

## Welcome to Worship Baptism of Our Lord January 10 - 11, 2026

### WE GATHER

The order of worship is set out in this bulletin. The Congregation responds in parts marked in **bold**. The page and hymn numbers are listed for the Red ELW Hymnal. \* Indicates to stand as you are able.

**Prelude (5:00)**

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*  
 Cam Green, piano

Philipp Nicolai

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(9:00)

*Baptized in Water*  
 Nicholas Davis, organ

arr. John Behnke

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### Tolling of the Bell

### Welcome / Announcements

**(5:00) \*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*P: Baptized into you, O Living One,  
 C: make us one as you are one.*

**(9:00) Baptisms**

Owen James Sippel  
 Parker John Sippel, sons of Rebecca & James Sippel  
 Eleanor Stacey Doherty, daughter of Madeline & Kevin Doherty

**\*Gathering Song**

*Crashing Waters at Creation*

ELW #455

- 1 Crashing waters at creation, ordered by the Spirit's breath,  
 first to witness day's beginning from the brightness of night's death.
- 2 Parting water stood and trembled as the captives passed on through,  
 washing off the chains of bondage— channel to a life made new.
- 3 Cleansing water once at Jordan closed around the one foretold,  
 opened to reveal the glory ever new and ever old.
- 4 Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul.  
 Wellspring, source of life eternal, drench our dryness, make us whole.

"Crashing Waters at Creation" Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993;  
 Music: attr. Christian F Witt, 1660-1716; adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876. Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.

### \*Invocation

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** (ELW p. 138)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

\***Canticle of Praise** (ELW p. 140)

*This is the Feast*

*Refrain* This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

2 Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain*

3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

*Final* This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

\***Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE WORD

**First Reading**

Acts 10:34-43

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

\***Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia*

hymnal p. 142

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

\***The Holy Gospel**

The gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 3:13-17

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation (p. 2946). Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. Kindle Edition.

**Message (5:00)**

Pastor Ben Sloss

(9:00)

Pastor Elisabeth Lynn Himmelman

**\*Hymn of the Day****Baptized in Water**

ELW #456

- 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.
- 2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king:  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.
- 3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king:  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.

"Baptized in Water" Text: Michael A. Saward, b. 1932; Music: Gaelic tune; arr. Hymnal version. Text © 1982 Jubilate Hymns, admin. Hope Publishing. Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

**\*Apostles' Creed, p. 105**

**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 into hell. 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 (responsive prayer)**

God of grace,  
hear our prayer.

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you**

**WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

**Impact Talk**-The Life Together Ensemble will meet again on Sunday, February 1, at 8:00 a.m. in the Bach Room to learn a song and then sing at the 9:00 a.m. service. The ensemble is open to anyone who wishes to sing together. For more information, please speak with Nicholas Davis.

**Offering Invitation****Music Offering (5:00)**

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*  
Cam, piano

Samuel S. Wesley

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" Samuel S. Wesley © Public Domain

**(9:00)**

*Come to the Water*  
Sanctuary Choir

John B. Foley

"Come to the Water" by John B Foley, © 1975/78/93 John Foley and OCP.

**\*Offertory**

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW #182

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 the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" John W. Arthur; Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923. © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## \*Offering Prayer

### THE MEAL

#### \*Great Thanksgiving (spoken or sung)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All Sing

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

ELW p. 144

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

#### \*Thanksgiving at the Table / Words of Institution

#### \*The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is 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.**

Distribution

*Lamb of God*

ELW p. 146

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.

Communion Hymn

*Spirit of Gentleness*

ELW #396

Refrain Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." Refrain
- 2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. Refrain
- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. Refrain
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. Refrain

**\*Prayer after Communion**

## WE ARE SENT

**\*Responsive Sending**

People of God, we are called into Life Together...

**Rooted in Christ, growing in grace, connected in love.**

Just like the early church, we gather with purpose...

**Devoted to prayer, to fellowship, and to the breaking of bread.**

We are not church alone—we are church together...

**Called to show up, speak truth, and share burdens.**

The Spirit forms us into a community of care...

**Where generosity flows, and no one is forgotten.**

In every act of love, every table shared, every name remembered...

**Christ is made known among us.**

So go now—renewed in connection, bold in faith, alive in hope...

**To live 'Life Together,' to 'Know Jesus, and to Make Jesus Known.' Amen.**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Sending Song**

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

ELW #551

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.
- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;  
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.
- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed  
and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.
- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve," Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b.  
1939 Music: attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820. Text. © 1993 Delores Dufner, admin. OCP Publications.

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. We will!**

**Postlude (5:00)**

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
Cam Green, piano

arr. Ronald E McVey

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" Arranged by Ronald E. McVey ©  
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**(9:00)**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
Nicholas Davis, organ

arr. Jeffrey Honore

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Arranged by Jeffrey Honore  
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Thank you to all who gave of their time to plan, serve, and participate in today's worship.

## This Week in Prayers:

We continue to pray for Sabrina Montrose, Nancy Carlmark, Wilma Roose, Michelle Dardis, and those we name silently in our hearts.

We rejoice with Rebecca and James Sippel at the baptisms of Owen James and Parker John Sippel and Madeline, and Kevin Doherty at the baptism of Eleanor Stacey Doherty.

We comfort the grieving family and friends of Joan Clinton on her death.

## Pastoral Team

Pastor Brian Wise, [pastorbrian@oursaviours.com](mailto:pastorbrian@oursaviours.com)

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## Worship Service Opportunities

• Our Saviour's Campus,	Traditional Worship	Saturday,	5:00 pm	Sunday,	9:00 am
	Blended	Sunday,	11:00 am		
• Celebration Campus,	Contemporary	Sunday,	10:00 am		

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**Holy Communion** is offered weekly at all worship services, and all are welcome to receive it.

You will receive a wafer, which can be dipped into the divided chalice. The red is wine, and the white is grape juice. Gluten-free options are available at all stations. When present, a prayer minister, wearing a cross on a red ribbon, is located at the back of the worship space.

## Upcoming Events

Information for groups and events, as well as registration links, can be found on the Home menu, News & Events page of our website at [www.oursaviours.com](http://www.oursaviours.com).

- **Midweek Meetup programs** resume on **Wednesday, January 14**.
- **Dialogues in Faith** begins the new year with a focus on our Life Together through the lens of hospitality. How can we consistently practice hospitality at home, in church, and in everyday moments? Join us on *Sunday, Jan. 11, at 10:15 a.m.* in the Advent Room for a special presentation and discussion led by Mike Jettner.
- Join us for **“Justice and Joy,”** a morning of worship and hands-on service in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We'll gather on *Monday, Jan. 19, from 9:30 to 11 a.m.* in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall to root ourselves in God's presence and then put that joy into action through meaningful service projects that support our community. Inspired by Dr. King's reminder that the pursuit of justice is both a moral calling and a path to shared joy, this gathering offers space to reflect, serve, and grow together, and all ages are welcome.
- **ELCA National Day of National Healing event** - The ELCA, in partnership with Augsburg Fortress, will observe the 2026 National Day of Racial Healing with a free evening program on *Tuesday, Jan. 20, 6 to 8 p.m.* online and in person at the Celebration Campus.
- **Banned Book Club** - Whether you've read the book or not, please join us in discussing Mosab Hassan Yousef's 'Son of Hamas.' We will meet on *Monday, Jan 26, at 7 p.m.* in the Bonhoeffer Conference Room. For questions, please contact Kelly Holden or Ann Ahlman.
- **Women's Ministry Retreat**, *Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026, from 9 am to 4:30 pm* in the Fellowship Hall. Theme: Free to Feel, exploring our emotions, particularly anger. Fun, fellowship, food, crafts.... It's Life Together as a community of women.
- **The Life Together Ensemble** will meet again on *Sunday, Feb. 1, at 8:00 a.m.* in the Bach Room to learn a song and then sing at the 9:00 a.m. service. The ensemble is open to anyone who wishes to sing together. For more information, please speak with Nicholas Davis.