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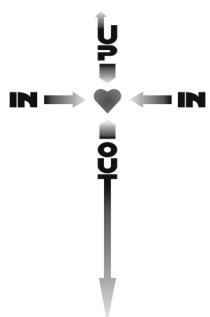
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AS WE GATHER~ Today we hear that divine promise in Isaiah 42, identifying Jesus as God's chosen servant. From the beginning, however, we are told He is not only to be King of the Jews alone but a light to lighten the Gentiles also. The great news is that He is the Savior of and for all people, the descendants not only of Abraham but also of Adam and Noah! By repentance of sin and faith in Christ, worked by the same Spirit that marked Jesus as the chosen one at His Baptism, now all who are baptized into Christ—Jew or Gentile—are the chosen people of God. Praising and thanking God for calling and saving us, we echo the Gospel to all people in the words of the Psalm: "Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!" (Psalm 117:1).

WELCOME FAMILIES WITH LITTLE ONES!!!

THE NURSERY: is available to parents for infants and young toddlers under 5 years old during worship in the nursery room in the fellowship hall. See an usher for assistance. **Quiet time activity bags are located at the back of the sanctuary hanging on the wooden cross for older children to use during the service.**

FAMILY ROOM : You will also find through the southeast door marked FAMILY ROOM, there are some quiet toys on the shelf if you want a quiet space for your little one.

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Boxcast/Sunday streams : "Christ Lutheran Church Meridian, Idaho"

YouTube: "Christ Lutheran Church Meridian, Idaho"

ALSO on our web-site "CLCMeridian.org where there is a bulletin to follow
IF YOU DO NOT want your child filmed, we ask that they sit behind the pulpit. If you have any other concerns, please ask and Elder or Usher for help.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE COMMUNING...SEE BACK OF BULLETIN

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES AVAILABLE--Personal hearing devices are available to assist those attending worship services at Christ Lutheran. If you would like to use one, please ask an usher for assistance.

FOR THOSE WITH PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS, FEEL FREE TO STAY SEATED AS NEEDED DURING THE SERVICE AND STAND WHEN RECEIVING COMMUNION.

PLEASE! OUT OF RESPECT FOR THOSE AROUND YOU, PLEASE TURN YOUR CELL PHONE OFF (OR ON SILENT/VIBRATE) DURING WORSHIP.

Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Christ Lutheran Church exists to glorify God, by making disciples that reach up, reach in, and reach out.

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

The Spirit-Marked Servant

January 11, 2026

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “To Jordan's River Came Our Lord” (LSB) 405

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 43:4; Psalm 117

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: to God my exceeding joy.

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!

People: For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the
LORD!

CONFESSiON and GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Jesus Christ is God's chosen one, who came and who comes again today to call everyone to salvation from sin and death and who makes all who are baptized in His name to be the chosen sons and daughters of God. Marked by the sacred waters of Holy Baptism, let us receive God's assurance and promise of forgiveness.

People: **Almighty God, our dear Father in heaven, in Holy Baptism You have marked us with the sign of the holy cross upon our foreheads and upon our hearts to mark us as people of Your choosing to be redeemed by Christ the crucified. Open our eyes to Your light of freedom and forgiveness and to Your calling of us to be Your own chosen people of Your eternal kingdom.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit, has forgiven you all your sins. God strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.

People: **Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF THE LORD (We greet one another in peace.)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us extend the peace of God to one another.

+ WORD +

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

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

KYRIE (pg. 204 in Hymnal)

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE " O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" (LSB) 395 vs.
5&6

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, this day we rejoice in the anointing of the Son of God at His Baptism in the Jordan River to be Your chosen deliverer, Your Spirit-marked servant. Grant that the light of Your salvation through Him enlighten all people today, calling everyone through the waters of Holy Baptism to be Your chosen people for eternity; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF GOD'S WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING *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.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.
People: Glory 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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

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. Amen.

MESSAGE HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (LSB) 411

SERMON

OFFERING

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess." — **Martin Luther (1483-1546)**,

OFFERTORY "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" (LSB) 806

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (repeat verse)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich"

Because of what the Lord has done for us" (repeat verse)

Give thanks, give thanks.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*Pastor invites prayer requests*)

After each petition Pastor will say, "Lord in Your mercy"

Our response:

People: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom You anointed by the Holy Spirit at His Baptism as the chosen Messiah, that in His mission to take away the sin of the world, all men may be made Your chosen people by the faith given in Your baptismal covenant with them. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS (p. 161 in hymnal)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace + of the Lord be with you always.
People: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI (p. 180 in Hymnal)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS/SONGS

- “ Dearest Jesus, We Are Here” (LSB) 592
- “ Father Welcomes” (LSB) 605
- “ What Is This Bread” (LSB) 629

NUNC DIMITTIS (LSB 199)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace
according to Thy word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
Which Thou hast prepared
before the face of all people,
A light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of Thy people Isr-a-el.
Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, who anointed Your only-begotten Son to be the chosen Redeemer of all mankind, we give You thanks for choosing us in Him to share in the fellowship of believers in this Sacrament. Move us to shine the light of His grace in our lives that all people hear Your invitation of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: 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 + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Beautiful Savior" (LSB) 537

- 1 Beautiful Savior,
 King of creation,
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Truly I'd love Thee,
 Truly I'd serve Thee,
 Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows,
 Fair are the woodlands,
 Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
 Jesus is fairer,
 Jesus is purer,
 He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,
 Fair is the moonlight,
 Bright the sparkling stars on high;
 Jesus shines brighter,
 Jesus shines purer
 Than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior,
 Lord of the nations,
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Glory and honor,
 Praise, adoration
 Now and forevermore be Thine!

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FOR THOSE WHO ARE COMMUNING... In keeping with Scripture, visitors who are active members of LCMS congregations (or from church bodies in fellowship with the LCMS) are asked to speak with the pastor or elder prior to the Sacrament. Because those who eat and drink the Lord's **Body and Blood** unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:29) and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith that is confessed at this altar, all other visitors are asked to make an appointment with the pastor to discuss the Lord's Supper prior to receiving the Sacrament.

Members and visitors alike, who have been instructed in the Christian faith, are encouraged to use the following questions:

Do I believe that in the Lord's Supper I receive Jesus' true **Body and Blood** with the bread and wine?

Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior, who paid for all of my sins on the cross and thereby saves me from eternal punishment?

Do I believe that I am a sinful being without hope of eternal life, except for God's mercy in Christ?

Do I repent of all sin, and set aside any grudges or refusal to forgive and love as God forgives and loves us?

Do I intend, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to turn away from my sins and strive to live a Godly life?

This is not a judgment of an individual's faith but a matter of proper preparation and pastoral care of souls. (1 Corinthians 11:26-30) Thank you for your deference to the Biblical doctrine of this congregation.

Note: The red wine in the Communion tray is Non-alcohol and is available for those with medical limitations. GLUTEN FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION AT YOUR SEAT
PLEASE TELL THE USHER AND YOU WILL BE SERVED TOWARD THE
END OF COMMUNION.**

About the Cover: When the Spirit descended upon Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, it marked the beginning of His public ministry and His mission to head to the cross to fulfill God's plan. Jesus is the servant mentioned in Isaiah. He followed the Father's will perfectly, even suffering for our sake. By our Baptism into Jesus, we have received all that Jesus accomplished in His mission because the same Spirit, through the Word, brings us to believe in Him.