3. "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" **Refrain**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

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.

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING / NOISY OFFERING | *January: Global Refuge*

OFFERTORY SONG | *Holy, Holy, Holy* | ELW #473

1 Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy God. (**Sing 2x**)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Loving God, **C: receive this offering for the building up of your kingdom: the proclamation of your word and the loving of our neighbor. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG | *Child of Love*

I was walking the wayside, lost on a lonely road. I was chasing the high life, try'n to satisfy my soul.

All the lies I believed in left me crying like the rain.
Then I saw lightning from Heaven, and I've never been the same.

**Chorus: I'm gonna climb a mountain, I'm gonna shout about it. I am a child of love.
I found a world of freedom, I found a friend in Jesus. I am a child of love.**

I've felt the sting of the fire, but I saw You in the flames.
Just when I thought it was over, You broke me out of the grave. **Chorus**

Hey yeah (yeah), oh (oh), I am a child of love. Yeah (yeah), oh (oh), I am a child of love.

Nothing can change the way You love me. Nothing can change the way.
I belong to You. Yes I do. Nothing can separate.
Nothing can change the way You love me. Nothing can change the way.
I belong to You. Yes I do. Nothing can separate.

I'm gonna climb a mountain, I am a child of love. I found a world of freedom, I am a child of love. **Chorus**

Hey yeah (yeah), oh (oh), I am a child of love. Yeah (yeah), oh (oh), I am a child of love.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 1 pm. in the library

January 13 - March 3rd

Led by Wade Dutton, see and discuss this acclaimed video series about Jesus and his "chosen" disciples.

Each of the 8 sessions includes a 40-50 minute video with discussion following. If you are not able to come each week, each video stands on its own. Or you can watch online anytime at:

[Home Page](#) | [The Chosen](#)

CHRISTMAS DECORATION TAKEDOWN

TODAY at 10:30am.

Meet in the chapel after the worship service.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

January 15 & 29

Do you have questions about life, God or both? Grab a cold drink, and let's ponder life together.

Theology on Tap meets the first & third Thursday of each month at 7pm at Bucks Mill Brewing.

HIGH SCHOOL FREE LUNCH

High School Students, join us on January 22 @ 11:30am at Pizza Ranch for lunch with the Pastors.

BLESSING CLOSET NEEDS

Currently we are need of:
Hats, gloves/mittens & blankets.
Thanks!

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

Sunday, February 1, 10:30am

Join us for the next session in the *Loving Our Neighbors Series*. Dr. Jonathan Aligada, a Sanford Health psychologist, will be with us to discuss how we can be good neighbors to those dealing with mental health & depression. **Topic Summary:** Nearly one-in-five American adults have experienced a mental illness according to the National Institute of Mental Health. The most common mental health conditions include anxiety disorders, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Those experiencing these conditions may be family members, friends, co-workers, or other people in your life. They are our NEIGHBORS! How can we as Christians love, include, and respect these neighbors. Plan to join us, bring questions, and share your experiences!

ALTAR GUILD

Your help is needed! A sign up sheet is now available in the sacristy for shifts through May.



Thanks for worshiping with us!



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Associate Pastor: Matthew Rossler
Music Director: Karen Bimberg

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WANT TO TRY CONFIRMATION AGAIN?

After numerous requests, we're going to experiment with 'open confirmation sessions'. On select Wednesdays you can come to the sanctuary from 6:30PM to 7:30PM and join our 7th & 8th graders for their confirmation lesson. Take a seat in an open pew and learn and relearn alongside our middle schoolers!

This year's curriculum is centered on the basics of Lutheran theology. You are welcome to come join us for any or all of the following lessons for the remainder of the year:

- 1/14: *Christian Denominations & World Religions*
- 1/28: *Theology – Law & Gospel*
- 2/11: *Theology – Vocation*
- 2/25: *Theology – Money*
- 2/18: *Theology – Creation*
- 2/25: *Theology – Baptism & Communion*
- 4/8: *Theology – The Cross vs. Glory*

Prayers for God's People

Ongoing prayers for:
Bill Wegschied, Cole Woltjer,
Doreen Tollefson, Vern, Gretta
Frisch, Judy Wood, Larry Kjono,
Tyler Wilson, Iain, Cliff Adkins,
Greg Buckley, Dave & Pam Nustad,
Cami Eckhoff, Bob Jernberg,
Henrietta Malchow,
and Mark Solem.

Prayers of comfort for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, including the families of Connie Goff, Jean Beilke and Paul Thorwaldsen.

GIVE ONLINE

Prefer electronic giving?

Set up an automated method and frequency that works best for you by using the **QR code**.

Then, if you like, drop the **green laminated slip** in the offering plate.

