

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



The Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

8:00 & 10:30*am

*livestreamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

AS WE GATHER

Today is the first of the bookends that mark the Epiphany season—the Baptism of Our Lord and His Transfiguration. In common is the command from God to “listen to Him.” We begin our journey of listening to the Lord, learning from those who went before, acknowledging the revelation of the Lamb of God in baptismal water, and looking to Him, the Word made flesh. In the prophet Isaiah comes a voice of comfort to a troubled Judah. By these words, the Lord reminds us that despite the circumstances of the moment, the faithful are beloved in the eyes of the Lord—a love made profoundly manifest in the gift of His own Son to die that we might live and to live that we might never die.

Many thanks to Pastor Mitchell for leading our worship today.

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✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠ ✠

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *The Only Son from Heaven* (arr. J. S. Bach)

HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 590 – Baptized into Your Name Most Holy



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

† † † **WORD** † † †

INTROIT – *Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

Cantor: Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.



- C** **I will tell of | the decree:***
The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.

Cantor: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,*
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

- C** **You shall break them with a | rod of iron***
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”

Cantor: Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

- C** **Serve the | Lord with fear,***
and rejoice with | trembling,

Cantor: for his wrath is quickly | kindled.*
Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

- C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;**
as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

KYRIE – **Lord, Have Mercy** – *Mark 10:47*

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** 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.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

- P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



- C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 42:1-9 – The Lord’s chosen servant

¹Behold 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.

²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

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

⁵Thus 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,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the Lord; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.

⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL – *Psalm 117:1-2a; Psalm 96:8* - **The congregation sings all.**

C Praise the Lord, all na - tions! Ex -
-tol him, all peo - ples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the
faith - full - ness of the Lord en - dures for - ev - er. A - scribe to the Lord the
glo - ry due his name; bring an of - fer - ing, and come in to his courts!

SECOND LESSON – **Romans 6:1-11** – Dead to sin, alive to God

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and COMMON VERSE – *John 6:68*

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

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 3:13-17 – The Baptism of Jesus

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



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

8:00 am – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 406 – To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His
2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him -
3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y
4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to



Fa - ther's plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word
self has spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell
word and won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,
us ex - tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove



Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing
And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His
Which we do well to pon - der: “This man is My be -
Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -



now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion
 Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.
 lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.
 sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,



And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's
 God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while
 Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full -
 That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find



op - pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.
 be - stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.
 est mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."
 a dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

5 To His disciples spoke the Lord,
 "Go out to ev'ry nation,
 And bring to them the living Word
 And this My invitation:
 Let ev'ryone abandon sin
 And come in true contrition
 To be baptized and thereby win
 Full pardon and remission
 And heav'nly bliss inherit."

6 But woe to those who cast aside
 This grace so freely given;
 They shall in sin and shame abide
 And to despair be driven.
 For born in sin, their works must fail,
 Their striving saves them never;

Their pious acts do not avail,
 And they are lost forever,
 Eternal death their portion.

7 All that the mortal eye beholds
 Is water as we pour it.
 Before the eye of faith unfolds
 The pow'r of Jesus' merit.
 For here it sees the crimson flood
 To all our ills bring healing;
 The wonders of His precious blood
 The love of God revealing,
 Assuring His own pardon.

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SERMON – *The Scandal that is our Faith* – Matthew 3:13-17

RITE OF BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- P** Dear friends, we were buried into Christ by Baptism into His death and raised with Him to newness of life. I call upon you to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced the devil and all his works and ways and were made members of the Holy Christian Church. Do you renounce the devil?
- C** **Yes, I renounce him.**
- P** Do you renounce all his works?
- C** **Yes, I renounce them.**
- P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- C** **Yes, I renounce them.**
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- C** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- C** **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- C** **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**
- P** Is it your purpose to continue steadfast in this faith and in the promise of Your Baptism and, as a member of the church, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace and prayer?
- C** **Yes, with the help of God.**
- P** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- A** ...Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- A** ...one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

OFFERING – *The Only Son from Heaven* (arr. J. G. Walther)



8:00 am – *You are encouraged to go up to the font, dip your fingers in the baptismal water, and trace the sign of the cross upon yourself, recalling your Baptism into Christ, and renewing Your pledge and promise to live in this baptismal identity and promise as long as you live. (10:30 will have this opportunity during the Distribution.)*

OFFERTORY – LSB 159 – Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

8:00 am – *Continues with the Lord's Prayer (page 11)
and concludes with the Benediction and Hymn to Depart (pages 15-16).*

✠ ✠ ✠ **SACRAMENT** ✠ ✠ ✠
10:30 am – LSB page 160

PREFACE

- 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.

**For Guests and
Visitors Desiring the
Sacrament**

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that **in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is truly present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.**

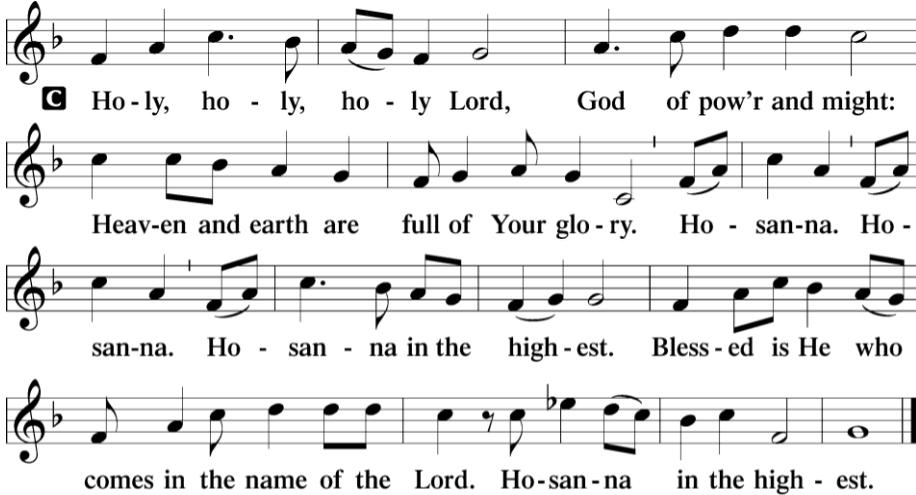
Participation in this meal indicates that you **believe, have been baptized, and have been taught** according to our Lord's command **and are in doctrinal agreement** with this confession.

- **If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith,** we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- **If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper,** please speak with one of our pastors.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary ...evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS – *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

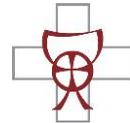


C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P ...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – *John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution Notes:

If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing a trace amount of wine, is available in the center of the tray.

AGNUS DEI – Lamb of God – John 1:29



☐ 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.

DISTRIBUTION



As you pass the font, you are encouraged to dip your fingers in the baptismal water, and trace the sign of the cross upon yourself, recalling your Baptism into Christ, and renewing Your pledge and promise to live in this baptismal identity and promise as long as you live.

LSB 600 – Mark How the Lamb of God’s Self-Off’ring



1 Mark how the Lamb of God’s self - of - f’ring Our hu - man
 2 From this as - sur - ance of God’s fa - vor Je - sus goes
 3 Grant us, O God, the strength and cour - age To live the
 sin - ful - ness takes on In the birth - wa - ters of the
 to the wil - der - ness, There to en - dure a time of
 faith our lips de - clare; Bless us in our bap - tis - mal
 Jor - dan As Je - sus is bap - tized by John.
 test - ing That read - ied Him to teach and bless.
 call - ing; Christ’s roy - al priest-hood help us share.



Hear how the voice from heav - en thun - ders, "Lo,
 So we, by wa - ter and the Spir - it Bap -
 Turn us from ev - 'ry false al - le - giance, That



this is My be - lov - ed Son." See how in dove-like
 tized in - to Christ's min - is - try, Are of - ten led to
 we may trust in Christ a - lone: Raise up in us a



form the Spir - it De - scends on God's A - noint - ed One.
 paths of ser - vice Through maz - es of ad - ver - si - ty.
 cho - sen peo - ple Trans - formed by love to be Your own.

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LSB 404 – Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered



1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Had no blem - ish
 2 John con - fessed Him as the Sav - ior— "Look, the sin - less
 3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior Great - ly longed to
 4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Full o - be - dience



of His own; In the wa - ters of the Jor - dan
 Lamb of God!" Yet he dared not loose the san - dals
 un - der - go; This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed
 was Your path; You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed



His true worth and work were shown: Heav - en o - pened
 Of the One God's love had shod. Oh, how fair the
 So the world God's love might know; This the mis - sion
 Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath: Dy - ing to the

and the Spir - it There de - scend - ed like a
feet of Je - sus, Bring - ing news of peace to
of Mes - si - ah, As He stepped from Jor - dan's
sin of Ad - am, Ris - ing to a life of

dove, As the Fa - ther's voice re - sound - ed,
us, Christ, the her - ald of sal - va - tion,
stream, He, the cho - sen and a - noint - ed
grace; We are count - ed with the righ - teous,

“Hear My Son, the One I love.”
Preach - ing mer - cy from the cross:
Son of God, sent to re - deem.
O - ver us the cross You trace.

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LSB 601 – All Who Believe and Are Baptized

1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.

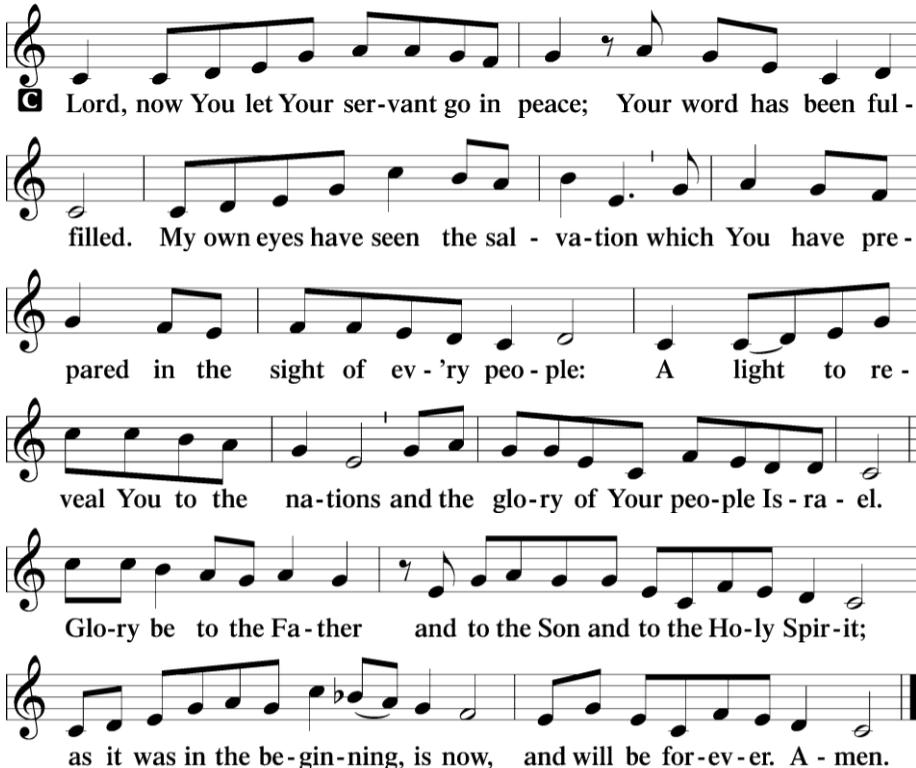
Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.

Through Christ's re - demp - tion they shall stand A - mong the glo - rious,
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -

heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – Nunc Dimittis – Luke 2:29-32



C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P We give thanks to You, almighty God ... one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26

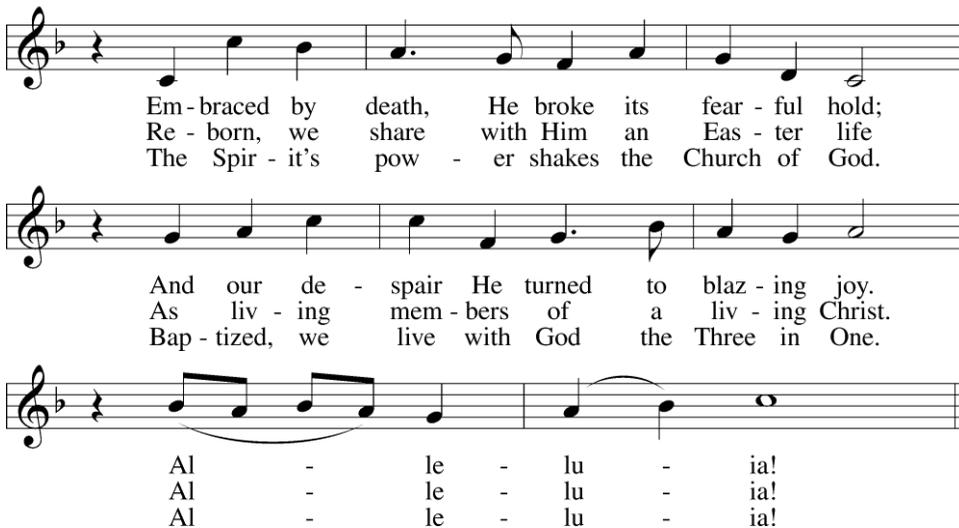
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 603 – We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in His sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.





Em-braced by death, He broke its fear-ful hold;
 Re-born, we share with Him an Eas-ter life
 The Spir-it's pow-er shakes the Church of God.

And our de-spair He turned to blaz-ing joy.
 As liv-ing mem-bers of a liv-ing Christ.
 Bap-tized, we live with God the Three in One.

Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!

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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *The Only Son from Heaven* (arr. Jan Sweelinck)



TODAY – 6:00pm **FLY** (Color Night)

MONDAY, January 12

6:30pm **Stewardship Team**

TUESDAY, January 13

Circuit Pastors meet (Faith, Columbus)

5:15pm **First Steps in Music** resumes (Classroom C; ages 0-5)

WEDNESDAY, January 14 – 7:00pm **Senior Choir** resumes

THURSDAY, January 15 – 11:30am **JOY Group to Mother Bear’s West** (sign-up on bulletin board)

FRIDAY, January 16 (8:00pm) - Saturday, January 17 (8:00am) FLY Lock-In

NEXT Sunday, January 18

8:00 & 10:30am **Commissioning** of new & returning Congregational officers & Ministry Team members

11:30am **Brief VOTERS’ MEETING**

11:45am **Spirit Camp call-out meeting**

5:00pm **Worship** resumes



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