

Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026

10am worship

Facebook live

Welcome to worship at **tierrasantalutheranchurch**

We're excited that you have chosen to worship with us. We encourage you to fill out the green visitor sheet located in the pew pocket and place it in the offering basket. Children's bulletins are available from an usher. A Nursery for children 3 and under is at the west end of the hallway.

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.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

GATHERING SONG "Hosanna" (Praise is Rising)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You

'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away
Hosanna, Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new

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GATHERING PRAYER

SONG "Grace Upon Grace"

What reason do I have to wake up with the rising sun
And not be held down by the weight of all the things I've done?
What reason do I have to feel this hope instead of hurt?
How can it be I don't receive the judgement I deserve?

Wave upon wave of grace upon grace
Endlessly washing my sins away
I know the only reason I can stand here free of all my shame
Is wave upon wave of grace upon grace upon grace

How can you see me at my worst and still say I am loved?
What promise can I stand on when I don't feel good enough?
When the enemy's reminding me of all that I've done wrong
What freedom do I have to sing this new creation song?

Wave upon wave of grace upon grace
Endlessly washing my sins away
I know the only reason I can stand here free of all my shame
Is wave upon wave of grace upon grace upon grace

Singing, What can wash away my sin?
And make me new again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me white as snow?
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Wave upon wave of grace upon grace
Endlessly washing my sins away
I know the only reason I can stand here free of all my shame
Is wave upon wave of grace upon grace
Wave upon wave of grace upon grace
Upon grace

SONG "Broken Vessels" (Amazing Grace)

Verse 1

All these pieces
Broken and scattered
In mercy gathered
Mended and whole
Empty handed
But not forsaken
I've been set free
I've been set free

Pre-Chorus

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
Oh I once was lost
But now I am found
Was blind but now I see

Chorus

Oh I can see You now
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes
Laying Yourself down
Raising up the broken to life

Verse 2

You take our failure
You take our weakness
You set Your treasure
In jars of clay
So take this heart Lord
I'll be Your vessel
The world to see Your life in me

Pre-chorus

Chorus

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All Christians are invited by our Lord to receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Children who have not yet received First Communion instructions are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, but are requested to wait with Communing until they have been properly instructed. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest. Wine is in the gold chalice and grape juice is in the pottery chalice.

SONG “Oceans (Where My Feet May Fall)”

Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

Chorus

Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

Repeat Bridge

Chorus

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING - God's Global Barnyard *We can donate money through the ELCA to purchase farm animals and related resources (like tools, seeds, training) to help hungry families globally achieve long-term food security and self-sufficiency, turning gifts into food, income, and fertilizer.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO GODLY PLAY

FIRST READING *God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.*

Isaiah 42:1-9

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. He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and

the coastlands wait for his teaching. 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: 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, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

PSALM 2 (*Men read odd verses; women read even*)

- 1 Why are the nations / in an uproar?
Why do the peoples mutter / empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes / plot together,
against the Lord and against the / Lord's anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their / yoke," they say;
"let us cast off their / bonds from us."
- 4 God whose throne is in heav- / en is laughing;
the Lord holds them / in derision.
- 5 Then in wrath God / speaks to them,
and in rage fills / them with terror.
- 6 "As for me, I have anoint- / ed my king
upon Zion, my / holy mountain."
- 7 Let me announce the decree / of the Lord,
who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I be- / gotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for / your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for / your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an / iron rod
and shatter them like a / piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you / kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers / of the earth.

- 11 Submit to the / Lord with fear,
and with trembling / bow in worship;
- 12 lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden / blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take ref- / uge in God!

SECOND READING *Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

GOSPEL *Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 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. 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. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

MESSAGE BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

SONG "Come Home Running"

Verse 1

Oh heart of mine
Why must you stray
From One so fair
You run away
And one more time
You have to pay the heaviness
Of needless shame

Verse 2

Oh heart of mine
Come back home
You've been too long
Out on your own
And He's been there all along
Watching for you down the road

Chorus

So come home running
His arms are open wide
His name is Jesus
And He understands
He is the answer
You are looking for
So come home running
Just as you are

Verse 3

Oh child of God
So dearly loved
And ransomed by
The Savior's blood
And called by name daughter and son
Wrapped in the robe of righteousness

Chorus, repeat

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COMMUNITY PRAYERS

This week, please keep in your prayers: *Reid Bixler, Barbara Berg, Brandi Vadis, James Vadis, Marianne d'Arnaud, Ellen Mize, Frank Fogg, Mike George, Diane Raines, Barbara Vann, Anastasia Balmaceda, Ray Gerding, and Cathie and Ray Gerding at the death of Cathie's sister. Lord, please guide and protect our military personnel serving in harm's way.*

APPRECIATION TO THOSE RETIRING FROM THE COUNCIL:

Vice-President: Steve Streightiff

Director of Worship and Music: Ann McCann

Director of Evangelism: Ansley Sparks

INSTALLATION OF NEWLY-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Vice-President: Bill Stephenson

Director of Worship and Music - *vacant*

Director of Evangelism: Brian Jackson

Director of Christian Education: Carol Stephenson (2nd term)

Director of Fellowship: *vacant*

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING

SONG "Forever Reign"

You are good, You are good
When there's nothing good in me
You are love, You are love
On display for all to see
You are light, You are light
When the darkness closes in
You are hope, You are hope
You have covered all my sin

You are peace, You are peace
When my fear is crippling
You are true, You are true
Even in my wandering
You are joy, You are joy

You're the reason that I sing
You are life, You are life
In You death has lost its sting

(Chorus)

Oh, I'm running to Your arms
I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign

You are more, You are more
Than my words will ever say
You are Lord, You are Lord
All creation will proclaim
You are here, You are here
In Your presence I'm made whole
You are God, You are God
Of all else I'm letting go

(Chorus 2x)

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OFFERING PRAYER

P: 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.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

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

C: Amen.

SONG "Go Tell It On The Mountain"

Chorus

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

Verse 1

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

(Repeat Chorus)

Verse 3

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn

(Repeat Chorus)

Tag

That Jesus Christ is born (x2)

THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Reader: Kathy Kelly

Comm: Howard Reese

Usher: Howard Reese, Brian Jackson

Acolyte:

Godly Play: Judith Chapman, Cathie Gerding

Nursery:

Altar: Claudia Murphy

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