



**"THIS IS MY
BELOVED SON,
WITH WHOM
I AM WELL
PLEASED."**

MATTHEW 3:17, ESV

**The Baptism of Our Lord
January 11, 2026**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 4

All are welcome...and we do mean ALL. No matter who you are, what you look like, where you are from, or who you love. We are all children of God and loved by God. And just as God loves all of us, we are called to love one another as well.

Call to Worship (Chimes)

Welcome & Announcements – Visitors are asked to fill out a Welcome card from the pew racks and give it to the Assisting Minister during the prelude.

Prayers – You may add to the prayers today by filling out an ivory prayer card found in the pew racks. Prayer cards are collected during the prelude.

Prelude *Shall We Gather at the River* - arr. Young

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

*The congregation responds by reading the words in **bold** print.*

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Please kneel as you are able.

Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.** Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: *Shall We Gather at the River

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*Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*Kyrie

A musical staff with a treble clef. It features a dotted half note on the second line and a whole note on the fourth line.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

A musical staff with a treble clef on the left. It contains five horizontal lines. The first line has a black dot with a small circle above it. The second line has a black dot with a small circle above it. The third line has a black dot with a small circle above it. The fourth line has a black dot with a small circle above it. The fifth line has a black dot with a small circle above it.

Lord, have mercy.

A musical staff in G clef with five horizontal lines. It contains the following notes from left to right: a dotted half note, a rest, a half note, a rest, a dotted half note, a dotted quarter note, a dotted eighth note, a dotted sixteenth note, a dotted eighth note, a dotted quarter note, a rest, and a dotted half note.

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

A musical staff in treble clef. It contains six notes: a dotted half note, a whole note, a half note, a dotted half note, a whole note, and a whole note. The notes are separated by vertical stems and are connected by horizontal beams.

Lord, have mercy.

A musical staff in G clef. It contains three groups of notes and rests. The first group has a quarter note followed by a rest. The second group has a rest followed by a quarter note. The third group has a half note followed by a half note. The notes are black and the rests are white with black outlines.

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

A musical staff with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. It shows a sequence of notes: a half note, a half note, a whole note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a whole note.

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

A musical staff in treble clef. It features a dotted half note, a whole note, a half note, and two quarter notes, all connected by a single horizontal bar line.

Lord, have mercy.

A musical staff in G clef. It contains a whole note (solid black circle), a half note (open circle with a vertical stem), a whole note (solid black circle), a half note (open circle with a vertical stem), a quarter note (solid black circle), a half note (open circle with a vertical stem), and a quarter note (solid black circle).

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

A musical staff in treble clef with five horizontal lines. It contains a series of note heads: a solid black circle, a solid black circle, a solid black circle, a solid black circle with a stem pointing up, a solid black circle, an open circle with a stem pointing up, a solid black circle, a solid black circle with a stem pointing down, a solid black circle with a stem pointing up, and an open circle with a stem pointing up. The notes are connected by vertical stems.

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

*Hymn of Praise

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

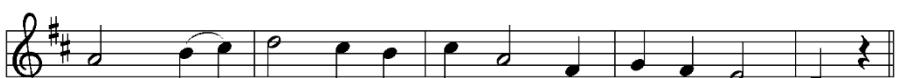
All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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. Amen.**

Musical Offering

Mary Did You Know?

Wayne York

- arr. Inman

First Lesson – Isaiah 42:1-9

The First Lesson is from the 42nd chapter of Isaiah.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm – Psalm 29

Responsive Reading

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.

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 Lesson – Acts 10:34-43

The Second Lesson is from the 10th chapter of Acts.

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.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



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

*Gospel – Matthew 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Rob Eller

***Apostles' Creed**

With the whole church let us confess our faith:

**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 People (please sit)

After each prayer, please offer the words:

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

*Thank you for placing your offering in the **Offering Box** before the service began. Your continued financial support of this congregation helps us to do God's work in the community and the world.*

Offering Song

Give Thanks

W&P 41



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,



give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,

give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks!

Offertory Prayer (please sit)

Let us pray. 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. **Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving (Please Stand)

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise . . .
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus (Please Stand)

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.

***Eucharistic prayer (Please Stand)**

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.

...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...to share with us the great and promised feast

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

...with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit

...Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

***Lord's Prayer (Please Stand)**

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

***Invitation to Communion (Please Stand)**

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

Thanks be to God!

Communion Song

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.

Communion Hymn

Come, Let Us Eat

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1. Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 2. Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 3. In Je-sus', pres-ence now we meet and rest,

come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
 come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
 in Je - sus', pres - ence now we meet and rest.

Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,

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 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.

Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.

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Communion Distribution (*Your choice of WHITE wine or PURPLE grape juice*)

The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

*Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

*Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. 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. **Amen**.

*Benediction

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

*Sending Hymn: *The Spirit Now Sends Us Forth to Serve* ELW 551

*Dismissal

While our worship here has ended, let us continue through our service to others. So go in peace to love and serve the Lord, **Thanks be to God**.

Today's Worship Leaders and Assistants – January 11, 2025

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Robert M. Eller | Assisting Minister: Jerry Gartrell
Greeters: Ward and Linda Holdsworth
Lector: Jerry Gartrell | Usher: Wayne York
Communion Assistants: Ward and Linda Holdsworth
Worship Coordinator: Ruth Patrick | Organist: John Foust
MEVO: Wayne York

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders and Assistants – January 18, 2025

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Robert M. Eller | Assisting Minister: Tricia Self
Greeters: Lori Rainsberg and Mary Lou Westbrook
Lector: Evelyn Blake | Usher: John Foust
Communion Assistants: John and Barb Sandy
Worship Coordinator: Ruth Patrick | Organist: Diane Troendly
MEVO: Dane Smith

Attendance 1/4: 44

**January Benevolence:
Community Hospice
(New Philadelphia)**

Readings for Next**Sunday**

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

CHURCH COUNCIL

Neil Rupe – President
Ken Lab – Treasurer
Tricia Self

Ward Holdsworth – VP
Wayne York – Secretary
Heidi Torch



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion: Please fill out a communion card and hand it to the usher during communion. If you are unable to come forward, Pastor Rob will bring it back to your seat. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice (the communion cups with purple) are available.

Mid-Day Prayer Break: Do you have a lot on your mind? Come see Pastor Rob for the Mid-Day Prayer Break every Wednesday from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Pastor Rob is outside in front of the church for conversation, prayer, healing, and Holy Communion.

The Vine: The first worship service of the new iteration of The Vine will be this Saturday at 6:00pm! Come join us for this new worship experience.

Sunday School: Adults and children are invited to attend Sunday School every Sunday at 8:30am! Kidz Bible School is open to kids age 3 and up. See Heidi Torch and Judy Swinehart with questions. The Adult Class is currently studying the book of Matthew. See Don Brandt with questions.

Choir Rehearsal: Bell choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm. All are welcome to join!

Pastoral Visits: If you or anyone you know would like a visit from Pastor Rob, please call the church office or Pastor Rob to make arrangements.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday January 12

- * AA Meeting – 12:00pm
- * Finance Committee – 6:30pm
- * Congregation Council – 7:00pm

Tuesday January 13

- * Pastor's Group – 11:00am
- * Bell Choir – 6:00pm

Wednesday January 14

- * Mid-day Prayer Break – 11:00am-1:00pm

Thursday January 15

Friday January 16

Saturday January 17

- * The Vine – 6:00pm

Sunday January 18

- * Kids and Adult Sunday School – 8:30am
- * Sunday worship – 9:30am

Commemorations this Week

**January 15 – Martin Luther King Jr.,
renewer of society, martyr, died 1968**

Martin Luther King Jr. is remembered as an American prophet of justice among races and nations, a Christian whose faith undergirded his advocacy of vigorous yet nonviolent action for racial equality. A pastor of churches in Montgomery, Alabama, and Atlanta, Georgia, his witness was taken to the streets in such other places as Birmingham, Alabama, where he was arrested and jailed while protesting against segregation. He preached nonviolence and demanded that love be returned for hate. Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, he was killed by an assassin on April 4, 1968. Though most commemorations are held on the date of the person's death, many churches hold commemorations near Dr. King's birth date of January 15, in conjunction with the American civil holiday honoring him. An alternate date for the commemoration would be his death date, April 4.

“THE TIME IS
always right
TO DO
what is right.”

—MLK Jr.

Altar Flowers Are Given to the Glory of God...

In honor of Dick and Myrna Hugh by Dane and Cindy Smith

Church Family and Friends in Need of Prayer...

Assisted Living/Nursing Home:

Kay Frantz, Larry Humbert, Peggy Immel, **Jean Ridgway, Shirley Yoder**

Other Members:

Sam Bates, Kathy Beatty, Shirley Brug, Sally Dorn, **Ed Fishel**,
Dean Fisher, John Frank, Kay Frantz, Dorothy Glass, Diana Gray,
Dick Hugh, Charles John, Mary Jane John, Dorothy Kaufman,
Shari Kohler, Breanne Mathias, Susan Miller, Marsha Mills,
Chuck Moore, **Ruth Patrick, Glenna Seperic**, Chris Smith, Cindy Smith,
Marilyn Swaldo, Sandi Hennenkrat-Wemple, **Virginia Wyer**,
Bonnie Yanders

Friends and Family:

Wilma Daniel, Naomi Potts, Andrew Wolf

Names in **BOLD** listed above were prayed for at the altar last Sunday



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