

SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Baptism of Our Lord

The First Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday, January 10, 2026 @ 3pm
Sunday, January 11, 2026 @ 8:30am, Live-Streamed

INVOCATION

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

Opening Hymn “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry” (vs. 1-3, 5) Hymn #36

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

Heavenly Father, Your Son, Jesus has established justice on the earth and has called us by name, that you might gather all Your children together.
Forgive us when we think we can bring about Your Kingdom by our own efforts.

Lord Jesus, in the waters of the Jordan God put His Spirit upon You, so that all would know You are God’s Son, the Beloved. You are the Messiah.
Forgive us when we disregard Your authority and power over all things.

Holy Spirit, You have called us through the Gospel, enlightened, sanctified, and kept us in the true faith.
Lead us as Your people, that we may know Your peace, presence, and joy as we serve You.

(Please allow a moment of silence for reflection and self-examination)

Almighty God, You created, formed, and redeemed us through Jesus Christ and You have called us by name. You have called us to faith in Jesus Christ, Your Son, that we may know the promise of eternal life. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and left undone. Through faith in Jesus Christ, You have forgiven our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to those who do truly repent and believe in Jesus Christ, the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be Your children, that we may witness to what You have done to Your glory; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

PASTOR’S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

OT p. 657

The Servant a Light to the Nations

¹ 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. ² He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ 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: ⁶ 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, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "**Thanks be to God**")

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

NT p. 1004

Gentiles Hear the Good News

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

(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "**Thanks be to God**")

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"

p. 83

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

NT p. 881

(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says "**Glory to you, O Lord**")

The Baptism of Jesus

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, "**Praise to you, O Christ**")

SERMON

"Just You Wait"

Pastor David Irgens

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of the Day

"O Day Full of Grace" (vs. 1-3, 5) Hymn #161

RECEPTION OF OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

HOLY COMMUNION (SATURDAY)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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

BLESSING AND PRAYER (SATURDAY)

SENDING

Sending Hymn

"You Servants of God"

Hymn #252

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

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