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BAPTISM OF OUR LORD – January 11, 2026 – 9:00 AM

Prelude: *"Wade in the Water"* Shelton Ridge Love,

Tune: WADE IN THE WATER - Traditional

Welcome & Announcements

*Confession & Forgiveness

*Gathering Hymn: *"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"* **ELW #304**

*Gloria En Excelsis: *"Glory to God in the Highest"* **ELW pg. 139**

*Prayer of the Day (see 'Today's Readings' insert or the screen)

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm (read responsively) Psalm 29

Second Reading Acts 10:34-43

*Gospel Acclamation: *"Alleluia! Lord to Whom Shall We Go"* **ELW pg. 142**

*Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon Pr. Erma Wolf

Hymn of the Day: *"We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus"* **ELW #451**

*Apostles' Creed

*Prayers of Intercession Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Offerings Received: *"The Light of the World Is Jesus"* by Michael Cox

Tune: THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD by Philip P. Bliss

Offertory Hymn *"Let the Vineyard Be Fruitful"* **ELW #182**

*Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving ELW pg. 144, "Holy, Holy, Holy" ELW pg. 144,

Words of Institution, Lord's Prayer ELW pg. 145, Communion Song -

"Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world" ELW pg. 146, Distribution

Communion Music: *"The Love of God"* C.E. Walz

Tune: LOVE OF GOD by Frederick M. Lehman

Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

Sending Hymn: *"Remember and Rejoice"*

ELW #454

Dismissal

Postlude: *"Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"* Arranged by Lloyd Larson

Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART by Bohemian Brethen's

WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to worship at Bethany Lutheran Church! It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ and His presence during our worship service this morning. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest book in the narthex. Everyone please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew.

Large-print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you benefit from either of these, please speak with an usher.

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. (Sundays and Seasons v.20240130.1140 Copyright © 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.)

Please take this bulletin home with you as a reference for this week's calendar of events, as a reminder of Bethany family and friends to keep in your prayers, and for other useful information.

Each worship service comes together through the help of many people. Please consider being a worship volunteer. Find schedules at the Welcome Center and help fill in the blanks. Thank you for volunteering!

Today's worship leaders are:

Pr. Erma Wolf & Elina Leander Ozolins, pianist-organist

Many thanks to our worship volunteers:

Greeters: Danny & Candy Huber

Reader: Judy Hiemstra

Communion Servers: Onalee Wright, Candy Huber, Jody Vollmer and Jaci Schreier

Usher: Kent Baker

Fellowship Hosts: Kirby & Sandi Schmidt

Count: Sue Boblit; Everyone in the Audio/Visual Booth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP will be after worship in the parlor. This gathering time is a great time to chat over a cup of coffee and sweet treat. All are welcome for fellowship and lively conversation! May this time of sharing in Christ's love be a blessing to us all. Hope to see you there!

UDMO FOOD PANTRY Bring food and hygiene items to Bethany – we'll deliver to UDMO. Not sure what to get/give? Get a shopping list at the Welcome Center.

ALTAR FLOWERS Many thanks to everyone who provided flowers to beautify the altar in 2025. The flower chart for 2026 is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you are interested in providing altar flowers for a service in this new year, please fill out a yellow card and leave it at the church office or in the offering plate.

ANNUAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY: The Annual Meeting of Bethany Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 18, 2026 after worship in the Sanctuary. All eligible voters are encouraged to attend. *"Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation."* (C8.02.c; Bethany's Constitution)

CHURCH COUNCIL OPENINGS If you are interested in serving on the Bethany Planning Council, please contact Russ Wright or anyone on the Planning Council. *There are several openings available beginning in 2026.*

FROM SHANNON McALLISTER . . . The family of Steve McAllister would like to thank you for the generous memorials. We appreciate it very much. We would also like to thank the ladies who setup the lunch.



PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns

Kirk Andersen, Cindy Heiter, Lucille Huber, Donna Jones, Carolyn Kruger,
Jill Meyer, Sylvia Moore, Mike Palm, Liz Vulk, Marla Woelber
Deb Albert (Cheri Klemme's sister), DeAnna Bensen (Bill Bensen's mother),
LuAnn Becker (Bob Becker's sister), Donna Dirksen (Bill Bensen's grandma), Lois Sanchez
(Deb Mechler's sister), Dean Mechler (Deb Mechler's husband)

Those Who Mourn

Family of Trevor Streuli (nephew of Kent Baker)

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 11 – Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion followed by Fellowship

10:15 am KIDZ TIME

Tuesday, January 13

4:00 pm Faith In Action

Wednesday, January 14

9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

4:00 pm Bethany Bells

6:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday, January 15

9:00 am Fun & Fellowship

Saturday, January 17

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study (in person & via ZOOM)

Sunday, January 18 – Epiphany 2

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:15 am KIDZ TIME



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the ministries of Bethany Lutheran Church,
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Worship is rebroadcast on SMU CH #2:

Tuesday-5pm, Wednesday-10am

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