

# AES MINISTRIES ~ AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026 9:00 AM

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*"Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God's love."*

- AES Ministries mission statement

**Welcome to all who worship with us today! All are welcome at the Lord's Table!**

## PRELUDE, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**LEFT COLUMN, ELW p. 94**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✙ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*The presiding minister may lead one of the following or another prayer of preparation.*

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*One of the following or another confession is prayed.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess**  
**that we are captive to sin**  
**and cannot free ourselves.**  
**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.**

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.

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.*

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

*"Shall We Gather at the River"*

ELW #423

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

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.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final four lines. Each line of music is accompanied by its corresponding lyrics. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signatures, time signatures, and various note values and rests.

*Refrain*

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

gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

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.      L: Word of God, Word of Life.    C: **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 READING: 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."

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:13-17

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

**C: 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." P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY *"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"*

ELW #304

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 - beyed 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



## APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW 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 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.**

## PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

**L:** Lord in your mercy . . .

**C:** Hear our Prayer . . .

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

## OFFERING

Offertory Hymn

*"Let the Vinyards Be Fruitful"*

ELW #184

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. Grace our ta-ble  
 with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## Offertory Prayer

**\*L:** Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C:** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Here at Augustana we are committed to the inclusion of all God's people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice open communion, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Juice (light color) and wine (dark red) are both available. Individually wrapped gluten free wafers are available as well. If you would like to receive communion, but are unable to physically come forward, please indicate that to an usher and communion will be brought to you.*

**Words Of Institution**

**ELW p. 190**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**ELW p. 191**

**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 to the table

Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

## BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

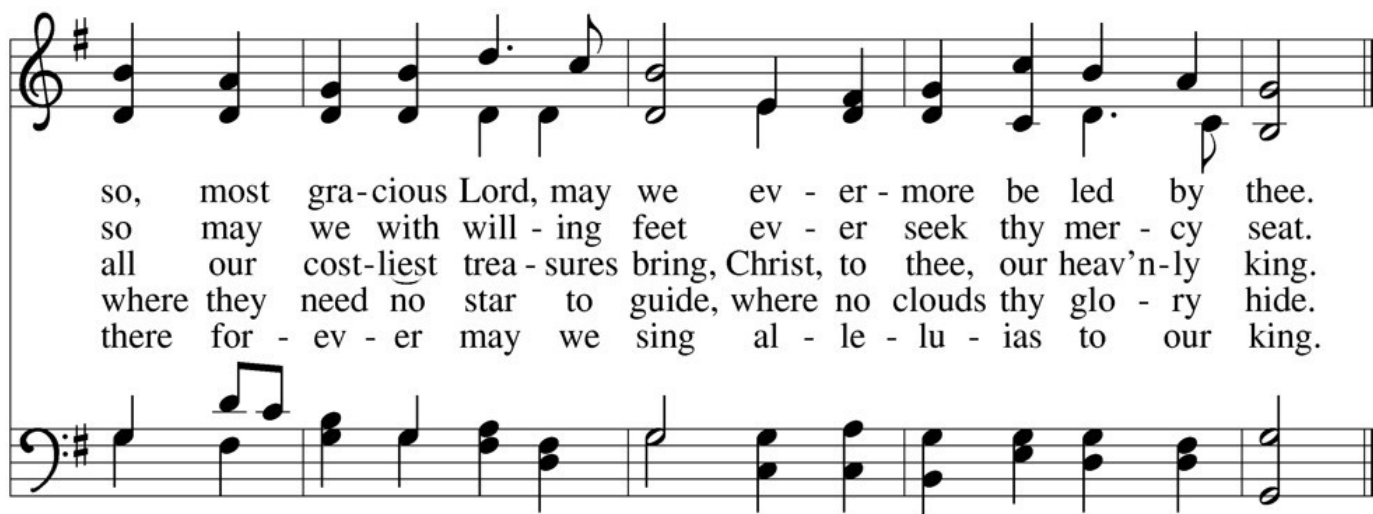
*“As with Gladness Men of Old”*

ELW #302

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;  
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;





**DISMISSAL** P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God.

**Prayer Concerns:** *Lindsey Kulseth, Dean Hoffman, Brandon Hagen, Jesse Berg, Debbie McGuire, Roger Hagen, Nolan O'Connor, Judy Berg, Terry "Cub" Watson, Darrell Ask, Dennis Johnson, Mike Larson, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Darryl Jensen, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, Suzann Olson, Tim Knaak, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Tom Anderson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, Dennis Madison, Linda Madison, and Emma Overson.*

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### Activities from January 12 – January 18

Monday 3:00 pm – (E) Study Group  
 Tuesday 2:15 pm – Augustana on Cable TV  
 Wednesday 6:00 pm – Committee Meetings  
 6:00 pm - ROAR  
 7:00 am – (A) Church Council  
 Thursday 7:00 am – (E) Church Council  
 Sunday 9:00 am – (A) Communion Worship  
 10:00 am – (A) Coffee Hour  
 10:30 am – (E) Communion Worship

### Church Announcements

- ✠ **Augustana reports** are due Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ✠ Augustana WELCA is hosting a **Baby Shower for Jesus** on TODAY after the worship service. A Brunch will be served with a free will offering. Proceeds will go to purchasing more baby items. For those attending, we ask if you could donate newborn clothing, diapers, etc. and Monetary gifts are welcome. All donations will go to Human Services to give out to families in need. Items can also be dropped off in the basket by the church office anytime.
- ✠ **Lauren will be out of the office from January 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>.** Sue will be in the office from 9 am – around 11 am Mon., Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> – Thurs., January 8<sup>th</sup>. Susan Anderson is available by email at seanderson0103@gmail.com and by phone at 507-317-5293.
- ✠ Month of January is **Property Committee** to fill our Food Pantry.
- ✠ The Augustana **Annual Meeting** will be held Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> following the 9 am worship service.