

# Baptism of Our Lord

January 11th, 2026 ~ 8:30am



+ Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church +

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# WELCOME

*(\*) Please stand as you are comfortable and able*



Prelude Music

Welcome & Announcements

**\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. Amen.

C: **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.**

P: Through the waters of the flood, You delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea, You led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

C: **At the river, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.**

P: By water and the Word, You claim us forever as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

C: **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. Amen.**

## \*Opening Hymn #454

“Remember and Rejoice”

## \*The Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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

C: **And also with you.**

P: 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.**

## The First Reading ~ Isaiah 42: 1-9

*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.*

<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.**

**Psalm 29** (read responsively, lector then congregation)

<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 <sup>1</sup> 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.

**The Second Reading ~ Acts 10: 34-43**

*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.*

<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.”

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### \*The Gospel Acclamation



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

### \*The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 3: 13-17

*Before Jesus begins His ministry, He is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

The Holy Gospel according to the 3rd chapter of 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.**

## Sermon

**\*Hymn #456**

## “Baptized in Water”

## \*The Apostles' Creed (professed together)

**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.**

## \*The Prayers of Intercession

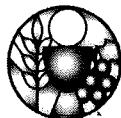
*After each prayer petition, please respond:*

**Merciful God ...      Receive our prayer.**

## Anthem

## “Wade in the Water”

## Blessing of the Elements



## The Lord's Prayer

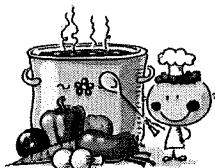
## + Communal Reception of the Sacrament +

*This morning, the sacrament will be distributed by method of intinction; that is, the Pastor will dip the wafer into the chalice, hand it to the recipient so that they may place it in their own mouth.*



**To be remembered in prayer ...** Richard Eisenhart, Hope Geary, Emma LaFlamme, Jeanne Logan, Steve Schoepple, Barb Shaneberger, Tyler and Elizabeth, Kathleen Tuomela May, Darrell Tuomela, Joe Ulmer, people living in war-torn countries, victims of oppression, injustice, violence, and natural disasters, and other dear ones whom we name before God. †

The 2026 flower chart has been posted on the narthex bulletin board. Please sign up for a specific Sunday to sponsor, clearly printing your name and dedication.



Mark your calendars now for the next “Souper” Bowl, Basket Raffle, and Bake Sale!

**\*\* Saturday, February 7th \*\***

**9am-12 noon in the fellowship hall**

Please look for a sign up sheet in the narthex if you are able to provide soup or baked goods. Thanks!

**Our annual Easter Candy Project will begin at the end of January.**



Please contact Nancy Filler at 610-282-1386 if you are interested in helping. Scheduled days may vary from week to week.

## Post-Communion Blessing, Prayer, and Benediction

P: Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: The God of all hope fill you with all joy and peace, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn #551                    "The Spirit Sends Us Forth ..."**

**\*The Dismissal**

Go in peace and serve the Lord in love.

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Music



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