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Baptism of our Lord
January 11, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Welcome to Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word in worship in-person and online. We encourage you to follow along in this document. If you are joining us online, please send the office an email at LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org so we know of your participation.

May the Lord bless our worship this day.

As We Gather

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.

As We Offer

We offer our contributions in-person or online at [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1438924) through this link https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1438924 or with your phone by taking a picture of this QR Code.



+ Gathering +

PRELUDE ~ Joy in God

Richard Blake

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

CONFSSION & FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, \dagger one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely. Mighty God, lover of justice,

C **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in \dagger Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ~ *Crashing Waters at Creation*

ELW 455



1 Crash-ing wa-ters at cre-a-tion, or-dered by the Spir-it's breath,
2 Part-ing wa-ter stood and trem-bled as the cap-tives passed on through,
3 Cleans-ing wa-ter once at Jor-dan closed a-round the one fore-told,
4 Liv-ing wa-ter, nev-er end-ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



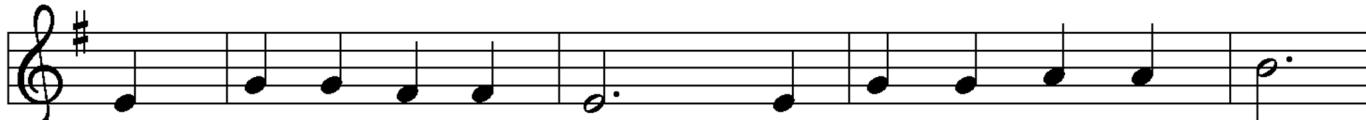
first to wit-ness day's be-gin-ning from the bright-ness of night's death.
wash-ing off the chains of bond-age—chan-nel to a life made new.
o-pened to re-veal the glo-ry ev-er new and ev-er old.
Well-spring, source of life e-ter-nal, drench our dry-ness, make us whole.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.
Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

Children continue their worship in Sunday School.

† Word †

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

A A reading from Isaiah.

¹ 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. ² He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵ 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: ⁶ 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, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29



A ¹ Ascribe to the ¹ LORD, you gods,
 asccribe to the LORD glo- ¹ ry and strength.

C ² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory ¹ due God's name;**
 worship the LORD in the beau- ¹ ty of holiness.

A ³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of ¹ glory
 thunders;
 the LORD is upon the ¹ mighty waters.

C ⁴ **The voice of the LORD is a pow- ¹ erful voice;**
 the voice of the LORD is a ¹ voice of splendor.

A ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the ¹ cedar trees;
 the LORD breaks the ce- ¹ dars of Lebanon;

C ⁶ **the LORD makes Lebanon skip ¹ like a calf,**
 and Mount Hermon like a ¹ young wild ox.

A ⁷ The voice ¹ of the LORD
 bursts forth in ¹ lightning flashes.

C ⁸ **The voice of the LORD ¹ shakes the wilderness;**
 the LORD shakes the wilder- ¹ ness of Kadesh.

A ⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips
 the ¹ forests bare.
 And in the temple of the LORD all are ¹ crying, “Glory!”

C ¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned a- ¹ bove the flood;**
 the LORD sits enthroned as king for- ¹ evermore.

A ¹¹ O LORD, give strength ¹ to your people;
 give them, O LORD, the bless- ¹ ings of peace.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

A A reading from Acts.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: “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.”

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

A The gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* ELW 304



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God’s Spir - it on you
2 God called you, “My be - lov - ed Son”; you are God’s ser - vant
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - obeyed the
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav’n, God’s
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God’s ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God’s ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

We stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us confess the faith of the church with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Each petition ends:

A Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's

loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

ADVENT MINISTRY MOMENT ~

Peter Marchese, North Side Housing and Supportive Services

† Meal †

We sit.

OFFERTORY ~ SOLO *Down Galilee's Slow Roadways* Hal Hopson

We stand.

OFFERING SONG ~ As With Gladness Men of Old **ELW 302 v. 4**



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly king.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

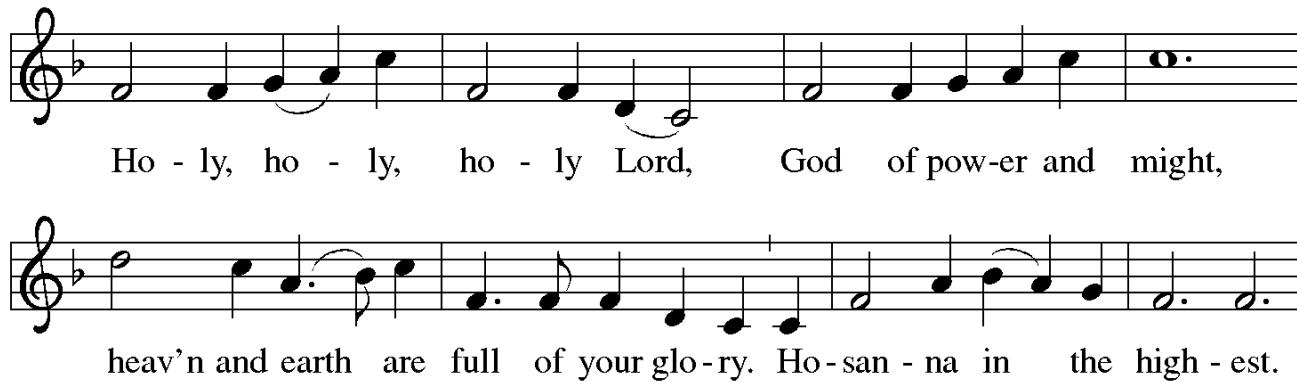
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary...praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign....
...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C

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

P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup....
...to share with us the great and promised feast.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit....
...and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place....
...all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C

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

LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray the words our Lord taught us.

C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table, taste and see.

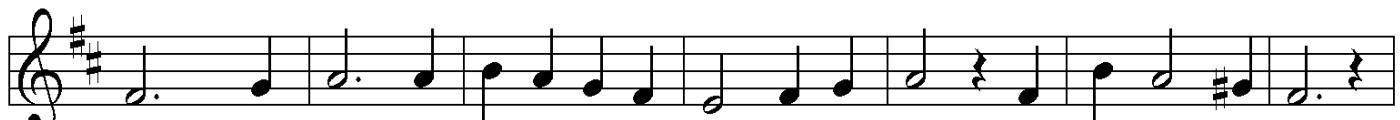
C Amen.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



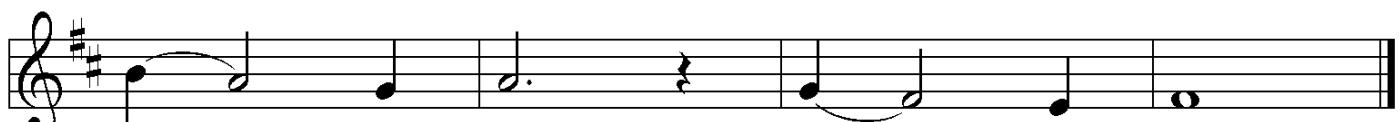
C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer- cy on us.



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,

grant us peace.

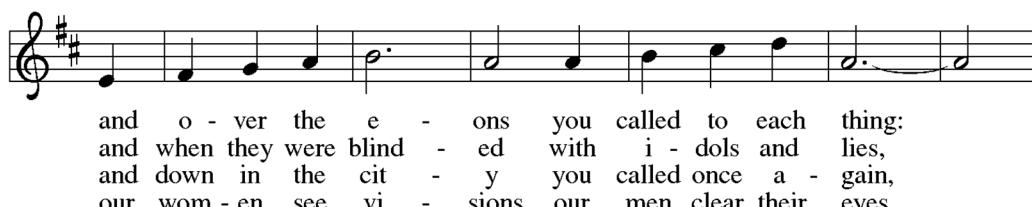
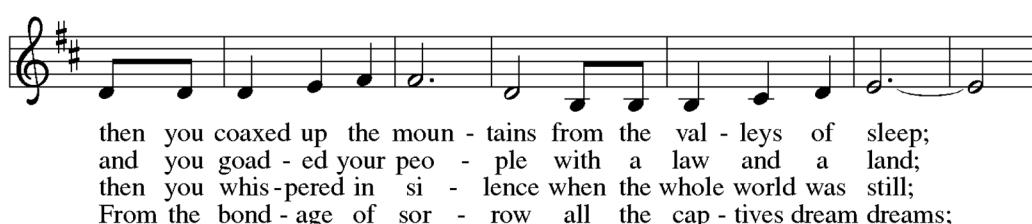
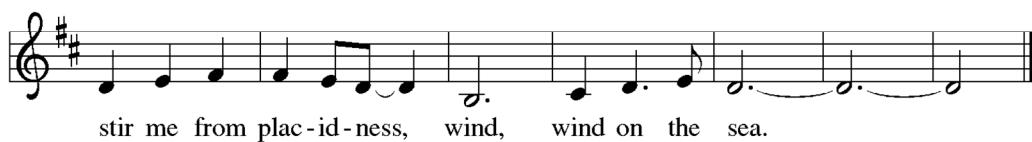
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to the table of the Lord who is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine. We gather at the communion rail and consume the elements by intinction, taking the wafer and dipping it into the chalice of wine. Half of the chalice is dark wine and the other half is white apple juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request during distribution. Children who have yet to commune are welcome to receive a blessing. Please inform the ushers if you will need to partake of the Lord's supper at your place in the pew.

COMMUNION HYMN ~ *Spirit of Gentleness*

ELW 396

Refrain



Refrain



when you blew through your peo - -ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - -sions your peo-ple a - rise.

We stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

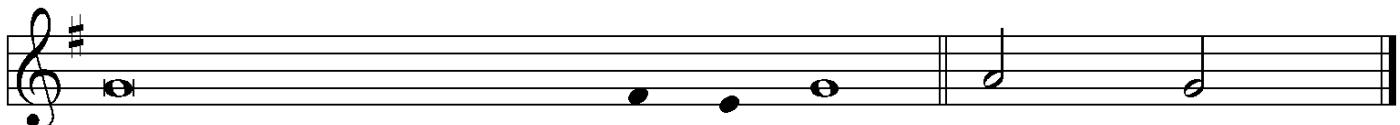
A Let us pray. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.



+ Sending +

BLESSING



P Almighty God, Father, ⁺ Son,
and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for - ever.

C A - men

SENDING HYMN ~ *Let Streams of Living Justice*

ELW 710

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE ~ *Epilogue*

Franklin Ritter

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† WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS †

WORSHIP REGISTRATION SHEETS ~ All visitors & members please sign-in each Sunday on the worship attendance sheets located in the blue folder at the end of your pew. Please update any new contact information. We encourage visitors to provide contact information - - this helps us to get to know you!

****Please continue to sign-in each week.** This helps gauge church growth, plan events, maintain how many bulletins should be printed, and assist in setting up the communion meal for each week. Trying a new seat will also help you say hello to those who you do not know each week. Thank you for your assistance with this.**

WELCOME ~ IF YOU WATCH ON-LINE, PLEASE EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE DIRECTLY AT LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org or call the office and let us know you attended. Thank you!

GUEST SPEAKER: This morning we are pleased to welcome back Peter Marchese, representing NORTH SIDE HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, for a “belated” Advent talk. Peter was snowed out in December, but will be here today to share inspirational stories about the good work that North Side Housing is doing for homeless men, and to bring us an update on the new shelter that opened last year. Part of our special Advent offerings will go to help fund North Side Housing.