

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Offering Hymn:

Spirit of Gentleness

ELW #396

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Once these places are nourished, you provide us with more than we could ever imagine. Help us, we pray, to use these gifts to share your story with your people.

Amen.

The 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

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

C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *The Spirit Sends us Forth to Serve*

ELW #551

Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!

"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to Become a member, contact any member, or the church office."

Sunday, January 11th, 2026; 9:30 am

Baptism of Our Lord

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Gideons Presentation

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, 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.

C:

Mighty God, lover of justice, 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 Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn:

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

ELW #304

Apostolic Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Call to Worship

P: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

P: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

C: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

P: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

C: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.

P: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

C: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

P: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

C: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

P: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray.

C: Creator God, our soul's delight, your voice thunders over the waters, liberating the future from the past. In the Spirit's power and the waters of rebirth, Jesus was declared your blessed and beloved Son; may we recall our baptism and be disciples of the Anointed One. Amen

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray.

C: Light of life, you came in flesh, born into human pain and joy, and gave us power to be your children. Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence among us, so that all of creation may sing new songs of gladness and walk in the way of peace. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Special Music

First Reading:

Acts 12:19-24

Will Kruse

When Herod had searched for him and could not find him, he examined the guards and ordered them to be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and stayed there. Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon. So they came to him in a body, and after winning over Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for a reconciliation, because their country depended on the king's country for food. On an appointed day, Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat on the platform, and delivered a public address to them. The people kept shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a mortal!" And immediately, because he had not given the glory to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died. But the word of God continued to advance and gain adherents.

Psalm 29

Second Reading:

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people, anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he 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."

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia

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Gospel Reading: **Matthew 3:13-17**

(After the reading is announced: C: Glory to you, O Lord.)

Then 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."

(After the reading, P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.)

Children's Message

Pastor Josh Schunk

Sermon

Pastor Josh Schunk

Hymn of the Day:

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW #661

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.