

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Baptism of Our Lord*

10:00 AM Worship Service • January 11, 2026

ELW Setting 3



*In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.*

**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. 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.

**The nursery is available**, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.



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## CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
Stephen Lynerd, vibraphone

arr. Marianne Kim

## 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 through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The congregation turns to face the processing cross.*

## GATHERING HYMN

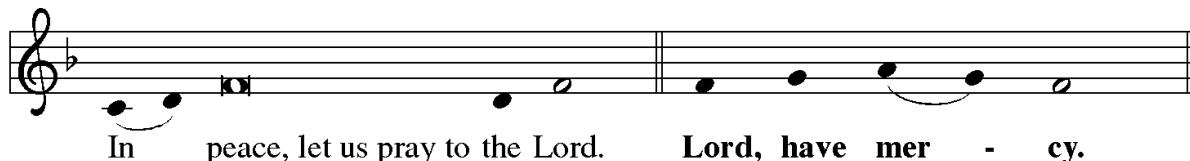
*Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God  
CHRISTE SANCTORUM*

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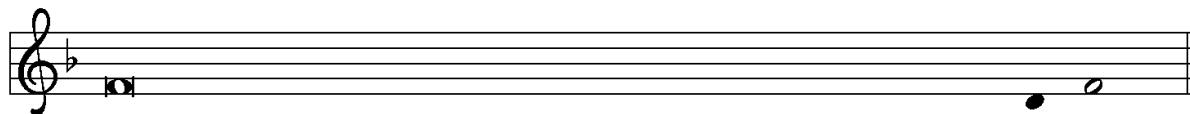
## GREETING

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.**

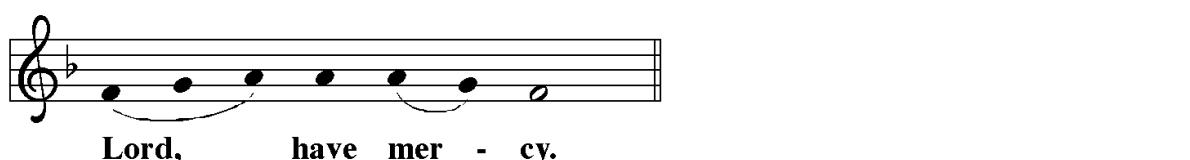
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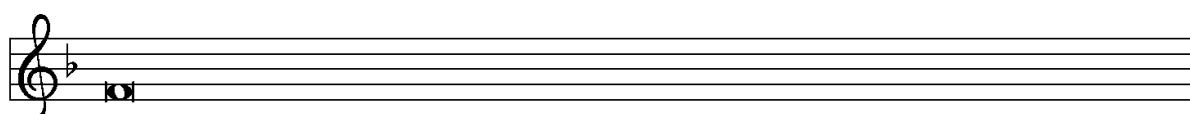
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.



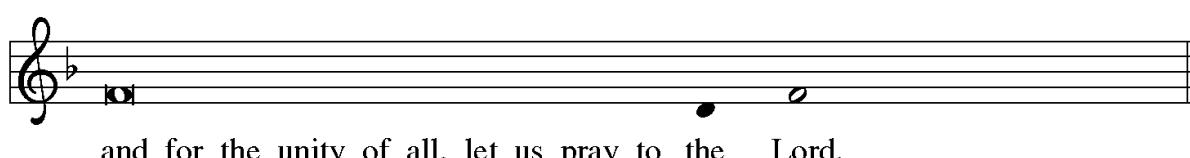
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



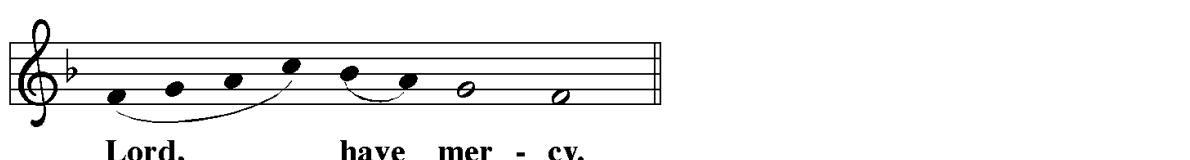
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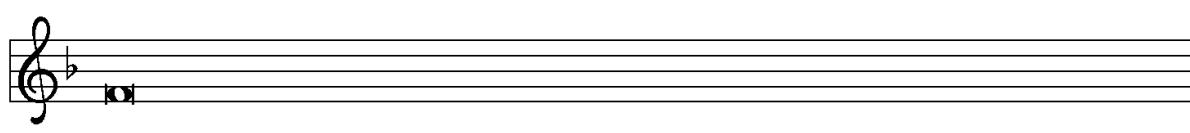
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



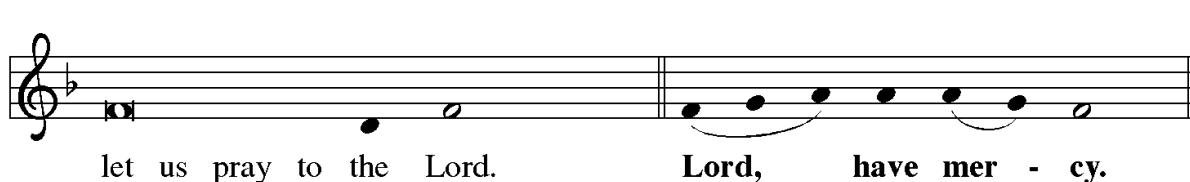
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



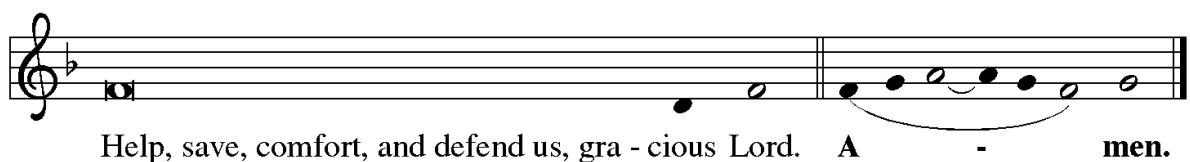
Lord, have mercy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
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 victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
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 victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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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.*

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

*God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.*

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.  
 He will not cry out or lift up his voice  
 or make it heard in the street;  
 a bruised reed he will not break,  
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
 He will not grow faint or be crushed  
 until he has established justice in the earth,  
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.  
 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:  
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,  
        to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
    from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the Lord; that is my name;  
    my glory I give to no other,  
        nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
    and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

## PSALM 29



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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 10:34-43**

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears God and practices righteousness is acceptable to God. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 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. 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. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

*The assembly is seated.*

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

Pastor Tina Toburen

**SERMON**

Pastor Tina Toburen

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*  
BEACH SPRING

ELW 445

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation**

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

*The assembly is seated.*

#### RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

##### OFFERTORY

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

arr. Stephen Lynerd

##### OFFERTORY HYMN

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

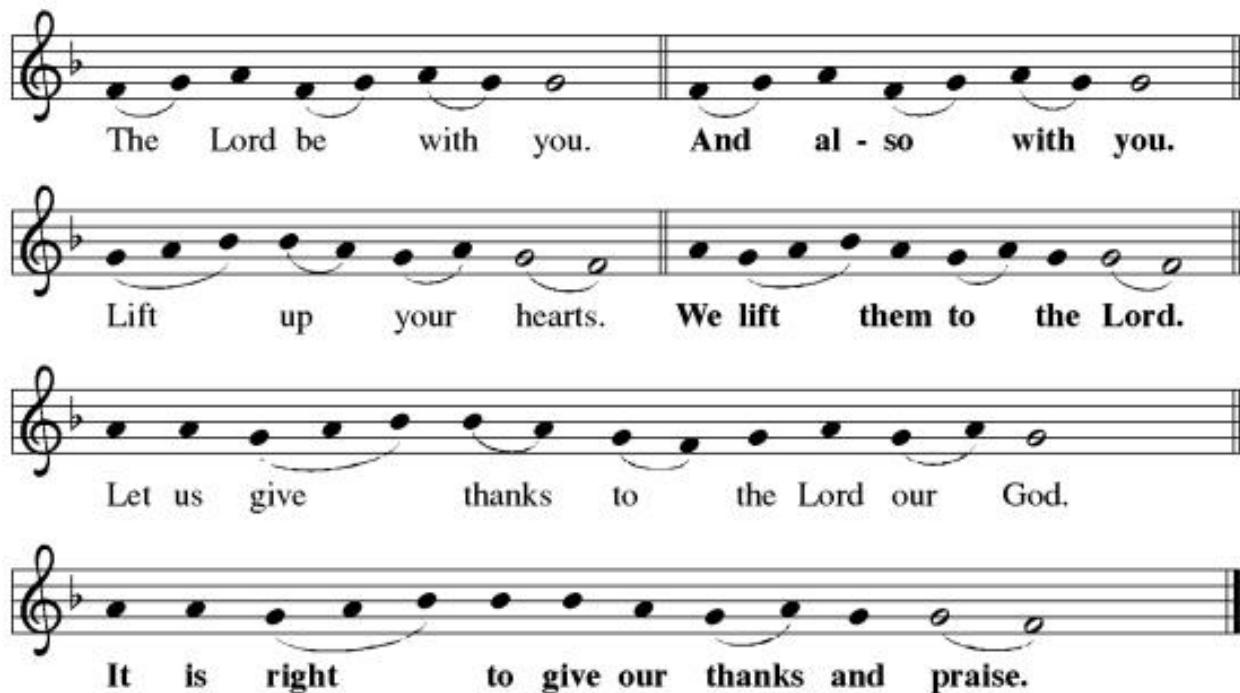
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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

## MEAL

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef and common time, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text aligned with its corresponding musical phrase. The lyrics are:

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 -  
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.



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

## 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 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.

*The assembly is seated.*

## AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

Communion will be held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.

## MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

## *Day by Day*

arr. Marianne Kim

*The assembly stands.*

## SENDING

## TABLE BLESSING

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

## *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*

ELW 204

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

## BLESSING

May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
☩ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

# *Wade in the Water*

## WADE IN THE WATER

ELW 459

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*By and By*

arr. Stephen Lynerd

## SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

**CRUCIFER** – Patrick Spisak

**ACOLYTES** – Luke Harris and Jay Reid

**LECTOR** – Steven LeForge

**TORCHBEARERS** – Elena and Karina Stevens

**USHERS/GREETERS** – Kevin Prussia and Clifford Obara

**CAMERA/LIVESTREAM** – Doug Hill

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Erin Perez, Steven LeForge, Lauren Hill, and Patricia Fielding. Also, thank you to Kathy Stevens and Sarah Green on continuing their service with the council.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME STEPHEN LYNERD GROUP - CONCERT TODAY!

We are delighted to welcome the Stephen Lynerd Group, who are leading our music in worship today.

The Stephen Lynerd Group (vibraphone, piano, bass, drums, and vocals) offers a fresh take on sacred music, blending old and new hymnody with jazz-inspired arrangements. Led by vibraphonist Stephen Lynerd, the all-star ensemble reimagines familiar hymns and introduces fresh compositional elements, creating a unique soundscape that bridges traditional and contemporary worship styles. Their performances feature intricate harmonies, improvisation, and a deep reverence for the spiritual essence of the music, appealing to listeners across generations.

Please come back this afternoon at 3pm to hear them in concert! Admission is free. An offering will be taken to benefit the artists. Merchandise will be available after today's service and after the concert.

## **RED FOOD BOX**

We are looking for food donations, especially items with protein. Thank you so much to all who are so faithfully donating items for the Red Food Box!

### **A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER**

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund has a variety of uses. The pastor may purchase items for Children's Chat with these funds or help an individual in the congregation who might need temporary financial assistance or even help someone outside of the congregation who is experiencing hard times but does not necessarily qualify for institutional aid. In short, these funds are used in a number of ways to support our mission as a church.

These funds have seen a lot of use lately and are running a bit low. If you would like to make a donation to this fund *in addition to your offering to the general fund*, simply mark it as such on your check. Your donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund will be appreciated almost as much as your donation to the general fund!

Thank you!

**2025-2026 MMCS (Mildred McDaniel Concert Series)** -Reformation Lutheran Church  
13100 Warwick Blvd. Newport News, VA. Please visit:

<https://mmcsonline.org/2025-2026-mmcs/>

4pm Norfolk State University Choir. January 25, 2026

4pm Trio Niche Sunday, February 15, 2026.

4pm I. Sherman Greene Chorale Sunday March 15, 2026.

4pm Jae Sinnett Trio Sunday, April 26, 2026.

4pm Peninsula Concert Band with Ice Cream Social, Saturday, May 16, 2026.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED**

We are looking for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday school teacher; please see Kathy Stevens if you are interested.

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER**

Congregation Members, your 2026 offering envelope boxes are available in the library. Please note that, if your offering number was in the 200 range, that number has now been changed for 2026. Please find your envelopes by *name* rather than number.

## PRAYER LIST

**ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS – Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:**  
Millie Christensen, Barbara Olson; At Home: Tony Flores, Shirley Anderson, and Bonnie Carlson; Jerry Cobb, Williamsburg Landing Rehab; Virginia Hamby, Harmony on Peninsula, Room 121. Bob Sumpter, Tricia Wessler's Stepfather, requested by Tricia Wessler; Jarvis Edwards, recovering from surgery at home.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Reverend Tom Bosserman, *requested by Tricia McClelland*; Ken Hoffman, may he find new employment, *requested by Ken Hoffman*; the Family of Garrett Feiner, who passed away on December 26<sup>th</sup>, *requested by Karoline Ardis*; David Nelson, Susan Piland's brother; *requested by Susan Piland*, Susan Piland; *requested by Tricia Wessler*, Family and friends of Guy Self (brother of Bob Self), *requested by Dottie Self*; Mike Cobb; *requested by his mother Sandy Cobb*, Karina Stevens's psychology teacher Jacob Lelesch; *requested by Karina Stevens*, Mary Cherry Hewett, friend of Tricia Wessler; *requested by Tricia Wessler*; Lee Owens, Grant's brother, *requested by Grant Owens*; Tom Lenahan; friend of Sandy's cousin, *requested by Don and Sandy Sniady*, Easton Young, newborn in NICU; *requested by Don and Sandy Sniady*; Family & Friends of Chelsea Simonsen. *requested by Kathy Stevens*; Butch Klapperich, *requested by Dee Klapperich*; Michele and Tom Leonard, *requested by Dottie Self*; Eddie Bateman & Karen Vodenichar, *requested by the Sniady Family*; Bonnie Carlson, *requested by Pastor Tina*; Blaine Pearsall, *requested by Lina Valdez*; Family and friends of Scott Campbell, *requested by Todd Recupero*; Stephanie Beauvais, *requested by Jarvis Edwards*; Larry and Linda Jones, *requested by Judy Hunt*; Sarah Miller, *requested by John and Sandy Lunsford*; Wayne Skinner, Carroll Emerson, and Judy Wagner St. Pierre, *requested by the Dail family*; Scully, Pastor Tina's dog, *requested by Tricia Wessler*; Ahlen family, *requested by Kathy Stevens*. Izzy Perez, *requested by Pastor Tina*.

**THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY –** Garrett Mynoymany, Naval Station Great Lakes, LTJG Courtney Duff, USCG, stationed in sector New Orleans; James Fielding, Tokyo, Japan; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB.

## GATHERING HYMN

## Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God

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1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, be to God our  
 2 Not our own ho - li - ness, nor that we have  
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come in vis - i -  
 4 Praise to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

mak - er, source of all bless - ing, prod - i - gal cre -  
 striv - en brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have  
 ta - tion; you are the truth, our hope, and our sal -  
 Spir - it: one Lord, one faith, one source of ev - ry

a - tor. Bap - tized and made your own, now we come be -  
 giv - en. Bap - tized and set a - part, strength - en us, O  
 va - tion. Bap - tize with joy and pow'r, give, O Dove de -  
 mer - it. Here now re - new your church through this sym - bol

fore you, and we a - dore you.  
 Sav - ior, with grace and fa - vor.  
 scend - ing, life nev - er end - ing.  
 giv - en; grant peace from heav - en.

Text: H. Francis Yardley, 1911–1990; Frank J. Whiteley, b. 1914, alt.

Music: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, Paris Antiphoner, 1681

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1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, 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!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

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

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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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## SENDING HYMN

*Wade in the Water*

## ELW 459

*Refrain*

All

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,  
wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader

All

1 See that host all dressed in white,  
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trou - ble the  
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?  
4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,  
God's a-goin'-a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader

wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.  
looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led.  
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com-ing on me.  
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All

Refrain

God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - - ter.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American spiritual