

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Baptism of Our Lord*

10:00 AM Worship Service • January 12, 2025

ELW Setting 3



*Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.*

**Welcome members and guests** to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex; or, if you are online during our worship service, drop us a line to say hello or that you and your family are attending, so that we know you have joined us for worship. For those who come in person, please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information about you. Sunday School begins at 8:45 followed by a worship service at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings.

**A nursery room is available** during the service. The nursery is located off the hallway on the Huntington Avenue side of the church building. At this time, there are no nursery attendants. We also have “activity binders” available for older children to enjoy during the service. Please ask an usher about using one.

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Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;

Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm

Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

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## CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie*

Maurice Duruflé

## GATHERING

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

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.**

Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea, you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

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

**By water and your Word, you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

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.**

To you be given honor and praise and through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

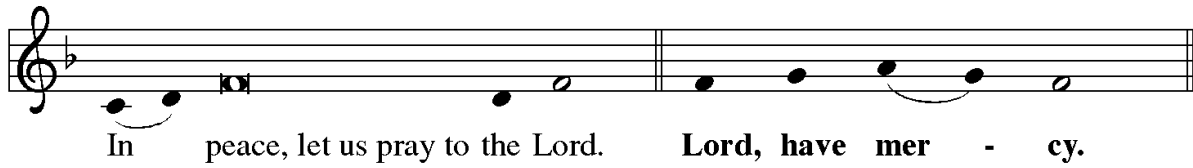
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BEACH SPRING

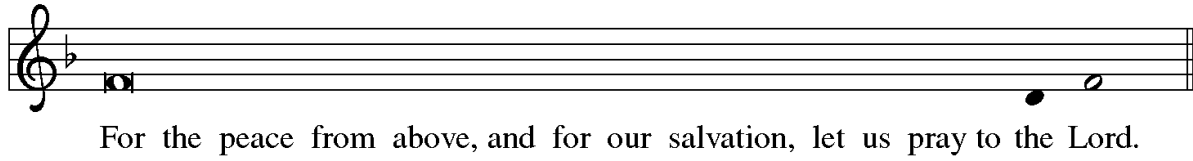
### GREETING

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.**

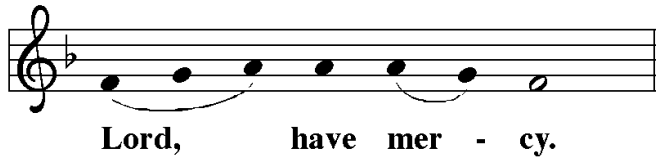
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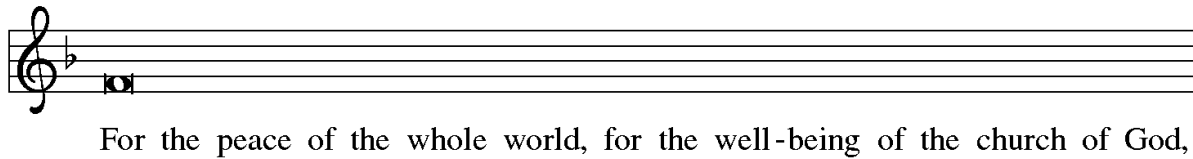
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



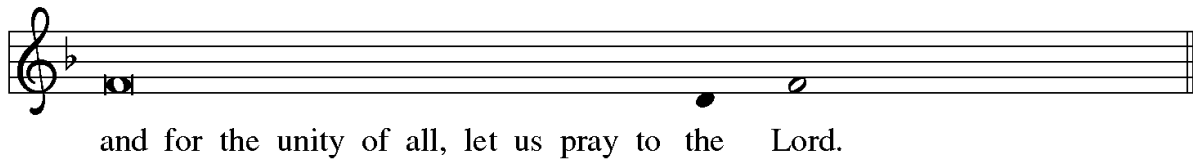
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



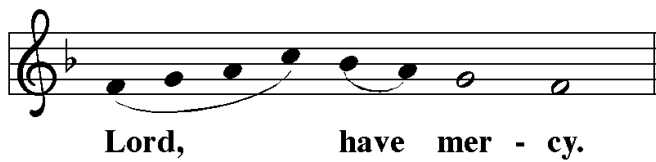
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



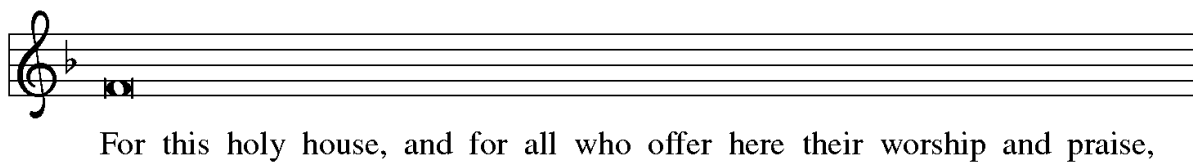
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



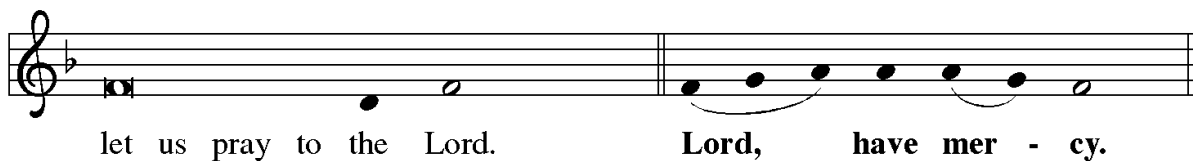
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



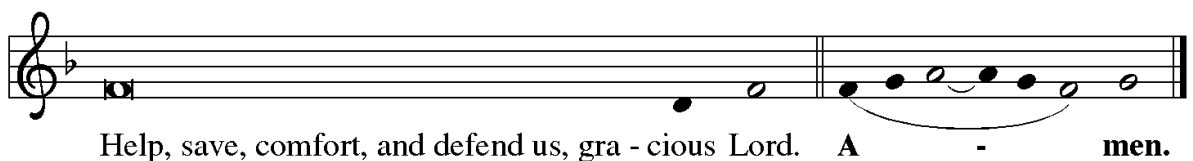
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

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glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The assembly is seated.*

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

*Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.*

But now thus says the LORD,

The One who created you, O Jacob,

The One who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight  
and honored and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth —  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 29** (*sung responsively*)



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Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;

the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;  
**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,**  
**and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

The voice | of the LORD

bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;**  
**the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"

**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;**  
**the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

O LORD, give strength | to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

## SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

*Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.*

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





**GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

*The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd Chapter. **Glory to you O Lord.**

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

Pastor Tina Melusky

**SERMON**

Pastor Tina Melusky

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Baptized and Set Free*  
BAPTIZED AND SET FREE

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**INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

The assembly is seated.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Washed Anew

Thomas Keesecker

All join in singing the refrain after each stanza.

**Refrain** (First time, choir only)

Washed a - new with life - giv - ing wa - ter, Bathed and cleansed,  
Ky - ri - e, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son!

**Choir 1.** Thirsting for knowledge,  
Thirsting for truth,  
Jesus, you have set us free.  
Like gentle rainfall,  
Like morning dew,  
Clear and clean our hearts will be. *Refrain*

**Choir 2.** Cast off all weakness,  
Cast off all sin,  
With his death we've been reborn.  
A mighty ocean,  
A quiet stream,  
Rising, greet a glorious morn. *Refrain*

**Choir 3.** Come sing God's praises,  
Come to the feast,  
Christ is risen from the grave.  
A flooding river,  
A raging sea,  
Trembling, stand among the saved. *Refrain*

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**Music:** Thomas Keesecker

**Washed Anew** (11-10676) Thomas Keesecker

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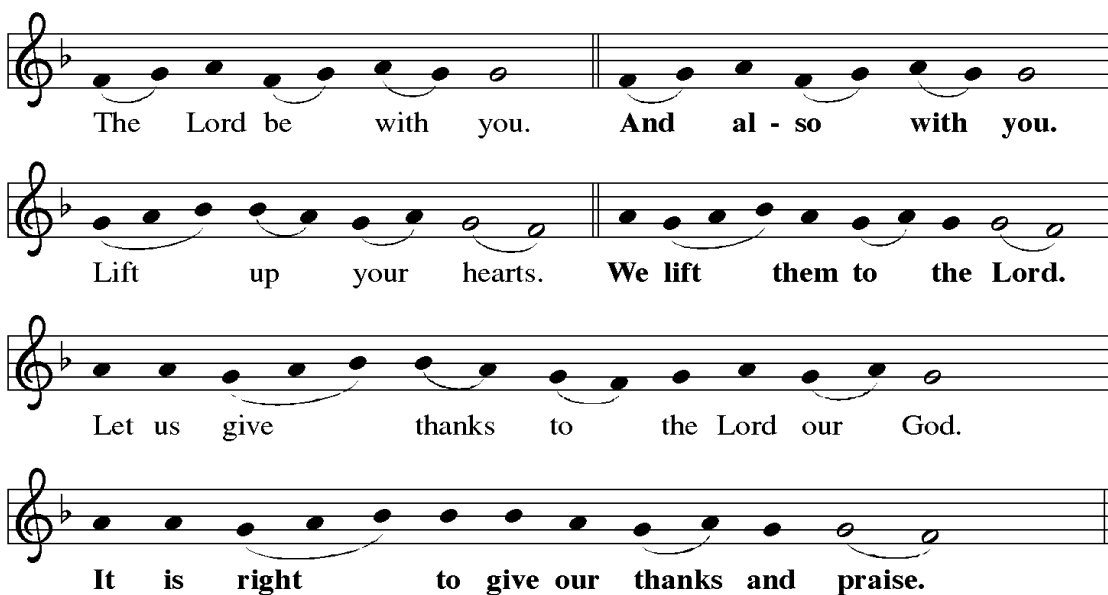
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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.  
Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.  
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always.  
Amen

## MEAL

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

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san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;  
within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water; by night and day;  
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

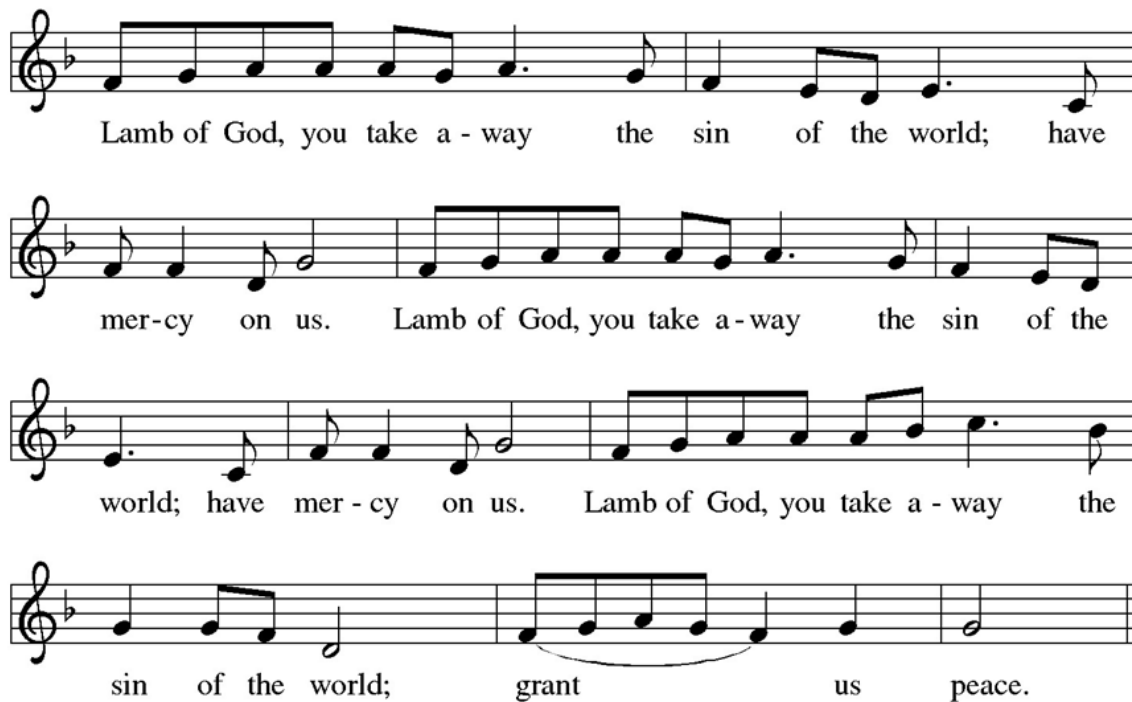
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.



### AGNUS DEI



### COMMUNION

*Communion is held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a clear cup with wine or a purple cup with grape juice from the tray. Recycling baskets for your plastic cups are located outside the doors of the sanctuary. Trinity has an open table – all are welcome to come to the feast.*

**MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION**

*Borning Cry*  
WATERLIFE

ELW 732

*Down Galilee's Slow Roadways*  
MERLE'S TUNE

ACS 916

*The assembly stands.*

## SENDING

### TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise* ELW 204

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

### BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* ELW 543  
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### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE *Psalm 19* Benedetto Marcello

## SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

CRUCIFER – Drew Rummel

ACOLYTES – Elliott Jay and Carl Carpenter

LECTOR – Dave Roselius

TORCHBEARERS – Karina Stevens and Abbi Wessler

USHERS/GREETERS – John Lunsford and Dave Roselius

CAMERA/LIVESTREAM – Doug Hill



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS** Please give a warm welcome to our new Council Members: Patrick Spisak, Garrett Mynoymany, and Connie Hoover (2nd term).

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED::** On Monday, January 20, the Church and School offices will be CLOSED for the Martin Luther King Holiday.

### **OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES**

Our 2025 offering envelope boxes are available for pickup in the church library. If you have a family member or friend who is unable to pick up their boxes, please feel free to take them as well and save us the cost of mailing.

**PLEASE pick up your offering boxes even if you are using Vanco or another type of online donation. There are special envelopes in the boxes that give us additional opportunities to support our church, our community, and our world. Thank you!**

### **REMINDER**

Just a reminder that, if you have children with you in the service, there are binders in the narthex with drawing paper and crayons, coloring pages, games, and various puzzles for them to use during the service if needed!

### **RED FOOD BOX**

We are in need of water and protein donations. A reminder that if you donate fruit cups, please be sure they are applesauce cups only- other fruit cups attract critters! This is an important ministry for our community members, receiving a gift that reminds them that they are valued children of God! Canned goods and items that need to be cooked can be placed in the Thrive baskets next to the red food box table and outside sacristy kitchen.

### **EVERYTHING I LEARNED IN CONFIRMATION...I ALREADY FORGOT...**

Have you ever asked, "Why do we do that?" while sitting in church? Have you ever wondered how we got to where we are? Has the Bible ever confused you? Join the club! This fall and winter we are tackling all the things we probably learned in Confirmation and then promptly forgot! Our meeting dates are January 16, and 30th. We will discuss and dive into the ins and outs of faith. If you'd like to join us, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. We will be meeting in person and on Zoom.

## HELP WANTED

It is time once again to make a request for volunteers to help with ushering during the worship services. The same core group has been serving for over a year now and we would love to have some new folks join the usher crew. The work required is to open the church in the morning, hand out bulletins, collect offerings, send folks to communion, and closes the church following the service; and with enough ushers, these duties can be shared. Training will only take an hour or less at your convenience. Please contact Clifford Obara if you would like to volunteer.

## PRAYER LIST

**ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS:** Nursing Homes/ Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell, Millie Christensen, and Barbara Olson; Jarvis Edwards, Warwick Forest, room 205; Harlan Hamby and Virginia Hamby, Riverside Hospital (updated 1/9); Shut-ins at Home: Peggy Cash, and Shirley Anderson.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** **Family and Friends of Rudy Coffee**, requested by Carter Recupero; **Judy Wagner St. Pierre**, requested by The Dail Family; **Kitty Engelhard Amos**, Anne Englehard's daughter, requested by Rick Daggy and Sandy Cobb; **Calvin Obara**, Cliff's brother, requested by Anne Obara; **Mary Lucia Spake**, requested by Bill Solomon; **Harlan Hamby**, requested by Pastor Tina and Katherine Harry; **Nancy Sumpter**, Tricia Wessler's Mom, requested by Pastor Tina; **Mary Best**, a friend of Connie Hoover, requested by Connie Hoover; **Jarvis Edwards**, requested by his son, Cael Edwards; **Nancy Allerding**, who works with the Costa Rica mission trip, requested by Tricia Wessler; **Sherry Johnston**, former member and sister of Donna Owens, requested by Judy Hunt; **The family of Carole Knopp**, by Wendy Mynoymany; **Scully, Pastor Tina's dog**, requested by Tricia Wessler; **Janet Stephan**, requested by the Dail Family; **Amanda Griegos** and her family, requested by Diane and Dave Roselius; **Karen Admano** and her husband **Matt** requested by Patricia Fielding; the **Ahlen family**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **Beth Eisdorfer**, daughter of Terri Hoffeditz; Jean Wimmer--friend of Jeannette Dail.

**THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY:** James Fielding, in Tokyo, Japan, Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Sierra Leone.; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National guard, LAFB; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and wife, Elisabeth Bruce.





- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.  
 Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.  
 To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.  
 God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,  
 We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.  
 one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.  
 By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

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Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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 Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner  
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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

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1 Down Gal - i - lee's slow road - ways a strang - er trav - eled on  
 2 A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens torn;  
 3 We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place.



from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John.  
 it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.  
 We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.



He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,  
 The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a - mid a glo - rious voice:  
 But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.



but there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.  
 "You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."  
 "You are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

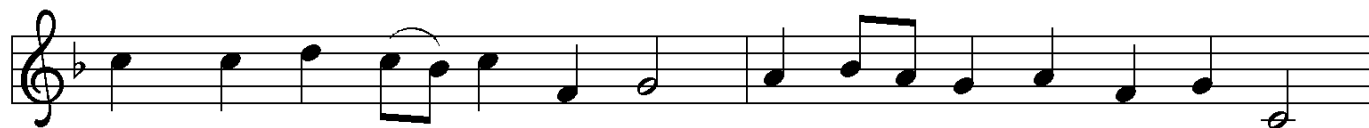
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Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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