



# Welcome to Worship

*Baptism of Our Lord ~ January 11, 2026*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING SONG: “O Day of Rest and Gladness”**

*ELW 521*

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Glory to you, O God:  
you speak a word of power,  
and Creation springs forth!

**We praise you, O God!**

Glory to you, O God:  
your Spirit hovers over the earth,  
and order is birthed from chaos!

**We bless you, O God!**

Glory to you, O God:  
The sun to rules our days,  
The moon and stars brighten our nights,  
Bringing light to our darkness!

**We exalt you, O God!**

Glory to you, O God:  
May blessing, glory, and praise be yours!  
**Now and forever, Amen!**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *ELW Setting 10, page 205***



Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:

We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.



Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.

For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

**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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

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. Amen.

## TEMPLE TALK:

*"Crossroads Campus Ministry" .... Emma Bassingthwaite*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

<sup>1</sup>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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 29

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
    ascribe to the Lord glo- ry and strength.

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

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
    the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**4 The voice of the Lord is a pow- erful voice;  
    the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
    the Lord breaks the ce- dars of Lebanon;

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

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord  
    bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
    the Lord shakes the wilder- ness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup> 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!"

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

<sup>11</sup> O Lord, give strength to your people;  
    give them, O Lord, the bless- ings of peace.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *ELW Setting 10, page 205*



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.  
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> 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. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON SONG: “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”**    *ELW 304*

## SERMON

### APOSTLES' CREED

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.

**OFFERING with special music**    *Cheryl Miller & Scott Vatnsdal*

## OFFERTORY:

*We give thee but thine own, Whatev'r that gift may be.  
All that we have is thine alone, A trust O Lord from thee.*

**PRAYERS:** Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. A brief silence.

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For our congregation as we seek vision and direction for a new chapter of life and ministry, for our council leadership, for our sister congregations, for our synod's guidance in this process, that we may seek your plan for us and experience anew your wisdom and grace, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for all who suffer (especially), that God shower compassion, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

## BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you,  
the Lord look upon you with favor and give you his peace.

## SENDING SONG: “*Shine, Jesus, Shine*”

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## DISMISSAL: Go in peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

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ARISE, SHINE;  
FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME,  
AND THE  
GLORY OF THE LORD  
HAS RISEN UPON YOU.

ISAIAH 60:1, NASB