



## **Baptism of Our Lord**

**Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**

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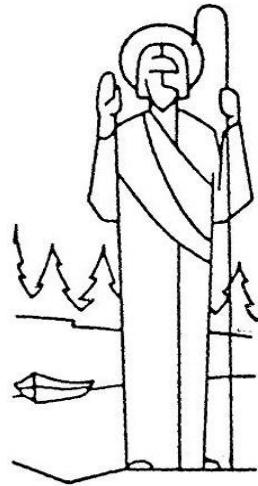
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**Church Service Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

## **WELCOME GUESTS**

*We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Here at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church we celebrate Holy Communion whenever we gather, and we would like to invite you to join us, as **all** are welcome to the Lord's table here.*

*Thank you for joining us.*

## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus & seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.

### **Recorded Services:**

All Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on You Tube.

Go to the Church website at [www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org](http://www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org) and look for the  symbol.  
Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

*For those of you worshipping with us at home – You can mail your donations to:  
Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church 2903 State HWY 155, PO Box 130 Sayner, WI 54560  
Or on the church website – [www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org](http://www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org)  
You can donate through our PayPal account.  
“Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together.”*

## Readings for January 18, 2026 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany:

First Reading	Isaiah 49: 1-7
Psalm	40: 1-11
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Holy Gospel	John 1: 29-42

### Seeing and Telling Who Jesus Is

The time after Epiphany is the church's time to invite us to come and see who this one born in a manger will be, and to discover what this one born to a young woman might mean for us and for the world. Today's gospel tells us that Jesus is the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," "the Son of God," and "the Messiah." These appellations show us that the coming of Jesus has meaning not just for those who follow him, but for all people and all the world. In the gospel, neither John nor Andrew can contain their testimony about who Jesus is. They have had an encounter with Christ that has had such an impact on their lives that they cannot help but tell others about it. John tells his disciples and everyone else within earshot about Jesus. Andrew runs to find his brother, Peter, and brings him to Jesus so that Peter might have the same life-changing encounter he himself has experienced.

We are invited to "come and see" who Jesus is. We are reminded that God's forgiveness and love proclaimed in Jesus Christ is meant to be good news for us and for all people. As we encounter Christ, our lives are changed. Like John and Andrew in today's gospel, we are called to share with others who we have seen Jesus to be.

#### CONTACT INFO:

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#### **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AT 9:00 A.M.**

Holy Communion is offered at every service. All are welcome. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later on Sundays.

#### **NOTE FROM CHARLIE & SHARON**

To our Shepherd of the Lakes Family: Sharon and I are humbled by all the caring support shown us after the death of our son, Christopher. Thank you all. Charlie Rice

**Thank You to Pastor Thomas Reiff for leading today's worship service.**

January 4, 2026 ATTENDANCE: 27

## **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday Bible Study will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 10 am. The study will again be based on “The Chosen”.

## **CHURCH SCHOOL**

Church School will be offered every Wednesday (as long as school is in session) after school. The bus will drop the children off at approximately 3:45. Lessons/project time will last until 5 pm. We welcome you to get your children - or grandchildren - involved!

## **ALTAR FLOWERS - INFORMATION ON HOW TO SIGN UP**

Contact Person - Jo Ann Kehl Cell 715-892-0413

The Sign-Up Sheets are located in the Narthex on the shelf under the Lutheran Rose.

### **STEP ONE:**

Sign up for the date you wish to provide the set of two altar bouquets

### **STEP TWO:**

You can provide flowers in two ways:

1. You may purchase your own flowers and bring them to church.

2. You may contact Jo Ann Kehl and she will order them for you. Just let her know what flowers you would like and how much you would like to spend. You can then write a check to Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church for that amount and designate it as *Altar Flower Donation*.

ANY QUESTIONS? Contact Jo Ann

## **CHRISTMAS DECORATION REMOVAL**

If you would like to help, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9 a.m. We appreciate your help!

## **CALL COMMITTEE**

Here are the Call Committee members. Please feel free to contact them if you have any questions.

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Charlie Rice – Chairman

(715) 617-1398 or (715) 479-9336



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Jim C., Dick

*(Please let us know if/when names should be removed from this “current issues” list or moved to “ongoing list”)*

### Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Larry, Mary Lou, Graham, Ericka, Mike, Shelle, Sharon G., Bob B., Ron, Carolyn, Beth, Shirley, John, Kim,

### Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, and Dylan

### Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth

### Pray for peace and consoling comfort for the families of those who have passed:

### Special Prayers

Please keep our church council, the Call Committee and every member of this congregation in your prayers as we search for a new Shepherd.

*Please or email Jean Maines at [treasurer@SOTLsayner.com](mailto:treasurer@SOTLsayner.com) or text her at 715-891-3344  
or contact Sharon Brooker at [plclerk@gmail.com](mailto:plclerk@gmail.com) or text her at 715-892-7049  
if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list or if you are in need of prayers.*



### **IN CASE OF PASTORAL EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT**

**Mike Pockat, Council President (715) 892-4488 or**

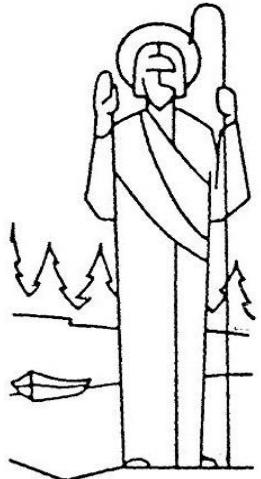
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## Welcome and Announcements

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

*(Please remain seated)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † One God, the fountain of living water, the Rock who gave us birth, our Light and our salvation.

**Amen!**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

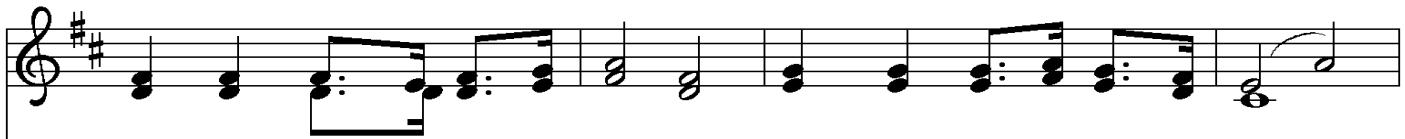
To you be honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen!**

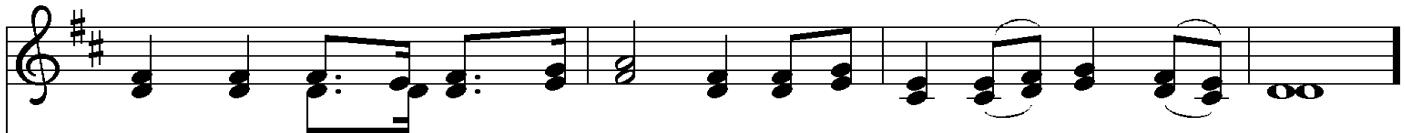
## Gathering Hymn

**“Shall We Gather at the River” ELW 423**  
*(Please Stand as you are Comfortable)*

# Shall We Gather at the River



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



## Opening Dialogue

God spoke through the prophet, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.”

**God calls us by name, we belong to God.**

“When you pass through the waters...”

**God will be with us.**

“When you pass through the rivers...”

**God will be with us.**

“When you walk through the fire...”

**God will be with us.**

God is our Savior, we are precious in God’s sight.

**Come let us worship our Savior, who leads us into life.**

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with your all.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Father in heaven,

**At the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## First Lesson    Isaiah 42: 1-9

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
    ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
    worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
    the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
    the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
    the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**<sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
    and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
    bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
    the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>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!"

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
    the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
    give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

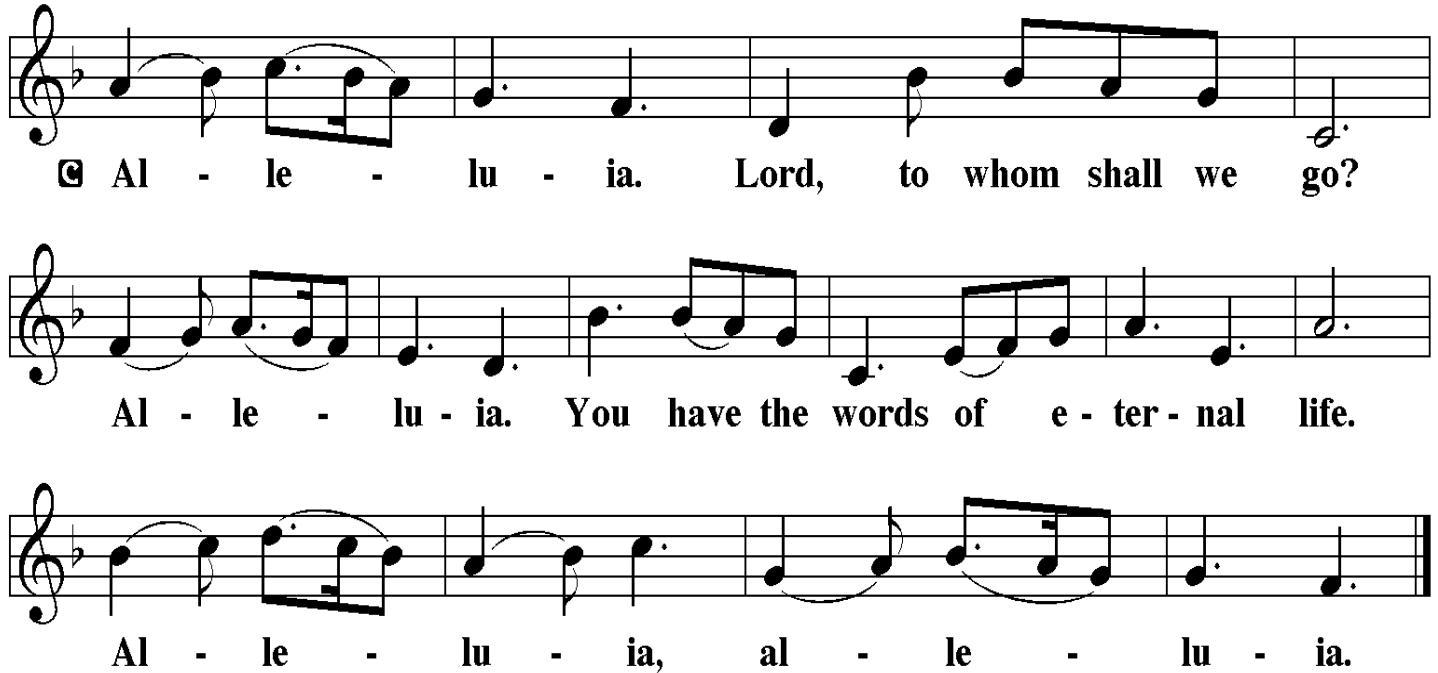
## Second Lesson    Acts 10: 34-43

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Alleluia

*(Please Stand as You are Comfortable)*



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

## Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel According to.....

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

## Matthew 3: 13-17

The Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

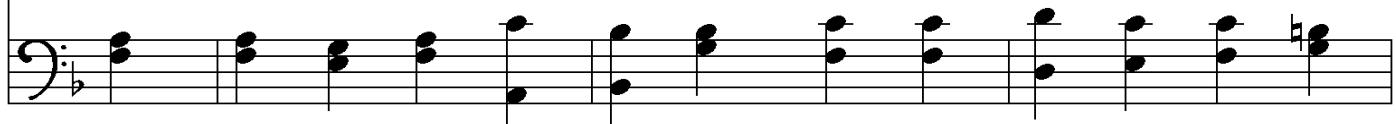
## Sermon

*(Please be Seated)*

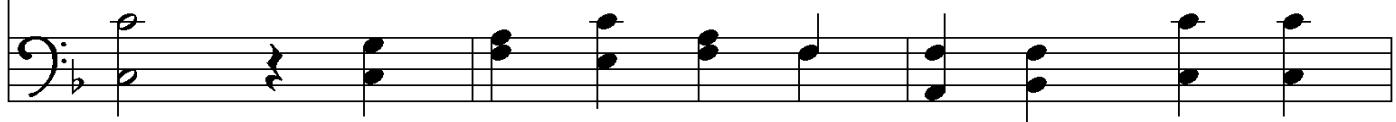
Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
 2 God called you, “My be - lov - ed Son”; you are God's ser - vant  
 3 Straight- way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - obeyed the  
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.



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## **Apostles Creed**

**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 Intercession**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*(Please greet your neighbor as you and your neighbor are comfortable, then be seated)*

## Offering

*(Our offering is received and the Lord's Table is prepared)*

## Offertory Hymn *(Please stand as you are comfortable as the offering is presented)*



C Let the vine- yards be fruit- ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath- er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

## Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

## Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

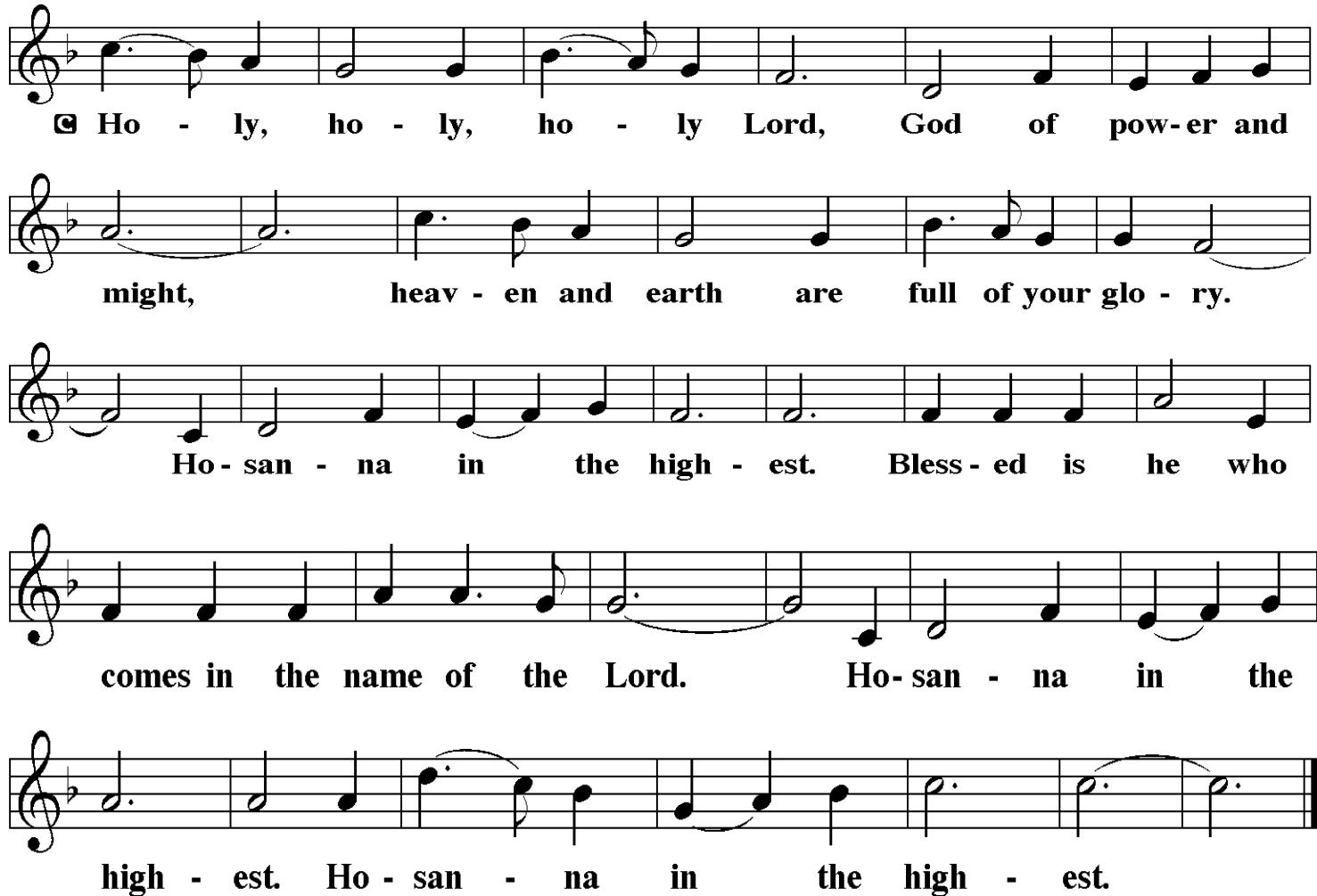
Lift up your Hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and Praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The musical notation consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and common time. The lyrics are: "C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and". The second staff continues with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are: "might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.". The third staff begins with a treble clef and common time. The lyrics are: "Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who". The fourth staff begins with a treble clef and common time. The lyrics are: "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the". The fifth staff begins with a treble clef and common time. The lyrics are: "high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est."

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

**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

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Small children and others that wish not to commune may come forward for a blessing.*

***ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.***

*Please come forward as the ushers direct, receive the bread in your hand and then receive the wine by dipping the host into the wine (chalice). Grape juice is also offered as an alternative to the wine in the clear chalice. We also have gluten free wafers for those in need, simply ask for them when you come forward.*

### Communion Distribution

*Please be seated and come forward as the ushers direct.  
All those who wish to commune are welcomed to the Lord's table.*

© 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 Songs

*“Spirit of Gentleness” ELW 396*

## Spirit of Gentleness

*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



1 You moved on the wa - - ters, you called to the deep,  
2 You swept through the des - - ert, you stung with the sand,  
3 You sang in a sta - - ble, you cried from a hill,  
4 You call from to - mor - - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - - ed with i - - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

*Refrain*

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Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley

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*“Let Us Break Bread Together” ELW 471*

**Let Us Break Bread Together**

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God together on our knees;

let us break bread together on our knees.  
let us drink wine together on our knees.  
let us praise God together on our knees.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

## **Communion Blessing**      *(Please Stand As You Are Comfortable)*

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

**Amen.**

## **Communion Prayer**

Gracious God,

**In this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **Benediction**

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  $\dagger$  give you peace.

**Amen**

## Closing Hymn

*“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” ELW 551*

## The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time, featuring a treble clef and a bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first staff contains four lines of lyrics, the second staff contains four lines, and the third staff contains four lines, all corresponding to the music's structure.

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
 joy like seed and, all our days, to  
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to share the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
 cher - ish dream and help the blind to see.  
 pow - ered life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
 Je - us; we go the in Je sus', name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.  
Second Sunday of each month join us for brunch after the service.**

### Calendar for Week of January 12 – January 18, 2026

Tuesday	January 13, 2026	Bible Study “The Chosen”	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	January 14, 2026	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Thursday	January 15, 2026	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	January 18, 2026	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

### Next Council Meeting:

January 25, 2025 Annual Meeting at 10:30 a.m.  
Council Meeting to Elect Council Officers

### Upcoming Events:

January 25, 2025 Annual Meeting at 10:30 a.m.

*Check our calendar of events on the church website for  
times and dates of events and worship services.*

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