



*LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT*

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*Sunday, Jan. 11, 2026*

*9:30 a.m.*

*Welcome to Worship at Atonement*

- ***We are delighted to have you worship at Atonement today. Wherever you are on your journey of faith and life, we extend to you a warm welcome. May the Holy Spirit richly bless your worship.***
- We invite you to fill out the attendance form in the bulletin and hand it to the ushers when coming forward for Holy Communion. If you are a guest with us this morning, please leave some contact information so we can get in touch with you about how to connect with what's going on in this faith community.
- Sound enhancement receivers for the hearing-impaired and those with hearing aids are available. Large print worship folders are also available. Please ask an usher prior to the service.
- We welcome to the Lord's Table all Baptized Christians who wish to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. Those who desire to be baptized, have questions about the meaning of Holy Communion, or wish a private confession and absolution should contact the Pastor.
- Both individual cups and the chalice (common cup) are now offered to communicants. The chalice is available only for intinction (dipping the host into the wine). The darker wine in the center of the tray is non-alcoholic. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the pastor. Those desiring a blessing may fold their arms across their chests.
- The congregation responds with those portions in **bold** print.
- Please turn off all cell phones and pagers and refrain from flash photography.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Will not meet today.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSONS:**

**Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42**

*During Epiphany we praise Jesus as the Light of the World. Our Epiphany liturgy reflects this by using hymns from the global church.*

*ELW, Setting 4 (Baptism of Our Lord)*

*January 11, 2026*

**PRELUDE: *Lord, Revive Us* - Gilbert M. Martin**

*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.*

**+++ GATHERING +++**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*The assembly stands.*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C** Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

**P** In the name of ✠ One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C** Amen.

**P** Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,

And called to live the baptized life,

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

**P** Holy God, We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

Water that makes a people your own,

That restores us to wholeness,

And empowers us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C** make us one as you are one.

**P** We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

Waters that strengthen believers

And give new life to beloved servants of your church;

Waters that extend your boundless love

And cross barriers of your own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C** make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
Waters that open the hearts of believers  
And give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
Waters that set your people on a new path,  
Rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**C make us one as you are one.**

P Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.  
**C Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN ELW 308 *"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" vs 1 & 2***

# O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -  
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es  
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and  
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For  
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

- 5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
 Our joy be all with music crowned,  
 our voices gaily blending!  
 For Christ goes with us all the way—  
 today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
 His love is never ending!  
 Sing out! Ring out!  
 Jubilation!  
 Exultation!  
 Tell the story!  
 Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
 the Lord we love is first and last,  
 the end and the beginning!  
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
 transport us to that happy place  
 beyond all tears and sinning!  
 Amen! Amen!  
 Come, Lord Jesus!  
 Crown of gladness!  
 We are yearning  
 for the day of your returning.

## 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.

## GLORY BE TO GOD ELW 164 “*Glory to God*” (Peru)

### Glory to God, Glory in the Highest

Leader



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

All



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

Leader



To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!

All



To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

P 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**

*The assembly is seated.*

+++ **WORD** +++

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

- <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.

R The word of the Lord.      **C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 29** *The psalm is spoken responsively.*

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty 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.  
<sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD is a powerful 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 cedars of Lebanon;  
<sup>6</sup> **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.  
<sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness 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!"  
<sup>10</sup> **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**  
<sup>11</sup> O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

**SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43**

A reading from Acts.

<sup>4</sup> 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.”

**R** The word of the Lord.    **C** Thanks be to God.

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION    ELW 174 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” (Caribbean)

### Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

Hal - le - lu - jah.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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**GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17**

**P** The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**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.”

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

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

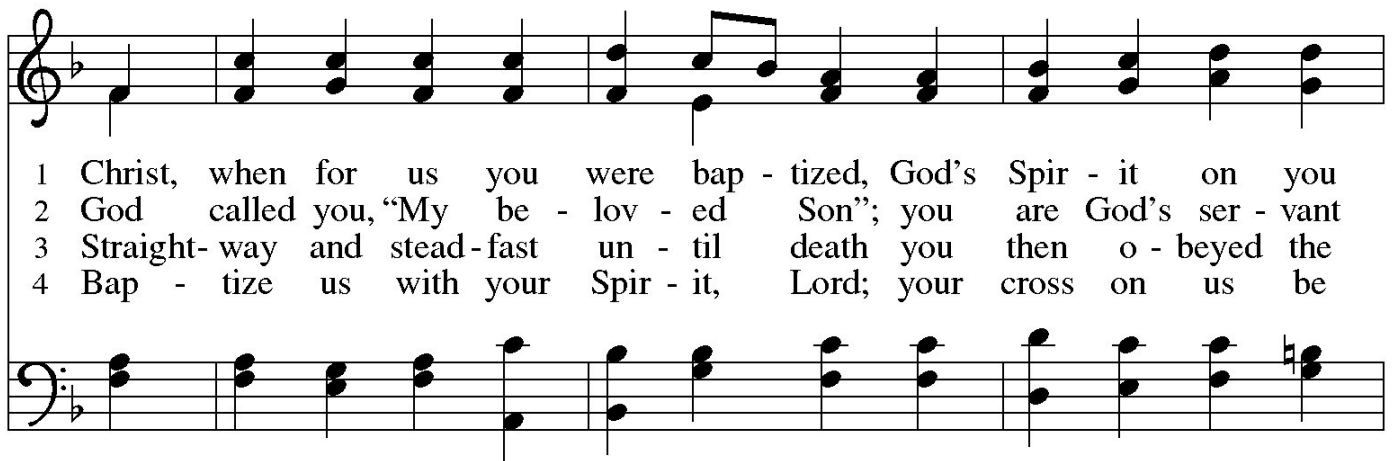
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***Meditation: Time to reflect on the message.***

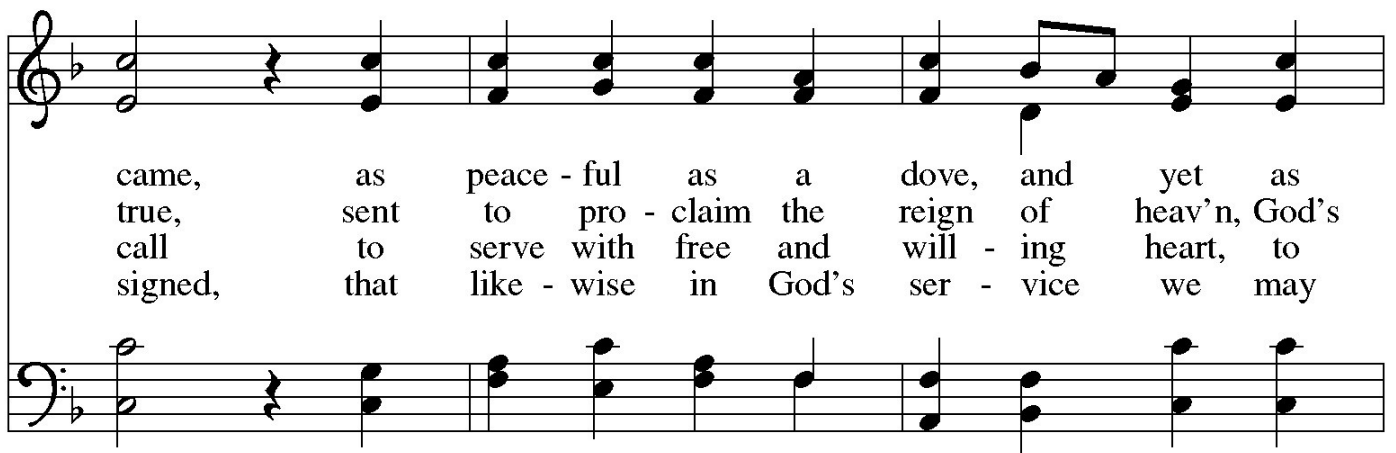
*After meditation, the assembly stands for the Hymn of the Day.*

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

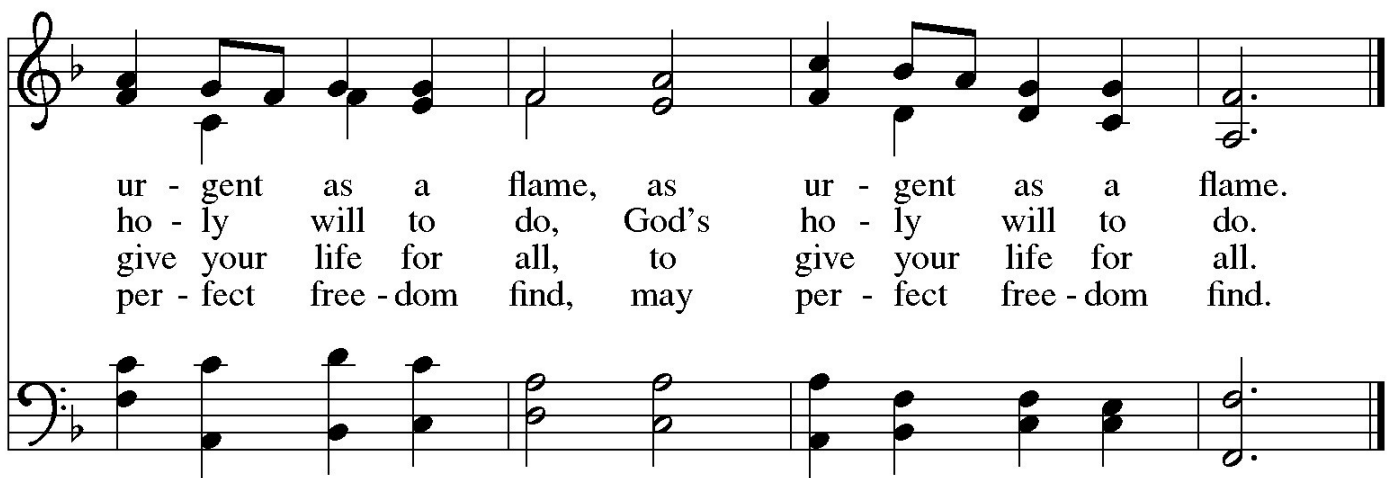
# Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



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 - beyed 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.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

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## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Each petition concludes:* Merciful God,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

## **THE PEACE**

**P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**C: And also with you.**

*The people may greet each other with a sign of peace and may say "Peace be with you" or similar words. Then the assembly is seated.*

## MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING: *A Christmas Lullaby* - John Rutter

+++ MEAL +++

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*The gifts of our tithes and offerings are presented and the altar is prepared for the Lord's Supper.  
The assembly stands as the gifts are brought forward.*

## OFFERTORY: ACS 962 "*In this Feast of Love*" (Finland)

### In This Feast of Love

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and a four-part harmony (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains the first line of the hymn, the second system contains the second line, and the third system contains the third line. The lyrics are in Finnish and English. The Finnish lyrics are in the top line of each system, and the English lyrics are in the bottom line. The English lyrics are in a smaller font size than the Finnish lyrics. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style, with the voices moving in parallel motion. The bass line is written in a lower register than the other voices. The score ends with a double bar line.

*Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä*  
1 In this feast of love, in this  
2 In this bread and wine, in this  
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

*pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le*  
feast of love, Lord, you share your  
bread and wine, you have prom - ised,  
peace, O Lord; fill us with the

*it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!*  
blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.  
Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.  
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

Text: Jarkko Maukonen; tr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954

Music: TÄSSÄ PÖYDÄSSÄ, Jarkko Maukonen; arr. Mark Sedio

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## OFFERING PRAYER

A God of abundance,

**C We bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have opened the eyes of faith  
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,  
that, beholding the God made visible,  
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY    ELW 525 “*You are Holy*” (Sweden)**

# You Are Holy

## *Du är helig*

1\*



*Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer*  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



*än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.*  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



*Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,*  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



*väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.*  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



*Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,*  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



*du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!*  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



*Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,*  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



*ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.*  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÄR HELIG, Per Harling

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## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
that by this Holy Communion we may know  
the unity we share with all your people  
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C Amen**



## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P Please join me in the prayer Jesus taught us to pray.

**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 The gifts of God for the people of God.

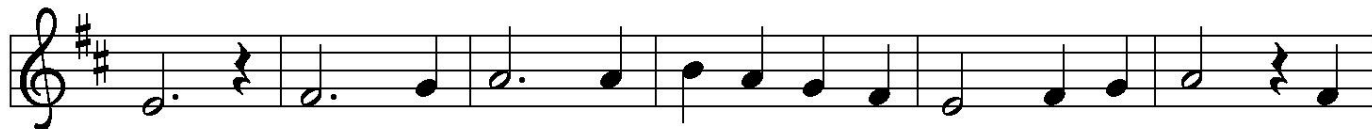
*The assembly is seated.*

*The ushers invite the assembly forward, where they receive bread and either wine or grape juice. If you need to receive communion in your pew, please let the usher(s) know.*

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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.

## HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

ELW 305 “*When Jesus Came to Jordan*” (see next page)

# When Jesus Came to Jordan



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,  
 2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
 for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
 this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
 So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
 Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
 the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
 to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

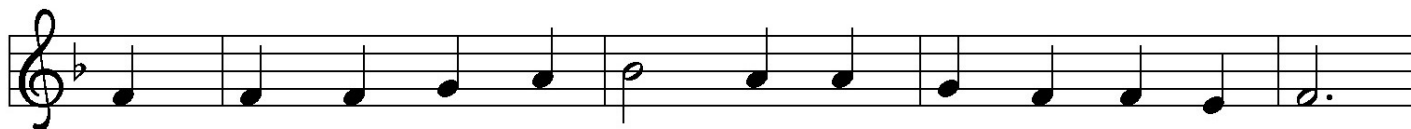
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Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune

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# Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!  
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.  
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive  
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to  
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,  
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and  
 light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are  
 go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from  
 cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 pre - cious in your sight.  
 hill to val - ley flow.  
 king - dom with out end.

## Down Galilee's Slow Roadways



1 Down Gal - i - lee's slow road - ways a strang - er trav - eled on  
2 A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens torn;  
3 We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place.



from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John.  
it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.  
We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.



He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,  
The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a - mid a glo - rious voice:  
But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.



but there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.  
"You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."  
"You are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: MERLE'S TUNE, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

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*The assembly stands.*

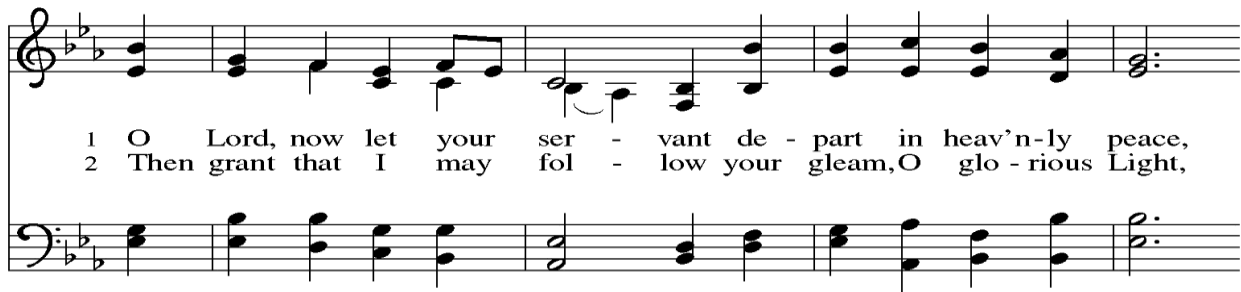
### COMMUNION BLESSING

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

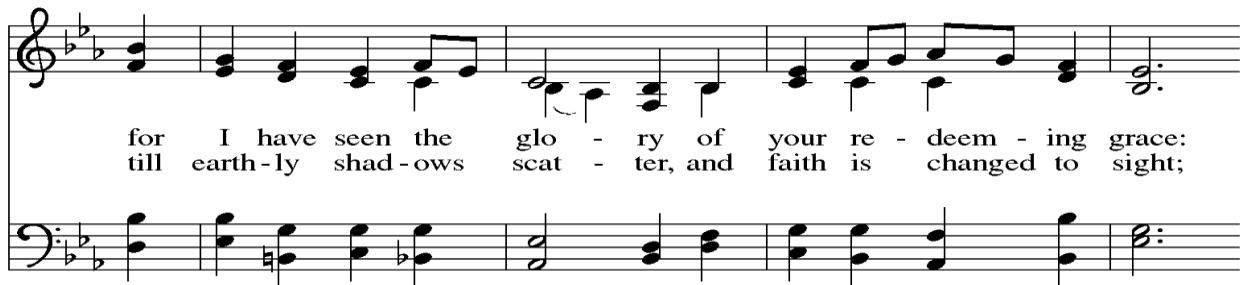
✠ Amen

Nunc Dimittis: ELW 313 *"O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"* verse 1 (Finland)

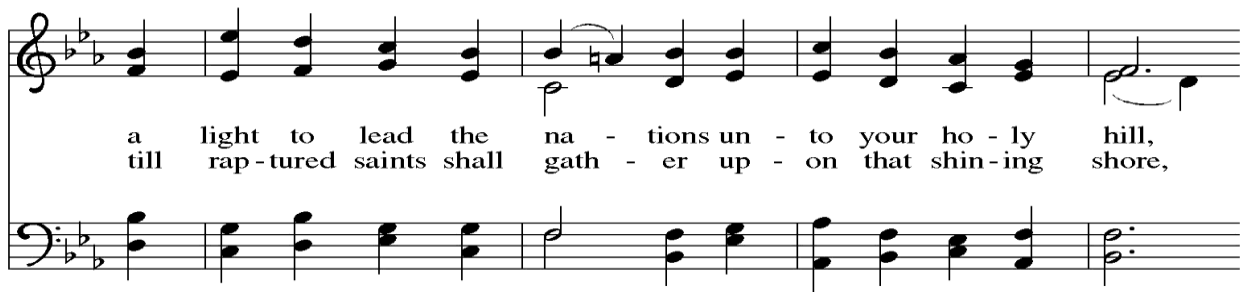
O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n - ly peace,  
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:  
till earth - ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,  
till rap - tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

Text: Ernest E. Ryden, 1886–1981, alt.

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C **Amen**

+++ **SENDING** +++

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.*

## **RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING**

P May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace.

Amen.

**SENDING SONG: ELW 308 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" vs 5 & 6 (see Gathering Song)**

## **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* - David Cherwein**

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

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Usher.....	<i>Don Meier, Chuck Graham</i>
Trustee.....	<i>Don Meier</i>

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Hospitalized or Ill:** Ann Behrens, Betty Cook, Jill Floyd, Linda Gibilterra, Ginny Groves, Shirl Henke, Jim Hickerson, Delores Johanningmeier, Don Kuethe, Sharon Love, Jane Mark, Rachel Moore, Carolyn Nimmons, Marge Purgahn, Steve Rosenfeld, June Schmidt, Glenda Warren, Barb Wishon

**Our Loved Ones/Friends:** Jason Behrens, Becky Cole (Dave Cole's sister), Ian Hawkins (Faith Brooks's son), Christina and Rev. Cyril Hurnyak (Jaimy Suydam's friends), Tom & Jeanne Sappington (friends of Ginny Groves), Marilee Viehman (Greg Viehman's mother), Dennis Whittington (Mary Beth Sandcork's father), Richard Wishon, Mike Zorich

**Our chronically-ill and homebound loved ones and friends:** Jacki Bickel, Teri Branhof, Thelma Carlson, Nancy Marxkors, Alex Mazuranic (Claire and Rick Brown and Meghan and Lily Brueggemann's friend), John Meyer, Vivian Meyer, Jim Temps, Joan Torbeck, Wayne & Joyce Winter

*Names will be removed from the prayer list after two weeks unless the church office is notified on Monday of the preceding week.*

*\*\*Copies of Taking Faith Home are available at the usher stand or on the table in the narthex.*

*Flowers on the altar are in honor of the 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Bill and Jane Meyerkord. And, in honor of the 50th anniversary of June and Jack Schmidt.*



## OUR CONGREGATION

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## OUR AFFILIATIONS

We are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and support local ministries including Lutheran Family and Children’s Services, Humanitri, Lutheran High Schools, LuMin Campus Ministry, PAKT, and The Emergency Assistance Ministry (TEAM).

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## OUR CALENDAR

*This Weekend – Baptism of Our Lord*  
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Worship

### Monday, Jan. 12

10:00 a.m. Ask a Techie  
6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting

### Tuesday, Jan. 13

7:00 p.m. NO Bell Choir Rehearsal today

### Wednesday, Jan. 14

### Thursday, Jan. 15

9:00 a.m. Parish Nurse Office Hours, until 11  
9:30 a.m. Bible and Breakfast  
5:00 p.m. Finance Meeting

### Friday, Jan. 16

### Saturday, Jan. 17

9:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, held off-site

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