

THE BAPTISM
OF OUR LORD
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**And suddenly a voice
came from heaven, saying,
“This is My beloved Son,
in whom I am well pleased.”**

Matthew 3:17



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January 11, 2026

WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as Christ our Lord says, He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29). And through this sacrament, He strengthens us for new life in Him (Romans 8:10;1 Peter 2:4). Jesus personally invites weak sinners (Mark 9:24) who trust His words, "This is My body which is given for you... this cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20), to receive His blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. (Romans 8:31-32).

Because "he who eats and drinks our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner drinks judgement to oneself" (1 Corinthians 11:29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith by those gathered at this altar (1 Cor.10:17;11:26), any who have not been instructed, or who hold a confession and church fellowship differing from that of this congregation, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desire to receive the Sacrament, should first arrange to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:14-21;11:17-34.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Almighty God, this day I rejoice in the anointing of Jesus, 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 enlightens me today, calling me through the waters of Holy Baptism to be Yours for eternity; through the same Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - All people are descendants of the first man, Adam.

After the worldwide flood of God's judgment of sin, Noah and his sons became the progenitors of all mankind. It was of the lineage of Shem (Genesis 11) that the man Abram was born. The descendants of Abram/Abraham were named Hebrews or Jews, after Judah, one of Jacob's sons; this naming pertained to all of Israel after the Babylonian exile. To this day, they are referred to as God's "chosen people" after the words of Moses: "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth" (Deuteronomy 7:6). They were chosen to be the lineage of the Messiah, the deliverer, the Christ. Faithful to His promise, God took on flesh "of the house and lineage of David" (Luke 2:4) as the incarnate Son of God and Son of Mary of Nazareth.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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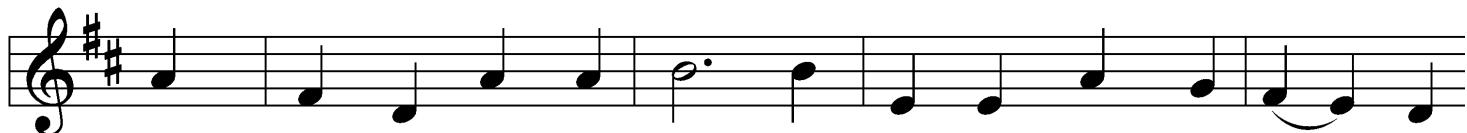
PRELUDE (*a quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship*)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

When All the World Was Cursed

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1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na-tion,



Saint John the Bap-tist came With words of con-so-la-tion.



With true fore-run-ner's zeal The great-er One he named,



And Him, as yet un-known, As Sav-ior he pro-claimed.

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2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,
 3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans - gres - sion,
 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re - joic - ing,

Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.
 Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.
 The word pro - claimed by John, Our true re - pen-tance voic - ing,

By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,
 Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,
 That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way

He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.
 Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

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Please stand

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 C Amen.

CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
 C **who made heaven and earth.**
 P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
 C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)
 P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

P "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights!"

C **"I will declare the decree: the Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.**

P Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.

C **You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'**"

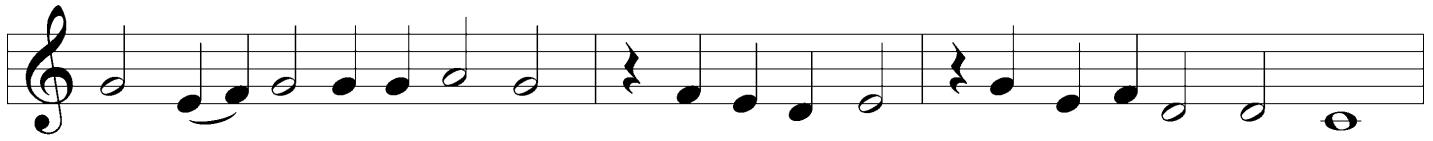
P Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth.

C **Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**

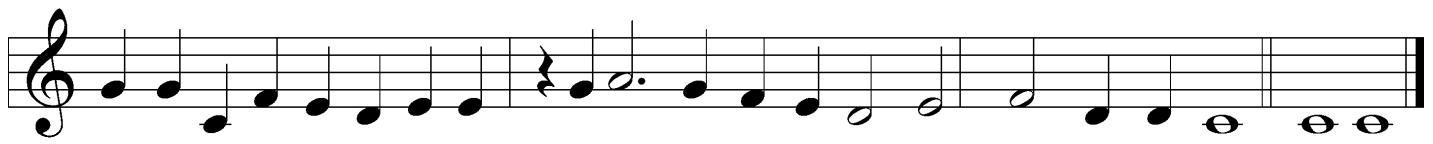
P Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

C **"Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights!"**

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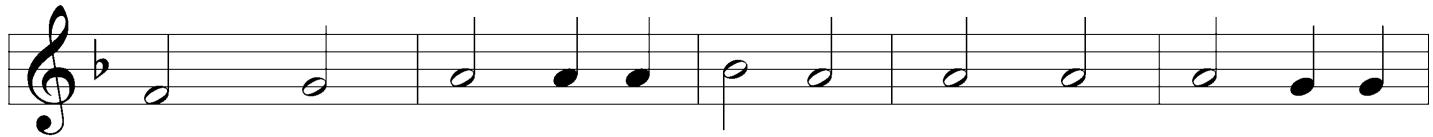


C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
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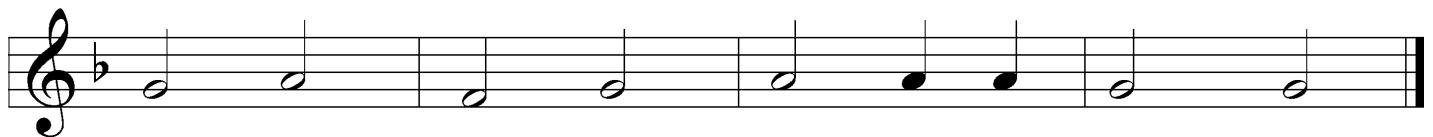


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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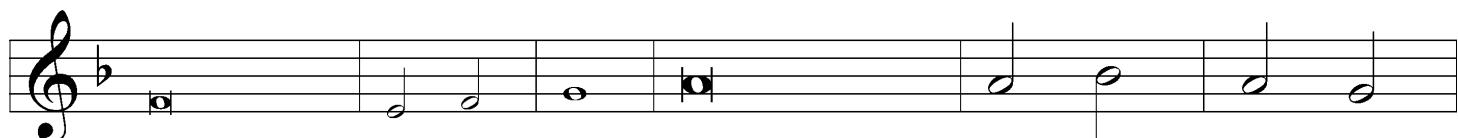


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

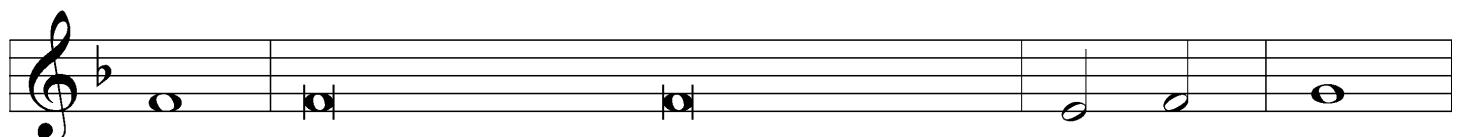


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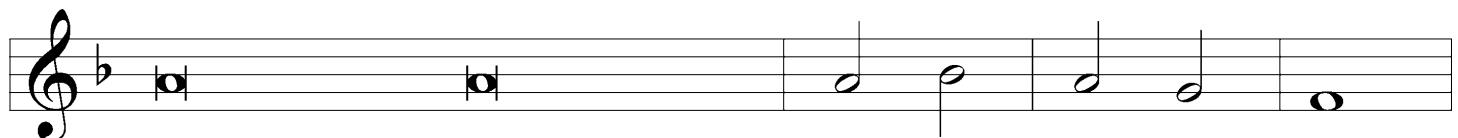
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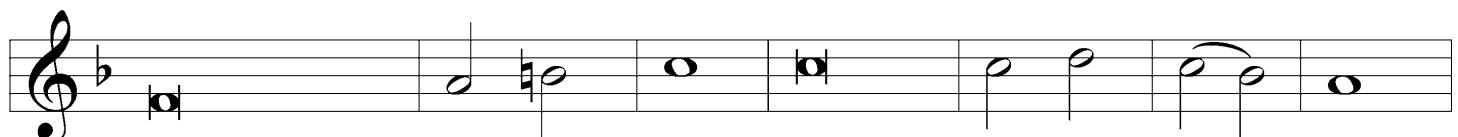
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



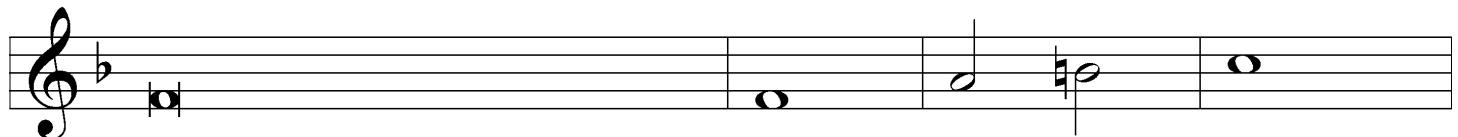
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



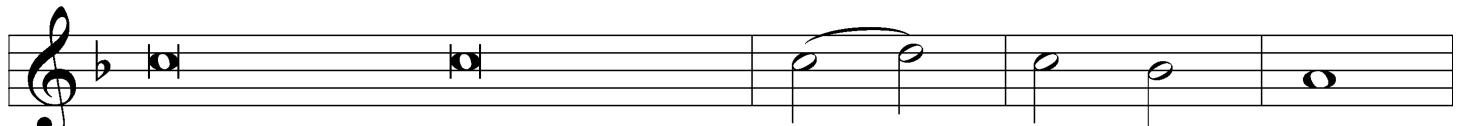
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



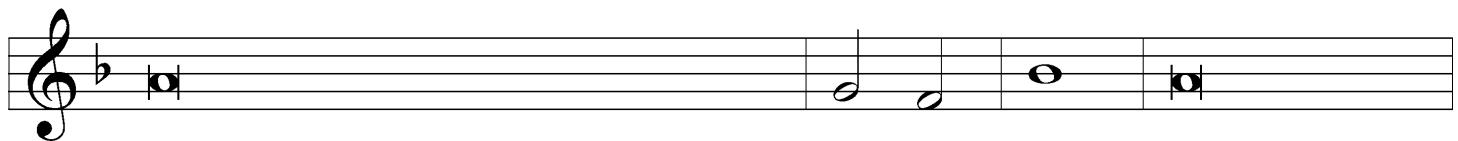
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



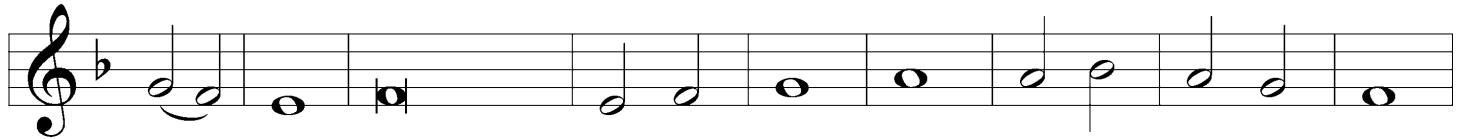
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



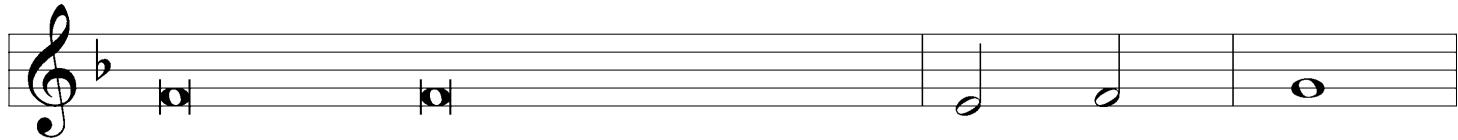
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



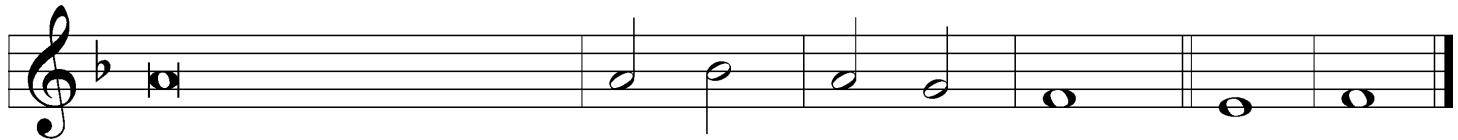
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

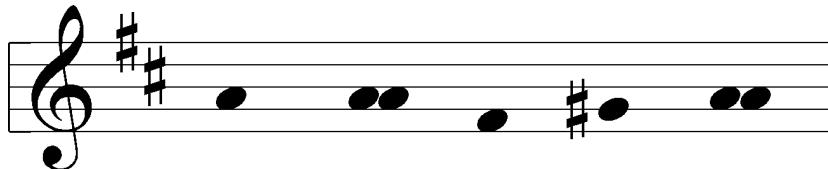


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

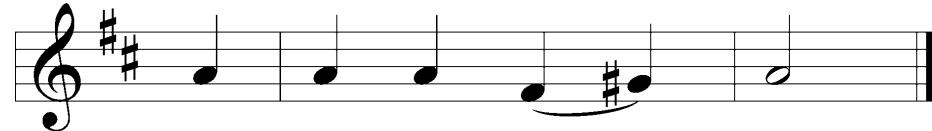


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

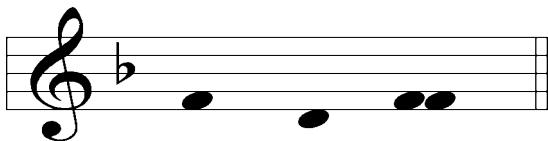


P The Lord be with you.



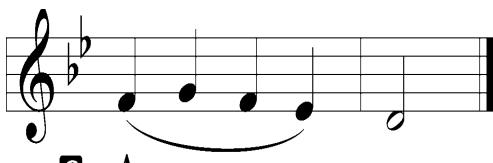
C And with thy spir - it.

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P Let us pray.

P Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 42:1-9*
(The LORD's chosen servant)

- 1 "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold,
 My Elect One in whom My soul delights!
 I have put My Spirit upon Him;
 He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.
- 2 He will not cry out, nor raise His voice,
 Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.
- 3 A bruised reed He will not break,
 And smoking flax He will not quench;
 He will bring forth justice for truth.
- 4 He will not fail nor be discouraged,
 Till He has established justice in the earth;
 And the coastlands shall wait for His law."
- 5 Thus says God the Lord,
 Who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it,
 Who gives breath to the people on it,
 And spirit to those who walk on it:

6 "I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness,
And will hold Your hand;
I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people,
As a light to the Gentiles,
7 To open blind eyes,
To bring out prisoners from the prison,
Those who sit in darkness from the prison house.

8 I am the Lord, that is My name;
And My glory I will not give to another,
Nor My praise to carved images.

9 Behold, the former things have come to pass,
And new things I declare;
Before they spring forth I tell you of them."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 29; antiphon: v. 3*

P The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is over many waters.

**C Give unto the Lord, O you mighty ones, give unto the Lord glory
and strength.**

P Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; worship the Lord in
the beauty of holiness.

**C The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory
thunders; the Lord is over many waters.**

P The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of
majesty.

**C The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars, yes, the Lord splinters
the cedars of Lebanon.**

P He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young
wild ox.

C The voice of the Lord divides the flames of fire.

P The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the
Wilderness of Kadesh.

C The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth, and strips the
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forests bare; and in His temple everyone says, “Glory!”

P The Lord sat enthroned at the Flood, and the Lord sits as King forever.

C The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

P The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is over many waters.

EPISTLE *Romans 6:1–11*

(Dead to sin, alive to God)

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

ALLELUIA



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

(The Baptism of Jesus)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. 14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified

also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and

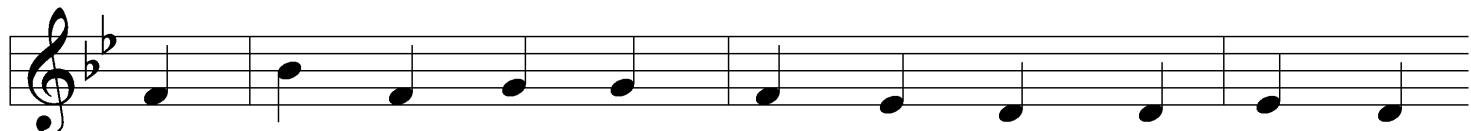
the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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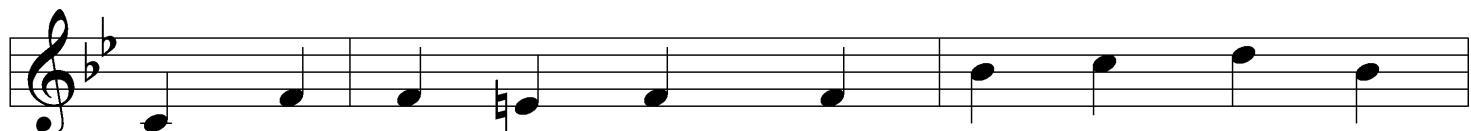
HYMN OF THE DAY

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

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1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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SERMON ***"God's pleasing Way to fulfill all righteousness for us!"***

Matthew 3:13-17

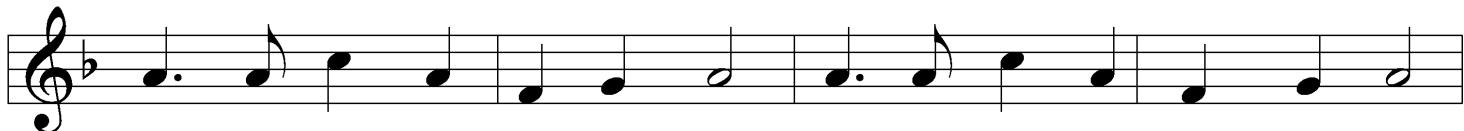
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OFFERTORY

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394 vs. 1,2,5



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - them be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - them be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE *“Peace be with you”* [American Sign Language]

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P All glory and praise to You, O God, for You have created all mankind in Your image to live in Your love and fellowship forever in Your eternal kingdom. By Your design, You have defeated the devil and the power of sin and death by the sacrifice of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. He became Your chosen one in His Baptism in the waters of the Jordan River and by Your Holy Spirit, in order that all who are baptized in His name and by

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the same Spirit may be restored to newness of life as Your chosen sons and daughters. Help us to extend the same invitation of Your mercy and grace to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant that Your church be guided in true faith and worship by faithful pastors and shepherds of Your flock, that we may sing Your praises joyfully now and in eternity. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Help us to live with integrity as people of Your own possession, guarding us from all evil and leading us safely in the ways of Your good and gracious will. Give to all in the authority of government a desire for good order to the promotion of freedom and faithfulness to the ways of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P To all who are yet enslaved by the darkness of sin and separation from You, cause the light of Your salvation to break forth that many may hear of Your deliverance and the hope of life and love by faith in the Savior and be drawn by the Spirit to Your covenant of Holy Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant healing and relief to all who are sick, homebound, or in any need or distress, [especially . . .] that they may know the power of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We remember all the saints who have gone before us, [especially . . .]. Give us a heart of wisdom that when our last hour comes, we are granted a blessed end in the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

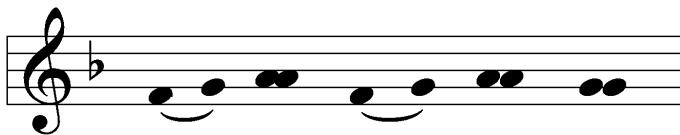
C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

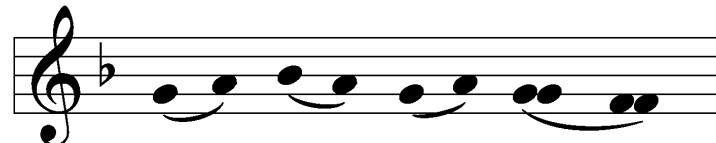
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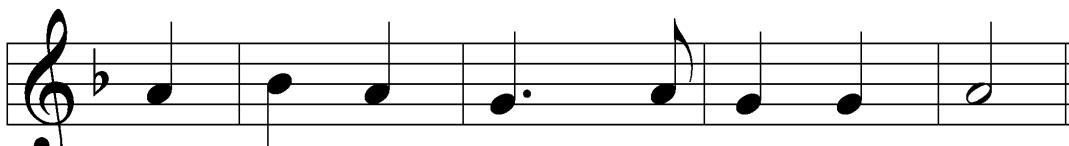
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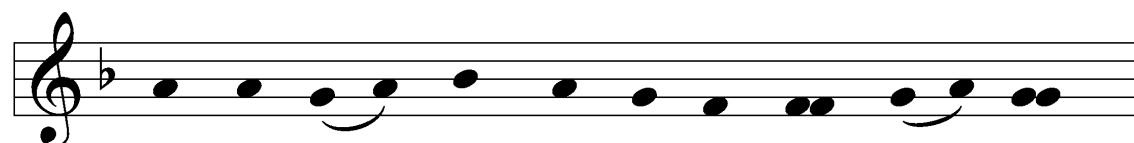
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P 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; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
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heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

C 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.

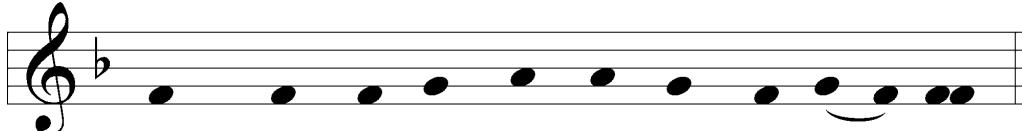
C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

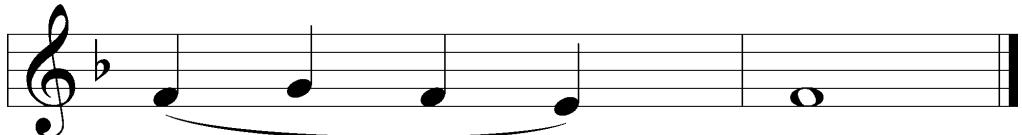
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

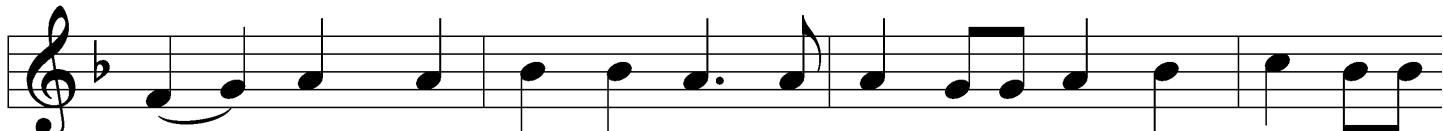


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

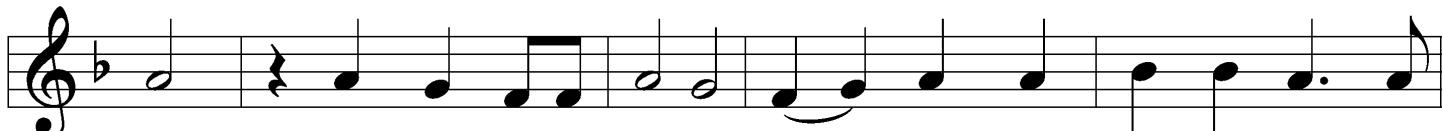


C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please sit

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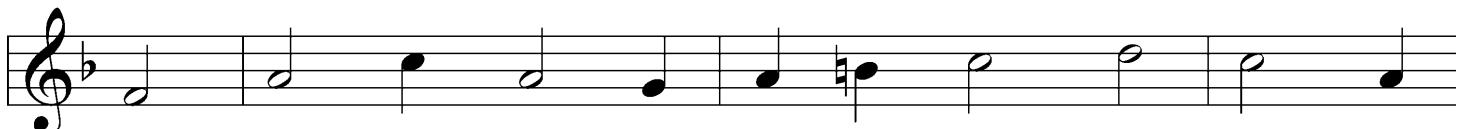
SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

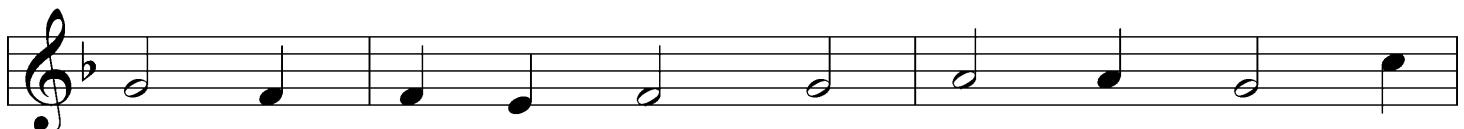
COMMUNION HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

LSB 623



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food,
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we,
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray:



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
gift of love re - told; All that You are we
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

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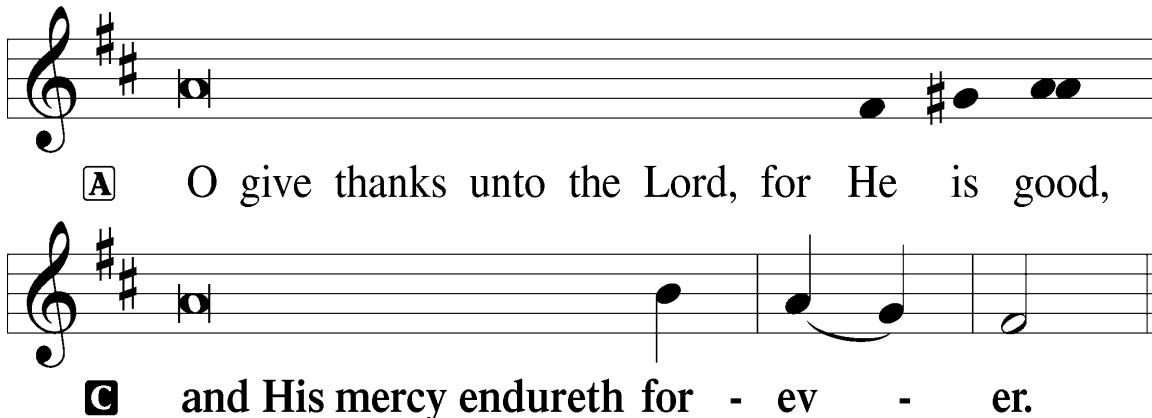
Please stand

NUNC DIMITTIS



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

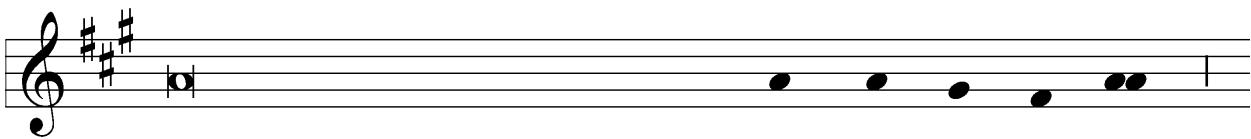
C And with thy spirit.

A Bless we the Lord.

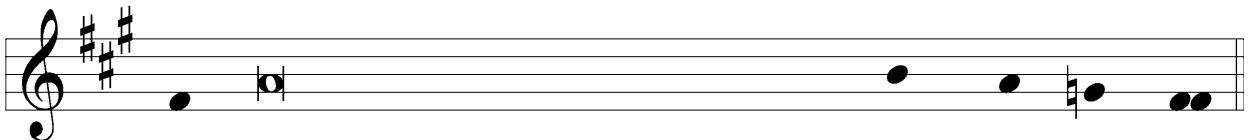
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



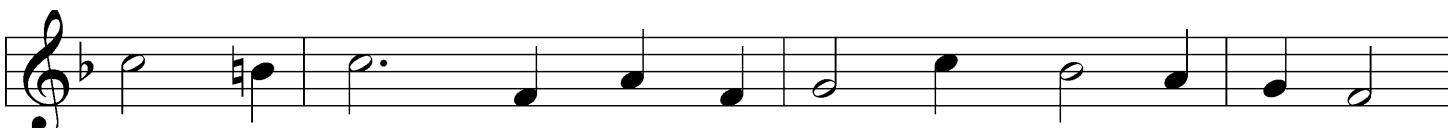
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Please sit

SENDING HYMN *Baptized into Your Name Most Holy* **LSB 590**



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
 2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
 3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
 4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
 child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
 will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
 Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
 The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
 If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
 Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
 com - fort me When threat'ning clouds a - round I see.
 come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
 am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

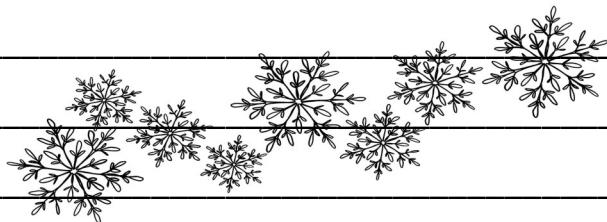
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DECEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- > Portals of Prayer for October to December 2025 are available in the Narthex or office.
- > Join us for Sunday School and Bible study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Goetz is leading the class.
- > Plastic bottle caps and can tabs ARE still being collected.
- > Family Confirmation Class - Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.
- > Adult Confirmation Class - Fridays at 12 noon.
- > Pizza dinner with Concordia Softball team and RGV Thunder softball girls team, in the social hall; Saturday, January 17th at 6:00 p.m. Members are welcome to come. Donations for food are welcome.
- > Meet and greet lunch with Concordia Softball team and RGV Thunder softball girls team after Bible class at 11:30 a.m., January 18th.
- > 4th Quarter 2025 Voters' Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 20th.
- > Men's Steak Night/Bible Study, Tuesday, January 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Budgeted Need:	\$8,961
Actual Giving:	\$6,425
Over/(Shortfall):	\$(\$2,536)
For Church Balances, see Treasurer Reports	

Sermon Notes



12/31/2025

New Year's Eve Service 35

Plate:	\$ 110.00
Envelopes: New Yr's Eve	\$ 2,815.00
Special Env.: Missions	\$ 1,000.00
Total:	\$ 3,925.00

1/4/2026

Sunday Worship

Plate: \$ 705.00

Envelopes: \$ 1,795.00

Other Env:

Donations:

On-Line/Tithely \$ 750.00/

11. *What is the best way to increase the number of people who use a particular service?*

Total: \$ 3,250.00

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42a

The Triune God Is Manifested and Reveals Himself to Us in Holy Baptism

The Baptism of our Lord is an “epiphany” of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus. He is the chosen servant of the Lord, anointed with the Spirit for the rescue of God’s people to “bring forth justice to the nations” (Is. 42:1). Thus, He makes all things new, and He is given “as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations” (Is. 42:6). In the waters of the Jordan, He takes His place with sinners and takes all the sins of the world upon Himself. He undergoes the Baptism of repentance in order to “fulfill all righteousness” for us (Matt. 3:15). He submits Himself to the curse of sin and death in order to redeem us. We are baptized with a Baptism like His, thereby dying and rising with Him, so that “we will also live with him” (Rom. 6:8). Indeed, all of us who are baptized into Christ Jesus are anointed with His Spirit and named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

Memory Verse Challenge: Ephesians 1:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
January Sunday Servants:		
Elder:	Don Vogel	
Altar Guild:	Pam Terral/Maggie Weber	
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	The Baptism of Our Lord	
Usher:	Ken Eilers	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Second Sunday after the Epiphany	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am