



January 11, 2026 - 9:30 am

## Baptism of Our Lord



### GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

*"Wade in the Water"*

ELW 459

Greeting

Song

*"The Peace of the Earth"*

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

*"Kyrie"*

Chancel Choir

### WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

#### Children's Message

**Isaiah 42:1-9**...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. <sup>2</sup> He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup> 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: <sup>6</sup> 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, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup> 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.**

**Acts 10:34-43**...Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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**Thanks be to God.**

**Matthew 3:13-17...** Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." The Gospel of the Lord.     **Thanks be to God.**

**Message** Pastor Heather Grell

**Hymn of the Day**

*"Shall We Gather at the River"*

ELW 423

**Prayers**

**Sharing God's Peace**

**MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus**

**Offering**

**Special Music**

**Offertory**

*"On Bended Knee"*

**Words of Institution**

*"Remember Me"*

**Lord's Prayer**

**Communion**

**Communion Song**

*"Spirit of the Living God"*

**Communion Blessing**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love**

**Blessing**

**Sending Song**

*"Where Justice Rolls Down"*

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

## Announcements

- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are given by Kevin & Julie Leahy.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is our Thursday, January 15th from 5 to 7pm. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. Donations are needed! Our most pressing needs right now are ramen, pasta sauce, and tuna. To help with our inventory control please only put your donations in the blue bin. Thank you for your continued support of this vital community ministry.
- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** for 2026 are now available for purchase for \$47. Please [click here](#) to sign up or contact the church office.
- ⇒ **Budget Forum** Join us following worship Sunday January 11th for our Budget Forum where the 2026 budget will be discussed.
- ⇒ **Congregation Annual Meeting Save the Date** Sunday, January 25th at 10:45am in person only.
- ⇒ **17th Annual Chili Cook Off + Chili Feed** will be held February 1st at 11:30. Sign up in the Narthex to make chili, or just come to eat! All proceeds from chili voting will go to the Youth Ministry Fund here at Holy Cross.
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can now support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

## Calendar for Upcoming Week

### **Sunday, January 11**

9:30 am Worship  
10:40 am Sunday School/Budget Forum  
10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble  
11:00 am MS/HS Bell Choir  
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troup 48012 Mtg

### **Monday, January 12**

6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

### **Tuesday, January 13**

7:00 pm Rachel Circle  
7:30 pm AA Meeting

### **Wednesday, January 14**

12:30 pm Tai Chi Balance Class  
6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir  
6:30 pm Youth Worship  
7:00 pm Radical Ringers/Youth Group

### **Thursday, January 15**

11:30 am Lunch Bunch  
5:00 pm Food Pantry  
6:30pm Carolan Bell Choir  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### **Friday, January 16**

1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex

### **Sunday, January 18**

9:30 am Worship  
10:40 am Sunday School/Adult Forum  
10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble  
11:00 am MS/HS Bell Choir

## Prayer Requests from our Church Community

**Member Concerns:** Norm Firkins; Phyllis Beam; Donna McCoy; Connie Mertz.

**Friends and Relatives:** Jane Marsh, aunt of Jen Gitt; Jim O'Grady, uncle of Pastor Heather Grell; Pat & Barry Butterfield, mother and father of Amy Odson; Deniel Algarin, nephew of Alicia Glesne; Scott Matheson, brother in law of Julie Noteman; Joshua Perilo, son of Sharon Perilo; Crosby Vargas, friend of Julie Noteman; Savannah Barb, cousin of Emma & Geno Roberts; Sonrisa Lewis, friend of the Harvey family; Avery W.; Ken Gross, cousin of Julie Noteman; Josh Moreau, friend of Wendy Brenner's family; Nancy Bartell, sister-in-law of Peg Schneider; Michael Schadendorf, grandfather of Edith and Tanya Valandra; Erin Peters, daughter of Gail Ginger; Anna Victor, aunt of Jen Gitt; Dave Huggins, friend of Jim & Peg Schneider; Mya Calendar, daughter of Trisha Ryan; Carol Deditz, sister of Julie Noteman; Opal Calendar, foster granddaughter of Trisha Ryan; Kelsey Schneider, daughter of Jim & Peg Schneider; Theresa Ramelb, friend of Jacque Petersen; Shari Jensen, friend of Ed Krueger; Ronda Bayer, friend of Debbie Risinger; Debbie Haacke, coworker of Debbie Risinger; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.

**Grieving:** The family and friends of Phyllis Beam as they mourn her death.

Judy Glesne and her family as they mourn the loss of Judy's sister and brother-in-law.