

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**JANUARY 11, 2026**  
**8:30 AM & 10:30 AM**  
**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY**  
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**PRELUDE:** *"Spirit"* ..... Michael Bedford (American b. 1949)

**WELCOME**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**..... ELW P. 97

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**C: We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.**

P: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**C: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

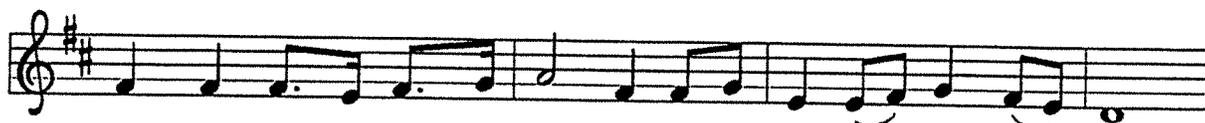
P: To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: "Shall We Gather at the River" ..... ELW 423



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899  
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

GREETING: ..... ELW p. 98

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to You, Lord"..... ACS p. 31



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** The Lord be with you

**C:** And also with you

**C:** 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.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9**

**L: 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.

**L: The Word of the Lord**

**C: Thanks be to God**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON..... LCBC**



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

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

L: A reading from the Gospel of 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 our Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

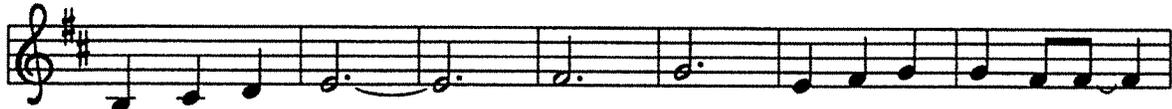
**SERMON** ..... Henri Santelman, Luther Crest Bible Camp

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Spirit of Gentleness".....ELW 396**  
(10:30 – Choir Only on Stanza 3)

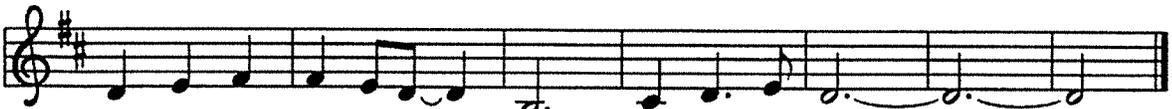
*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness



call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,



stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.



1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,  
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,  
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,  
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



*Refrain*

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."  
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940  
 Music: SPIRIT; James K. Manley  
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## 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 MUSIC:** (8:30) *"Land of Rest"* ..... Eric L. Carlson (American, 20th Century)  
(10:30) *"This Little Light of Mine"* ..... John Helgen  
Chancel Choir

**GIVE WITH YOUR MOBILE DEVICE** please scan this QR code or text "give" to 218-210-7853 and click the link. The pink envelopes in January support the St. John's Youth Assistance Fund to help kids who need financial assistance go to camp, mission trips, and summer stretch events. Pick up a pink donation envelope from the pew rack while at church and place your check or cash inside and place in the offering plate during service. Or you can give on Tithe.ly too, just choose "pink envelopes" from the dropdown menu and write "Youth Assistance Fund" in the note box.



### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

#### **PETITION RESPONSE:**

**P:** Merciful God,  
**C:** Receive Our Prayer

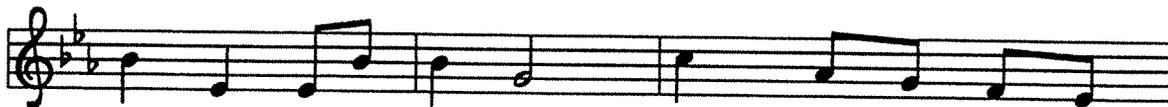
### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**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.

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** ..... ACS p. 36



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD'S PRAYER** ..... ACs p. 39

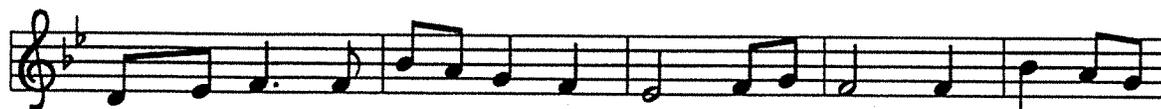
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**?** Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Lamb of God"..... ACS p. 40



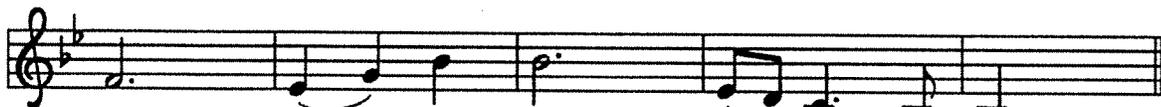
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "This is the Spirit's Entry Now"..... ELW 448



1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,  
2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;  
3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day  
4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.  
the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.  
to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.  
that wash-es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

Text: Thomas E. Herbranson, b. 1933  
Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional  
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## BENEDICTION

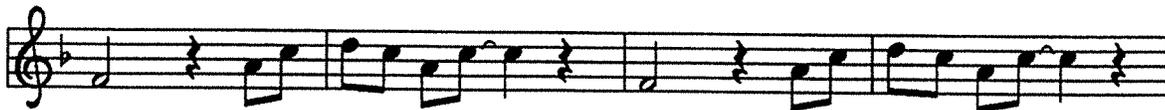
**CLOSING HYMN: "Go, Make Disciples"..... ELW 540**  
*Sing through 2 times*



"Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.



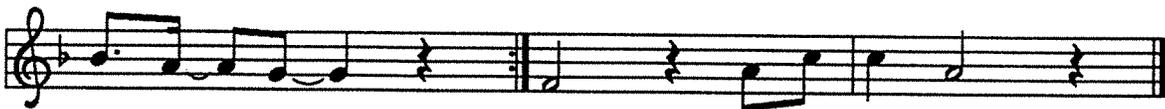
Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.



Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.



Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're



serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples."

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GO, MAKE DISCIPLES, Handt Hanson

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## DISMISSAL

**P:** The Peace of the Lord be with you always

**C:** And also with you

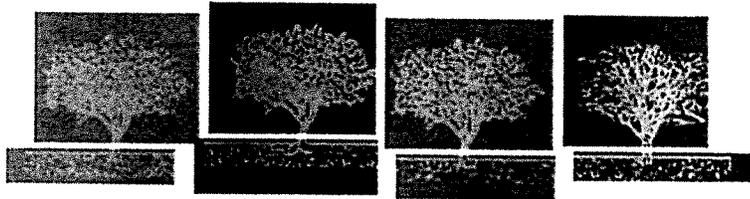
**P:** We now encourage you to share the Peace of God with others as you leave.

**POSTLUDE: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise".....Phillip Moore (British, b. 1943)**

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation:  
Sunday, January 25th, 11:45 am**

Please plan to attend our 2026 Annual Meeting to reflect on St. John's ministry in 2025, look ahead to 2026, and consider a vote on the 2026 Proposed Budget.

All confirmed members of St. John's are voting members, and are encouraged to attend. Watch for the 2025 Annual Report to become available by January 16, and plan to attend a Budget Preview session during ACE on Sunday, January 18th between services to become familiar and ask questions. Submissions to be included in the Annual Report are due to the office no later than TODAY.



**ANNUAL MEETING**

## Announcements:

1. Altar Flowers are given today by Marvin Larson in memory of Arlene.
2. **ACE January 18, 9:35-10:15:**  
2026 Budget Preview - The Church Council will present and answer your questions on the proposed budget for 2026.
3. **More than Just Lunch has no outings planned until February.**
4. **Thursday Morning Small Groups:**  
Paper Crafters Small Group - 1st Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm  
Quilters Small Group - 2nd & 3rd Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm  
Stitchers Small Group - 4th Thursdays, 9-11 am
5. **Mary Breakfast Bunch Small Group**  
**Facilitator:** Jackie Knauff  
**Meets:** 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next February 2**  
**Where:** Cracker Barrel, Lakeville
6. **Hannah Women's Study Small Group**  
**Facilitator:** Ruth Weber  
**Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30am** from September through June. Contact Ruth for details.  
**Where:** St. John's  
**Topic:** A study of other religions and other faiths, with fellowship and treats. The study group is open to women of all ages and backgrounds.
7. **Dementia Caregivers Support Group**  
If you are a family member or caregiver to someone experiencing Alzheimer's disease, join us for this small group, where you'll find an open environment for sharing feelings, thoughts, and experiences to better cope with and manage the shared problems of dementia.  
**Facilitators:** Pastor Kim Kylo & Colleen Dupre (of Highview Hills)  
**Meets:** Once/month, 10:00-11:00am on the 2nd Thursday of the month we **meet next on February 12**  
**Where:** Highview Hills
8. During **January Pink Envelope** designated gifts will support the Youth Assistance Fund. If you would like to make a financial gift - above & beyond your general offering to support the Youth Assistance Fund please contribute your gift in a pink envelope in the offering plate or by giving online. If you choose to give online, select "Pink Envelope" under "Give To," and write "Youth Assistance Fund" in the memo line. Your generosity is making a difference!
9. **Men's Monday Breakfast Small Group**  
**Facilitator:** Peter Gudel (contact: [pjgudel@gmail.com](mailto:pjgudel@gmail.com))

Meets: 3rd Monday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next January 19.**

Where: Perkins in Lakeville

Would you like to spend time chatting with old friends or get to know other men from St. John's? Gather with us at Perkins for fellowship and food.

10. **Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study: Begins Tuesday, January 13, 2026 7-8am St. John's Conference Room**

"It's back!" for some and "It's new!" for others. Pastor Nathan will be leading a weekly Tuesday morning Bible Study with men in mind as we enter the new year. Topics will vary throughout the year, but you can mark your calendars for Tuesdays from 7-8 a.m. **beginning January 13!** Join via Zoom with this QR code:



11. **Everyday Bible Conversations (EBC's).** Every week, we look for God in our Everyday Lives with a video and devotions based on the week's Gospel, wherever we happen to be.

These weekly messages include a 3–5-minute video (available on St. John's YouTube channel, and through the website and app), as well as a one-page devotional that summarizes the reading, asks a few questions, and encourages an action step for the week to come. If you would like to access EBC, but need help, please ask Candy in the church office. And let's go find God!!

12. Are you looking for community, encouragement, and a place to exhale? MomCo at St. John's is a welcoming space for **ALL moms** — whether you're parenting littles, tweens or teens, — to connect, grow, and be refreshed. We meet on the **second and fourth Sundays of each month from 3:00–5:00 PM, and childcare is provided.**

Each gathering includes meaningful conversation, practical tools for everyday life, and a chance to build friendships with other moms who understand both the joy and the challenge of the journey. We would love for you to join us!

**Upcoming Meetings**

**January 11** – *Kindness for Your Body*

**January 25** – *Building Resourcefulness in Kids*

**February 8** – *Prioritizing Your Marriage*

**February 22** – *Awkward Friendships*

To learn more about MomCo and what we're about, visit [themom.co/home](http://themom.co/home). We hope to see you at an upcoming meeting — there's a place for you here.

**Location:** Near the kitchen

**Childcare provided**

**Registration: \$80** — includes

- MomCo International membership
- Subscription to *MomCo Magazine*
- Crafts and guest speakers
- Snacks at each meeting
- Childcare

*Scholarships are available if needed.*

To join, simply **scan the QR code** — and come as your wonderful, awkward, authentic self.



**MAKE  
IT  
AWKWARD**

13. Messiah Food Shelf is asking for supplies for **Emergency Bags** for our neighbors in need. Please donate what you can, the food shelf will assemble the bags.

- Boxes of cold cereal
- Cans of tuna or other canned meat
- Jars of peanut butter
- Cans of ready - to - eat and condensed soup
- Boxes of macaroni and cheese
- Cans of vegetables
- Jars of pasta sauce
- Boxes of spaghetti or other pasta shapes
- Cans of sloppy joe mix, chili or beef stew
- Boxes of raisins
- Bottles of juice
- Packages of toilet paper
- Packages of paper towels
- Boxes of tissues
- Packages of diapers and baby wipes



Cash donations are also appreciated and accepted. Make checks out to St. John's and put "Messiah Food Shelf" in the memo line. For an online way to donate scan the QR code.

14. **St. John's to Host Luther College's Nordic Choir in Concert - Sunday, January 25th at 4 pm**

We are thrilled to announce that St. John's will be hosting a concert of Luther's Nordic Choir. This is a ticketed event; tickets will be sold directly through Luther College online. During the concert, a free-will donation for Messiah Community Food Shelf will be gathered. This concert will be open to the public - invite your friends and neighbors!



To buy tickets, scan the QR code and select "Nordic Choir Tour Lakeville, MN."

15. With the new year, we have **updated sign up links** for worship helpers and have lots of openings for you to choose from. Please review them and sign up for any that work for you. If you have any questions about any of these roles, please contact the church office.

Readers



Worship Coordinators



Clickers



16. **Parenting Littles: It's Just a Phase.** Sunday, February 1, 9:35 am in Mark classroom. The Parenting Littles group is a get-together for parents and caregivers to connect, grow, and share insights as we care for the kids God has entrusted to us. For this session, Pastor Nathan will present "It's Just a Phase", a framework for spiritual development for your kids in all the "phases" of infancy through adulthood based on social and emotional developmental research and best practices.

### Those Serving Today:

Organist..... Karen Olson  
Lector ..... Marce Spies Johnson (8:30), Carolyn Metcalf (10:30)  
Communion Set Up and Clean Up..... Marce Spies Johnson  
Communion Servers..... Amanda Boe, Tom Lardy, Sandy Johnson (8:30),  
Susan Van Thomme, Carolyn Metcalf, Erin Boerschel (10:30)  
Usher Team Leader ..... Don Knauff (8:30), Andy Schultz (10:30)  
Sound Tech ..... Dave Coldren (8:30), Francine Capasso (10:30)  
Clicker ..... (8:30), (10:30)  
Livestream Team..... Francine Capasso  
Worship Coordinator ..... Amanda Boe (8:30), Pam and Peter Haukoos (10:30)  
Coffee Servers ..... Mark & Joanne Knutson, Ron Keith

### Those Serving Next Week:

Organist..... Priscilla Thoreen  
Lector ..... Marvin Larson (8:30), (10:30)  
Usher Team Leader ..... John Hartwig (8:30), Wright & Olson families (10:30)  
Communion Set Up and Clean Up..... Kathy Ziller  
Communion Servers ..... Kathy Ziller, Ginger Gustafson, Tricia Murphy (8:30)  
Barry Fick, Jenni Tange, Pam Haukoos (10:30)  
Sound Tech..... Randy Franzen (8:30), Rich Garlock (10:30)  
Clicker Team ..... (8:30), (10:30)  
Livestream Team ..... Francine Capasso  
Worship Coordinator ..... (8:30), (10:30)  
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