

Worship Service ~ January 11, 2026, 9:00

Baptism of Our Lord

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by
William & Janet Paul in memory of their daughter, Dawn Gaalaas.

PRELUDE *"And I Will Praise Him"* by Michael Jothan; FAME
Choir; Linda Burk, director

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ~ BAPTISMS OF 2025

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING SONG *HOLY SPIRIT YOU ARE WELCOME HERE*

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INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy
Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness,
let us confess our sin.

Silence for Reflection

L: Reconciling God,

**C: we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and
despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in
our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized
your presence among us; we have not always embraced your
message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of
violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make
room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent
systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to
embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to
sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.**

L: God's grace upon grace flows over you. ✚ Christ's presence
redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth
rejoice and be glad! **Amen.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us prayer.

C: 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.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

R: A reading from Acts.

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness 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."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #172 HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

R: A Gospel reading from the 3rd chapter of Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 3:13-17

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 God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #423 *SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER*

stz 1, 3, 4



MUSICAL OFFERING

"Down to the River to Pray" arr. Steven Naylor;
Faith Choir; Linda Burk, director

As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good old way,
And who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way,
O brothers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down,
O brothers, let's go down, Down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good old way,
And who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way,
O sisters, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down,
O sisters, let's go down, Down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good old way,
And who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way,
O fathers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down,
O fathers, let's go down, Down to the river to pray.

OFFERTORY ELW #184 *LET THE VINEYARDS*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

HOLY COMMUNION

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: Let us give our thanks and praise to God!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive communion.*

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COMMUNION MUSIC *God With Us*

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, The LORD look upon you with favor, + and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG ELW #459 *WADE IN THE WATER* stz 3, 4

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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