



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Baptism of Our Lord**  
**Sunday, January 11, 2026, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Rev. Stephanie White**

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Order of Worship

Baptism of Our Lord

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*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.*

Key to hymnals in the pews:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)

\* = Please rise

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send an e-mail to [redeemer@gvtel.com](mailto:redeemer@gvtel.com) to let us know from where you are worshipping.*

**\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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 you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

**Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.**

**Amen.**

*All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.*


**And also with you.**

(continues on the next page)

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)


*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:*



Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*



God. A - men.

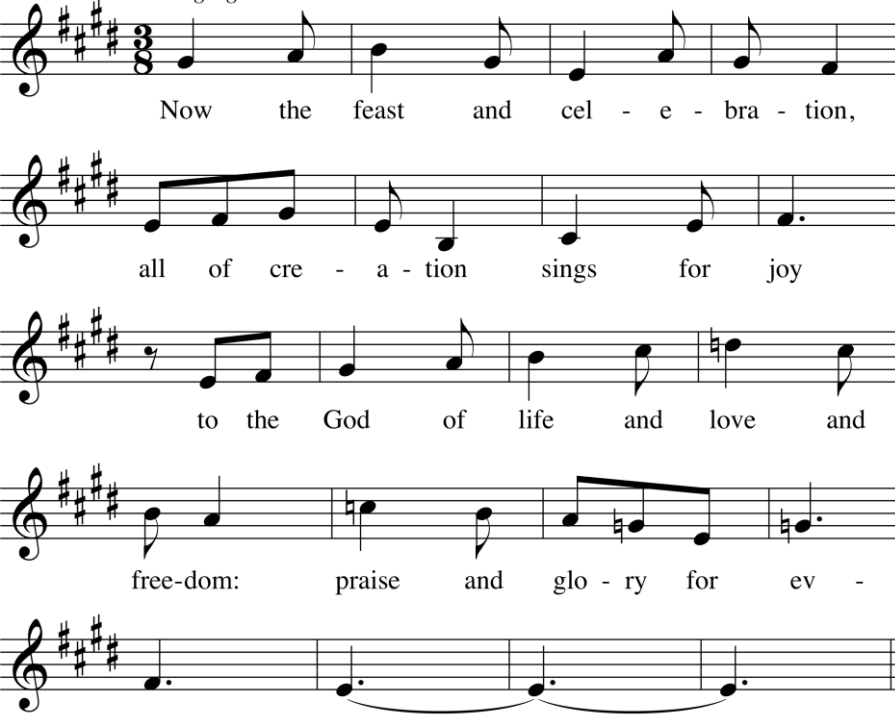
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## \*Canticle of Praise

*Now the Feast and Celebration*

### Refrain

*Congregation:*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once



slain, whose blood has freed and u -



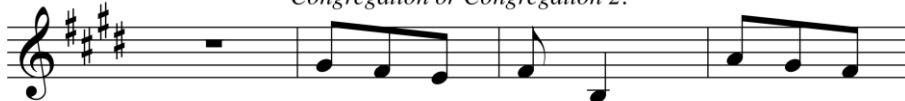
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of



God.

## Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*



2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis-dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ



for ev - er.

### Verse 3

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new. *to Refrain*

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### \*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...O God our Father,

**at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.*

**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

<sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> He will not cry out or lift up his voice  
or make it heard in the street;
- <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth,  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
- <sup>5</sup> 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:
- <sup>6</sup> 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,  
<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.
- <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Psalms 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 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

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."



Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### \*Gospel Acclamation

*All sing the acclamation once; the cantor sings the proper verse for the day, then all repeat the acclamation.*

*Congregation:*

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

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

### \*Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew...  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**\*Hymn of the Day**

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*

ELW #449

**\*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.**

**Presentation of Bibles**

Today we have Camden and Madden and their parents with us here at the front. When you were baptized, your family and your church family made some promises to God. They promised to  
live with you among God's faithful people,  
bring you to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach you the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in your hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture you in faith and prayer.  
You are now at an age when you are beginning to read well and can read the Bible for yourself! Together we are going to fulfill our promise to God to place in your

hands the holy scriptures. *Parents (and/or sponsors)*, I invite you to place the Bible in your child's hands.

*Parents (and/or sponsors) respond:*

**God's word is a lamp to your feet and a light to your path.**

*The congregation blesses the children:*

**May you find God in these scriptures,  
in the holy stories of God's love for us,  
and may it open your eyes  
to see God in the world around you.  
Amen.**

### **\*Sharing of the Peace**

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

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

### **Offering**

*We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering box before the service or at this time. As our tithes and offerings are being collected, **please take a moment to sign the red Friendship Pad at the end of the pew and pass it along.***

### **\*Offertory**

#### *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW #188

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of B-flat major (two flats). The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, with the Bass staff providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the Treble staff.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### **\*Offering Prayer**

God of majesty,  
**no eye has seen, no ear has heard**  
**what you have prepared for those who love you,**  
**yet daily 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.**  
**Amen.**

## \*Prayers of the People

...Merciful God,  
receive our prayer.

## \*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

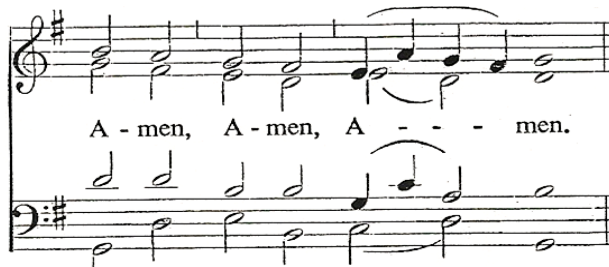


## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## \*Benediction and Threefold Amen

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



**\*Sending Hymn**

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*  
*All face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.*

ELW #551

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY 9:30 A.M.

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Video: Dave Ulrich

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# *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

Tom Gustafson, Mark & Kathi Jenkins, Tamara Vaughan, Darren Bakke, Shawn Groven, Mason Laidley, Joyce White, Cindy Hughes, Jim Potucek, Rick Harbott, Sara LaFayette Valentine, Michelle Kasprick, Shari Safranski, Bob and Barb Horien, Rick and Tami Hanson, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye and Laurie Miller.

## **Financial stewardship**

**2025 Budget**

**\$329,106.00**

**Needed monthly**

**\$27,425.50**

**Needed Weekly**

**\$6,328.96**

Altar flowers are given by Pastor Steph in honor of her father Pastor Gerald White and also given by Wally, Mandy and Aaron Sjaaheim in honor of Debbie Sjaaheim  
Blessed be their memory.

**Quarterly statements** are available upon request; please contact Marit at the church office.

**Week Ending January 4, 2026**

**\$3,923.25**

**Weekly Shortage/Overage**  
**(\$2,405.71)**



**Volunteers are needed to read, usher and serve communion.** If you can help out in any of these roles, please fill out a volunteer sheet found on our new church app. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

**Soulfood Youth Group** for grades 6 through 12 will meet the first Sunday of every month beginning at 6pm with a light meal. Come and hang out, it's good for the soul!

**A Capital Campaign has begun!** Redeemer is currently facing upcoming projects/repairs. Some are costly and some – not so much but we don't have the

funds to pay for them. Prayerfully consider making a donation. Please make your check to Redeemer and designate Capital Campaign on the memo line.

Projects:

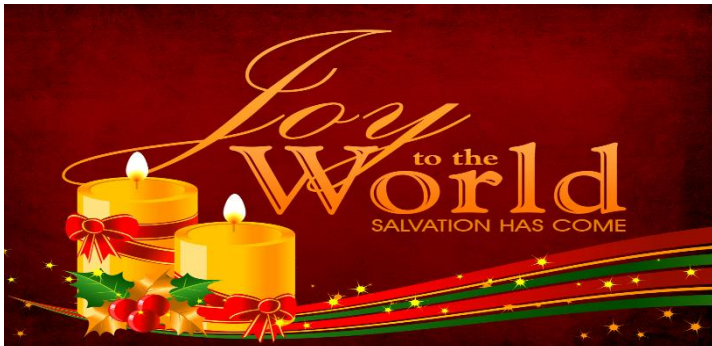
1. Replacing the shingles on the roof.
2. Replacing the doors on the East and West sides.
3. Repair/replace dishwasher.
4. Upgrade current computer system.

For more information, contact a Church Council member.  
Jan Nordin, Missy Hall, Leona Bugge, Scott Dcamp, Terri Cuppett  
Ken Froschheiser, and Deb Jacobson.

Thank you and God Bless!

**The new offering envelopes** are here and available for you in the Narthex.

**The new address** for John and Dee Wollenzien is:  
1610 7<sup>th</sup> St. S. Apt. 206  
Moorhead, MN 56560







# January Birthdays

.....Happy Epiphany!

## January Birthdays –

**1** – Suzanne Browning **2** – Hillary Teie, Kenneth Olson **3 – 4** – Brenda Poe, Paul Hejlik **5** – Deb Neimela, Hudson Eidelbes, Liam Mapes **6** – Deb Jacobson, Janelle Nelson **7** – Darlene Newland, Dena Halsa, Tom Goddard, John Azure **8 – 9** – Kaitlyn Sanden, Lois Hejlik, Kim Gilbert, Jayce Olson **10** – Annabelle Cuppett, Kathi Jenkins, Haley Olson, Presleigh Ryba **11** – Sue Bendickson **12 – 13** – Lillian Lund, Javyn Eidelbes **14** – June Johnson, Houston Kirkeide **15** – Sara Johnson, Sharon Odegard **16** – Kyla Klaven **17** – Greg Dally **18** – Jett Cornelius **19** – Doug Disterhaupt **20** – Angie Westling, Emily McLean **21** – Ashley Borchardt, Kylie Gustafson **22** – Alivia Ann Conely, Skya Wilson **23** – Christi Halbasch, John Bugge, Diane Eggerud, Piper Kezar, Ryan Hible **24** – Taylor Berg, Jeff Gilbert **25** – Larry Forsberg **26** – Zeb Nelson, Cora Hintz **27** – Arlo Johns **28** – Dee Wollenzien, Blake Halbasch, Shawn Sandahl, Livia Thibert **29** – Chris Cuppett **30** – Michaela Myhrer, Emmett Gustafson **31** – Beth Wilson

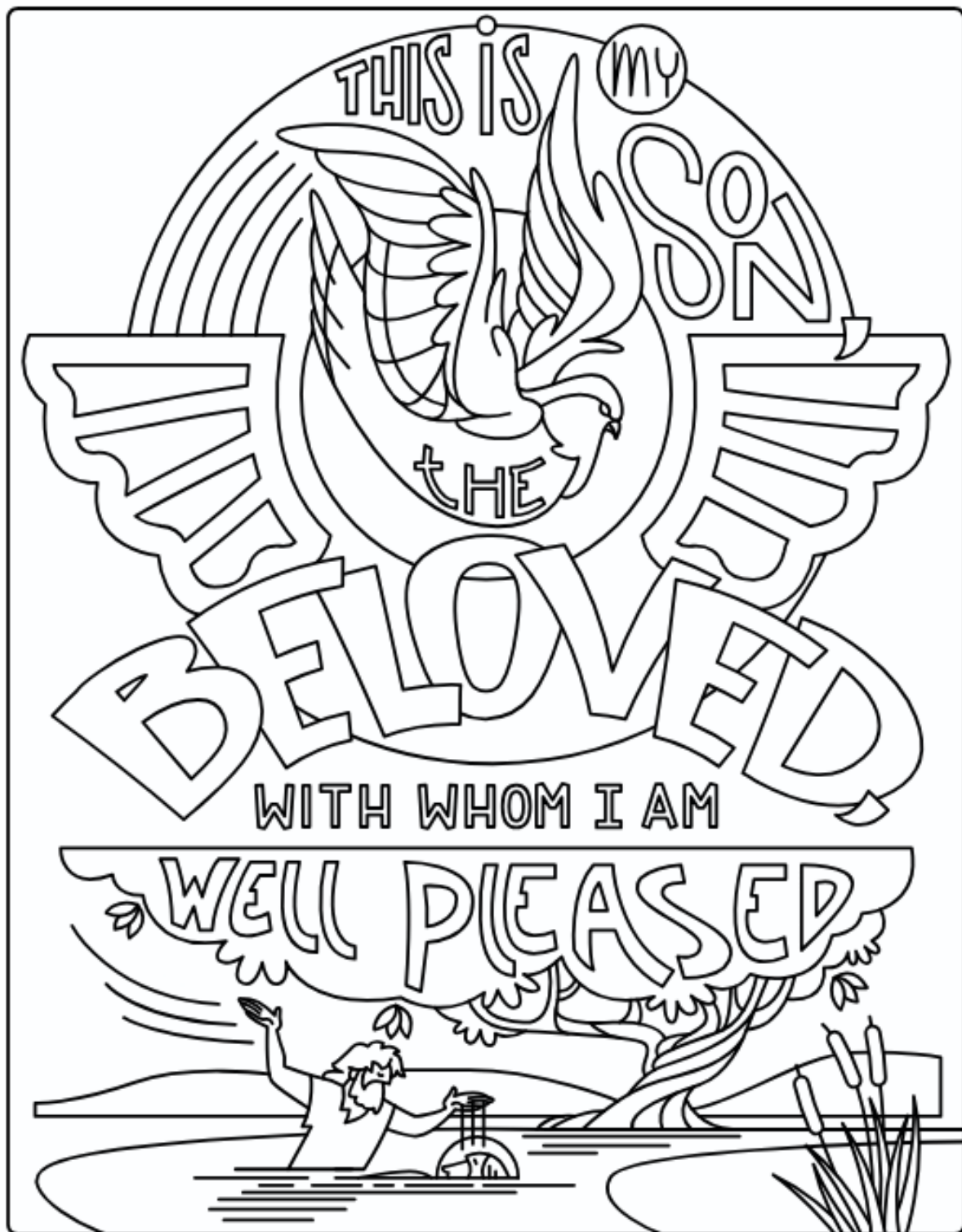
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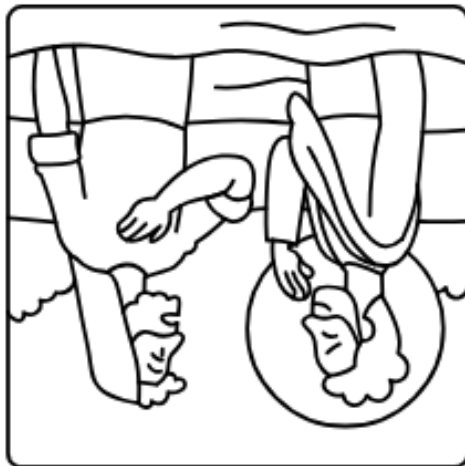
Reid Froiland, *organist/liturgist/choir director*  
Chris Cuppett, *cantor*  
Paula Adamson, Greg Dally, and Dean Dalen,  
*staff musicians*  
Dave Ulrich, *videographer*



2. To get ready to welcome the Messiah—the one John, had been baptizing people in the river. The cool water helped people experience a fresh start of turning back to God.



3. Jesus was embarking on his own fresh start. He wanted to be baptized by John, but John refused, "I should be baptized by you, not the other way around!" Jesus smiled, "This is how it needs to be. Let's do this together."



Matthew 3:13-17



1. Jesus knew it was time. He left his home in Galilee, ready to share the good news of God's love with the world. But he had an important stop to make before this journey could begin.

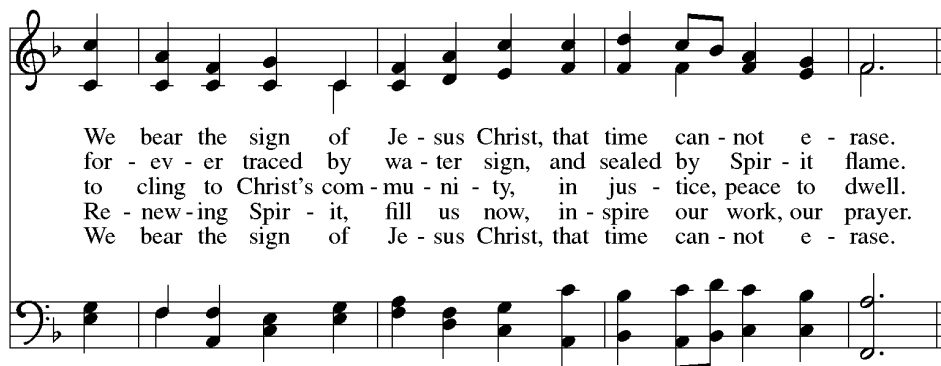


4. So, John agreed and baptized Jesus. While the water dripped from Jesus' face, the skies cracked open, and God's Spirit floated down, resting on him like a dove. Then, a voice thundered with joy, "This is my Son; I love him so much!"

## Remember and Rejoice



1 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.  
2 In life, in death, we trust in God's most ho - ly name,  
3 We pledge our - selves a - new to flee the lures of hell,  
4 God, bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.  
5 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.



We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - raise.  
for - ev - er traced by wa - ter sign, and sealed by Spir - it flame.  
to cling to Christ's com - mu - ni - ty, in jus - tice, peace to dwell.  
Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.  
We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - raise.

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# 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.  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

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# The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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

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