

WELCOME

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

SAT. JANUARY 10/SUN. JANUARY 11, 2026



“The Spirit-Marked Servant”

AS WE GATHER

The descendants of Abram/Abraham were named Hebrews or Jews, after Judah, one of Jacob's sons; this naming pertained to all of Israel after the Babylonian exile. To this day, they are referred to as God's “chosen people.” They were chosen to be the lineage of the Christ. God took on flesh “of the house and lineage of David” (Luke 2:4) as the incarnate Son of God and Son of Mary of Nazareth.

Today we hear that divine promise in Isaiah 42, identifying Jesus as God's chosen servant. He is not only to be King of the Jews alone but a light to lighten the Gentiles also.

WELCOME

¤ PREPARATION ¤

OPENING HYMN “To Jordan's River Came Our Lord”

LSB 405

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/5n0iHaekmc?si=bgEST2VJEj5rEwFt>

**1 To Jordan's river came our Lord,
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light,
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.**

**2 The Savior came to be baptized—
The Son of God in flesh disguised—
To stand beneath the Father's will
And all His righteousness fulfill.**

**3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood
And John baptized
the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,
Descended on Him from above.**

**4 Then from God's throne
with thund'rous sound
Came God's own voice
with words profound;
“This is My Son,”
was His decree,
“The one I love,
who pleases Me.”**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the **☩** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; Psalm 117*

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: to God my exceeding joy.

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!
People: **For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!**

CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Our help is in the name of the Lord.
People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
People: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,
People: **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

❖ WORD ❖

Kyrie



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HYMN OF PRAISE “Gloria In Excelsis” LSB 187

https://youtu.be/zdP_yx67ovU?si=mGIPYTP3Ua9wrj4Y

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 42:1–9 (The LORD's chosen servant)*

42 Behold 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 aloud or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
3 a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.

4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged
 till he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his law.

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 on it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:

6 “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
 I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
 a light for 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 carved idols.

9 Behold, the former things have come to pass,

and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM “Father Welcomes”

Robin Mann

EPISTLE *Romans 6:1–11* *(Dead to sin, alive to God)*

6 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? **2** By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? **3** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. **6** We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. **7** For one who has died has been set free from sin. **8** Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **10** For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. **11** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

(LSB p. 205)

Hyperlink

<https://youtu.be/IsTHg6eL9gU>

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 3:13–17 (The Baptism of Jesus)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, 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 thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him,^[a] and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

LSB 411

Hyperlinks

https://youtu.be/ionKh1dL9o0?si=BgbHBDlwxBk_lp8&t=12

1.I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

In Him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2.I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness,

Shine on my path,

And show me the way to the Father.

In Him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3.I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,

We shall know the joy of Jesus.

In Him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CONFSSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

✖ SACRAMENT ✎

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

(LSB, page 195)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying, “*Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.*”

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “*Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.*”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

(LSB p. 198)

Hyperlink

https://youtu.be/b6-dYIMTZYU?si=ZMwlb_DLTVdqYyHi

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive -

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”

LSB 596

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/GJE7c8EJEJ0?si=zFTQU5KgTAvaNWql&t=33>

**1 All Christians who have been baptized,
Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized
The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done,
The gifts He gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!**

**2 You were before your day of birth,
Indeed, from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth,
None good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood,
Turned inward from the highest good,
You constantly denied Him.**

**3 But all of that was washed away—
Immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your Baptism day
Restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed
And all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.**

**4 In Baptism we now put on Christ—
Our shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed
And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of His own blood
Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.**

**5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.**

**6 So use it well! You are made new—
In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do
Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!**

NUNC DIMITTIS

(LSB p. 199-200)

Hyperlink

<https://www.youtube.com/live/9TJrgjbRIDk?si=D9Z3wBvzc4pJ24wB>

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
According to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou has prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, who anointed Your only-begotten Son to be the chosen Redeemer of all mankind, we give You thanks for choosing us in Him to share in the fellowship of believers in this Sacrament. Move us to shine the light of His grace in our lives that all people hear Your invitation of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✡ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “We Know That Christ Is Raised” LSB 603

HYPERLINK

https://youtu.be/uOxyBFkAQyU?si=Jou_ogK1N34DisAx&t=24

1 We know that Christ is raised
and dies no more.
Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold;
And our despair He turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!

2 We share by water in His saving death.
Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ.
Alleluia!

3 The Father’s splendor clothes
the Son with life.
The Spirit’s power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Preacher: **Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald**
- Liturgist (Sun.): **Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus**
- Sat. Organist: **Lina Schaal**
- Sun. Organist: **George Kelm**
- Choir Director: **Gail Feick**
- A/V Team: **Brian & Amanda Larie,
Stan & Cheryl Grey, Dawn Oswald**
- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald
(oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**
- **Kindly turn off your cellphone prior to Divine Worship.**
- **ALTAR GUILD & TASTY FELLOWSHIP:** We would appreciate additional help in preparing the altar for Holy Communion and also providing treats after Sunday services. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Tami Voigt.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Reader: **Dawn Oswald**
Communion: **Paul Schneider**
Ushers: **Sue Robinson & Gail Feick**
Fellowship: **Kelly & Alana Fragassi**
Altar Guild: **Rita Estes**

NEXT WEEK

Reader: **Gary Estes**

Communion: **Paul Schneider**
Ushers: **Joe & Trina Metz**
Fellowship: **Pete & Tami Voight**
Altar Guild: **Rita Estes**

BIRTHDAYS

1/13 **Craig Kunz**
1/14 **James Muur**
1/16 **Pastor Maurice Lind**
1/16 **Paul Trettin**

Calendar of Events This Week
1/12/26 – 1/18/26

Monday: **6:00pm** **Council Meeting**

Wednesday: **6:00pm** **Bible Study-“Differences Between the Lutherans”**
7:00pm **Twin Lakes Sportsmen Club**

Thursday **6:00pm** **AA Meeting**

Saturday: **9:30am** **Worship Service**

Sunday: **8:15am** **Choir Rehearsal**
9:00am **Worship Service**
10:20am **Bible Study & Children’s Sunday School**
7:00pm **AA Meeting**