

**The Spirit-Marked Servant  
The Baptism of Our Lord  
January 11, 2026**

**As We Gather** - All people are descendants of the first man, Adam. After the worldwide flood of God's judgment of sin, Noah and his sons became the progenitors of all mankind. It was of the lineage of Shem (Genesis 11) that the man Abram was born. The descendants of Abram/Abraham were named Hebrews or Jews, after Judah, one of Jacob's sons; this naming pertained to all of Israel after the Babylonian exile. To this day, they are referred to as God's "chosen people" after the words of Moses: "For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth" (Deuteronomy 7:6). They were chosen to be the lineage of the Messiah, the deliverer, the Christ. Faithful to His promise, God took on flesh "of the house and lineage of David" (Luke 2:4) as the incarnate Son of God and Son of Mary of Nazareth.

Today we hear that divine promise in Isaiah 42, identifying Jesus as God's chosen servant. From the beginning, however, we are told He is not only to be King of the Jews alone but a light to lighten the Gentiles also. The great news is that He is the Savior of and for all people, the descendants not only of Abraham but also of Adam and Noah! By repentance of sin and faith in Christ, worked by the same Spirit that marked Jesus as the chosen one at His Baptism, now all who are baptized into Christ—Jew or Gentile—are the chosen people of God. Praising and thanking God for calling and saving us, we echo the Gospel to all people in the words of the Psalm: "Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!" (Psalm 117:1).

**Offering and Registry of Worship Cards:** Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

**Saturday Worship:** Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

**About Protecting the Healthy:** To protect yourself and others from infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly

encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

## **GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.**

**Prelude and Meditation:** Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

### **Prelude:**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
The Greeting and Sharing of Peace *(stand)*

## **PREPARATION**

### **Hymn of Invocation: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

LSB 909

*Δ Please stand after a brief interlude.*

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Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's  
 Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est  
 With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter  
 Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and

help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.  
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

*Psalm 43:4; Psalm 117*

**P** I will go to the altar of God,  
**C** **to God my exceeding joy.**

**P** Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!  
**C** **For great is His steadfast love toward us,  
 and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!**

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Jesus Christ is God's chosen one, who came and who comes again today to call everyone to salvation from sin and death and who makes all who are baptized in His name to be the chosen sons and daughters of God. Marked by the sacred waters of Holy Baptism, let us receive God's assurance and promise of forgiveness.

**C** **Almighty God, our dear Father in heaven, in Holy Baptism You have marked us with the sign of the holy cross upon our foreheads and upon our hearts to mark us as people of Your choosing to be redeemed by Christ the crucified. Open our eyes to Your light of freedom and forgiveness and to Your calling of us to be Your own chosen people of Your eternal kingdom.**

**P** Upon this your confession, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit, has forgiven you all your sins. God strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

**C** **Amen.**

### ***Service of the Word***

#### **Introit for Baptism of Our Lord**

**C** **Behold My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights.**

**P** I will tell of the decree:\*

    The LORD said to Me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten You.

    Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage,\*

        and the ends of the earth Your possession.

    You shall break them with a rod of iron\*

        and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

    Now therefore, O kings, be wise;\*

        be warned, O rulers of the earth.

    Serve the LORD with fear,\*

        and rejoice with trembling,

    for His wrath is quickly kindled.\*

    Blessèd are all who take refuge in Him.

**C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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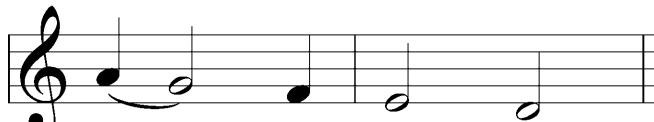
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## Kyrie

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**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



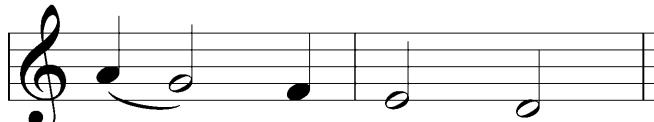
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



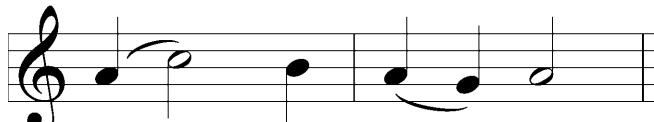
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



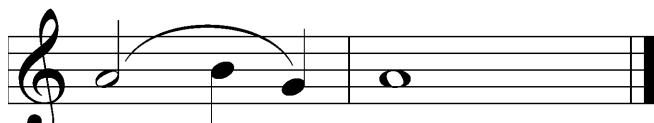
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## This Is the Feast

LSB 171

**P** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and  
hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.  
This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

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

### Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

### Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>Behold 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 aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,

and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.

<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 on it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for 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 carved idols.

<sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Romans 6:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Verse**

*Mark 1:11b*

**P** Alleluia.

**C** **You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.**

**P** Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 3:13–17*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, 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 thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**



## Hymn:

## God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

LSB 594

1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap - tized  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long

in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:

Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -

tre a - sures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - scienc e seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -

more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - against your  
 bright ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized

va - tion free      Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood,      Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny,      God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine      To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ;      I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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## Sermon

### “Dead to Sin” Romans 6:1-11

#### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\ddagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

**Choir Anthem: (Sunday Only) “To The Jordon Jesus Came” by Paul Nicholson**

**Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)**

**Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only) – Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle**

## Rite of Confirmation

### Prayer of the Church

**P** All glory and praise to You, O God, for You have created all mankind in Your image to live in Your love and fellowship forever in Your eternal kingdom. By Your design, You have defeated the devil and the power of sin and death by the sacrifice of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. He became Your chosen one in His Baptism in the waters of the Jordan River and by Your Holy Spirit, in order that all who are baptized in His name and by the same Spirit may be restored to newness of life as Your chosen sons and daughters. Help us to extend the same invitation of Your mercy and grace to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Grant that Your church be guided in true faith and worship by faithful pastors and shepherds of Your flock, that we may sing Your praises joyfully now and in eternity. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Help us to live with integrity as people of Your own possession, guarding us from all evil and leading us safely in the ways of Your good and gracious will. Give to all in the authority of government a desire for good order to the promotion of freedom and faithfulness to the ways of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** To all who are yet enslaved by the darkness of sin and separation from You, cause the light of Your salvation to break forth that many may hear of Your deliverance and the hope of life and love by faith in the Savior and be drawn by the Spirit to Your covenant of Holy Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Grant healing and relief to all who are sick, homebound, or in any need or distress, that they may know the power of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We remember all the saints who have gone before us, *[especially . . .]*. Give us a heart of wisdom that when our last hour comes, we are granted a blessed end in the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### ***Service of the Sacrament***

#### **Preface**

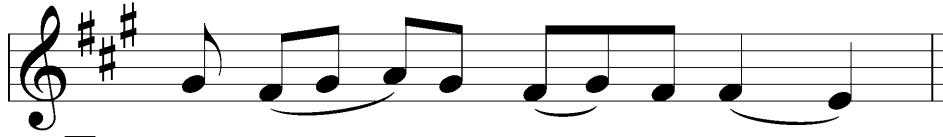
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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so 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 Him thanks and praise.

#### **Proper Preface**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**Sanctus**

LSB 178

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r 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.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\ddagger$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\ddagger$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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

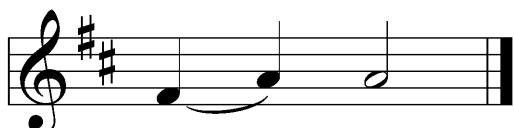
**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## Pax Domini

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

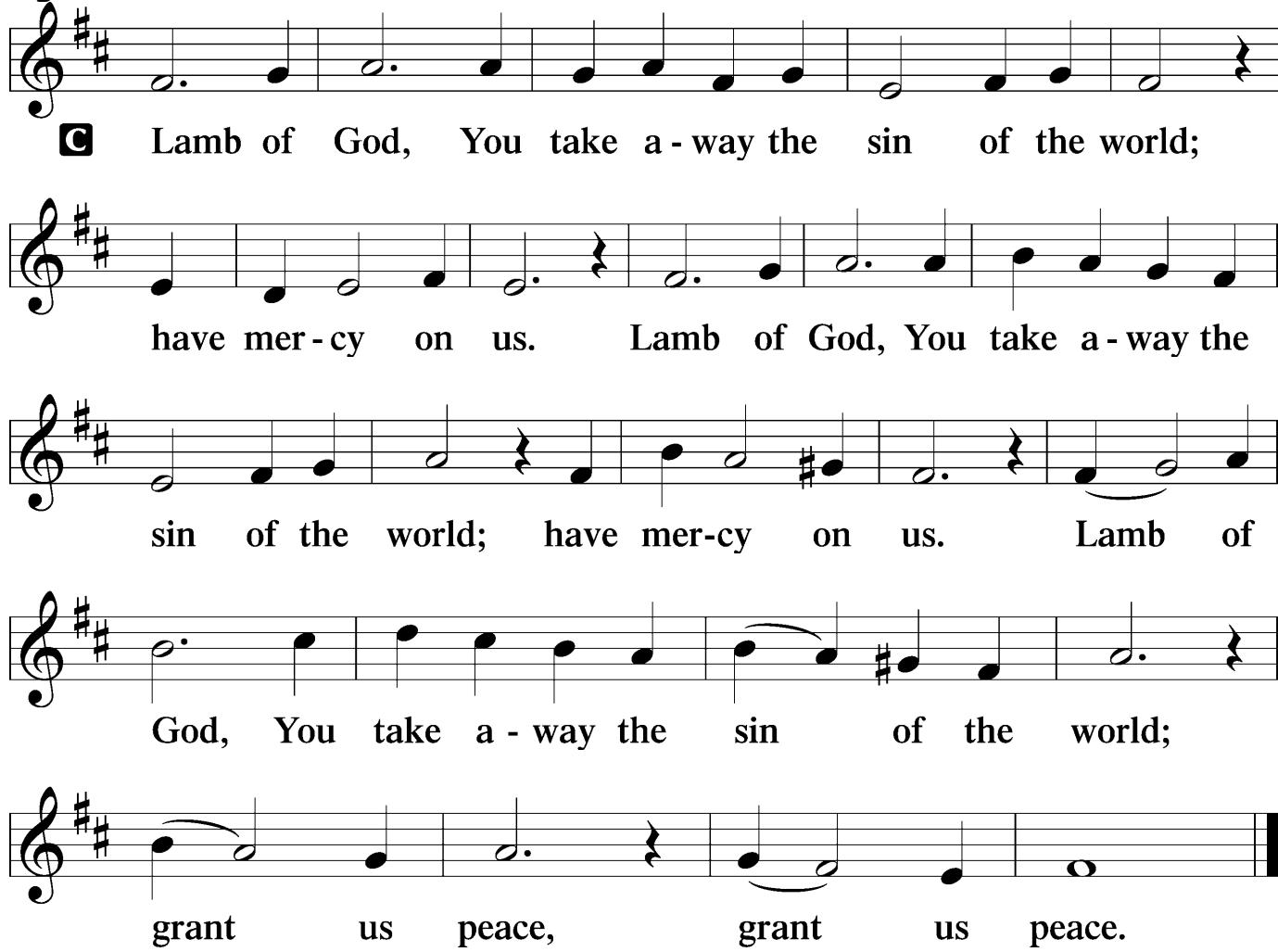
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**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 180



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;  
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

### *Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only)*

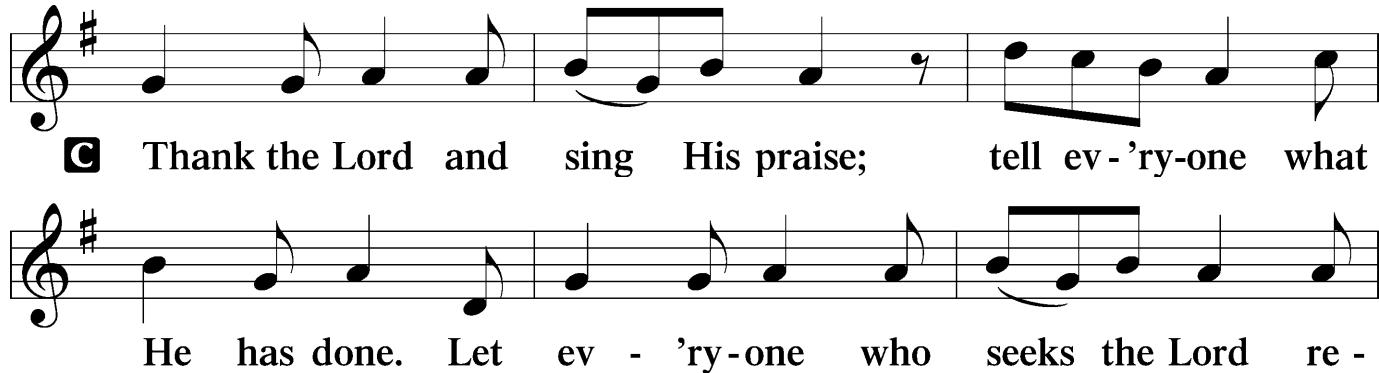
LSB 411 **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

LSB 597 **Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying**

LSB 596 **All Christians Who Have Been Baptized**

## Thank the Lord

LSB 181



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -

joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
 es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

### (Saturday)

**P** Let us pray.

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### (Sunday)

**P** Let us pray.

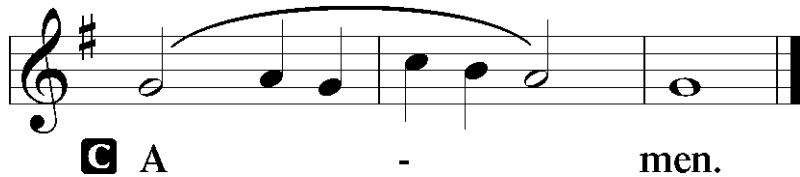
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

## Benediction

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and **+** give you peace.

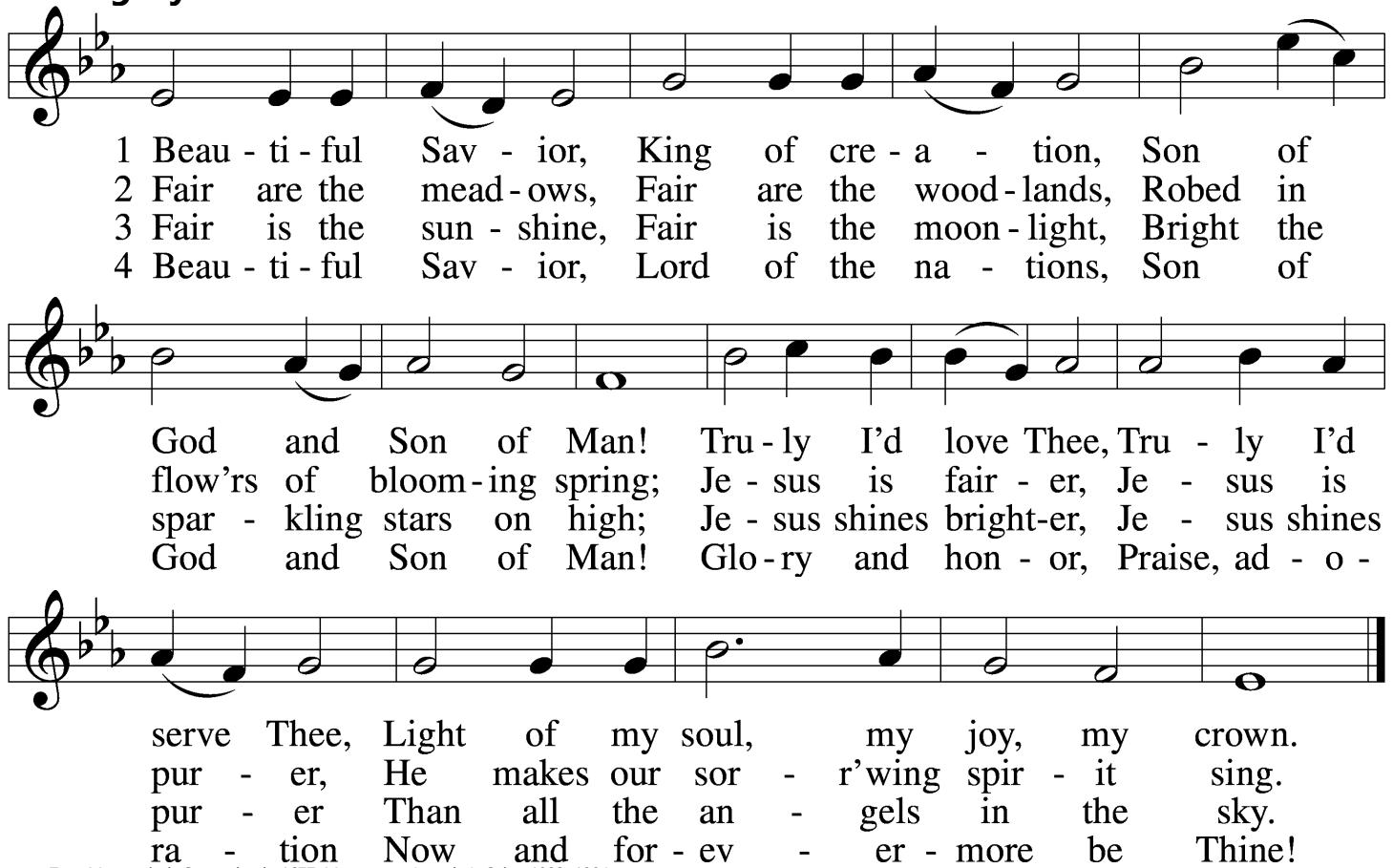


**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn:

### Beautiful Savior

LSB 537



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -

serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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## Postlude:

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### **LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

**Pastor** ..... Pastor Christopher Hazzard

**Organist** ..... Elena Miraztchiyska

### **Saturday**

**Organist** ..... Elena Miraztchiyska

**Elder** ..... Steve West

**Lector** ..... Gerie Slaten

### **Sunday**

**Elder** ..... Steve Rosane

**Lector** ..... Levi Hazzard

**Greeter** ..... John T. Doherty, Jr.

**Audio** ..... Kim Kaniecki

**Video** ..... Video/Streaming: Josiah Hazzard  
GFX: Roland Feickert

**Altar Guild** ..... Helen Borgwardt and Rita Czanko

### **LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**

**Pastor** ..... Pastor Christopher Hazzard

**Organist** ..... Elena Miraztchiyska

**Elder** ..... Keith Kallstrom

**Lector** ..... Kim Kaniecki

**Greeter** .....

**Audio** ..... Matthew Alexis

**Video** ..... Video/Streaming: Kris Welch  
GFX: Andrea Hazzard

**Altar Guild** ..... Helen Borgwardt and Rita Czanko

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship Attendance.....	24
Sunday Worship Attendance .....	113
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings.....	\$0
Simply Giving/Vanco .....	\$0
Paypal Offerings.....	\$0
Website (ShareFaith) .....	\$0
<b>Total of Offerings Received .....</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts .....	\$0

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH** - Jesus was baptized to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15), that all whom God created and gave breath to (Isaiah 42:5) might be baptized into His death and resurrection and have everlasting life (Romans 6:4-5). Living in that new life in Christ and dying to sin (Romans 6:7-8) means that we are to cherish all life the way God does, caring about our neighbor's physical life and wellbeing, as well as their everlasting life in Christ.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWER SPONSOR** - There is no Flower Sponsor this week.

**BULLETIN SPONSOR** - There is no Bulletin Sponsor this week.

**MARY MARTHA QUILTERS** - Mary Martha Quilters meet each Wednesday at 10 am. All Ladies from the congregation are invited to come. You don't have to be a quilter or know how to sew as we need people who can cut, arrange, and tie.

**MARY MARTHA YARD SALE** - Mary Martha will be holding a "yard sale" on January 24th and 25th after the worship services. We apologize for the confusion as this is NOT a rummage sale in our traditional sense of the congregation bringing items. Mary Martha is selling excess items from our collection of dishes, small appliances, etc. These are items that we simply no longer use and they take up a lot of space in our storage area. If you or your family donated items years back and you would like them returned to you, please let us know. If you want to look in the Mary Martha closet, please let us know! What doesn't sell will be posted online. We do plan to do a churchwide rummage sale next year, after the construction of the road is finished. Thanks for all you do to support us!

Charlotte Mantz 863-409-6270 Lora Wacker 417-388-2164

**MARY MARTHA “SUNDAY UNDIES”** - The “Sunday Undies” collection for children in need has been extended until January 25, 2026. Please place your donations in the box in the Narthex. This is for new, packaged socks and underwear for children! Thank you for your contributions.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR (SUNDAY)** – Team 1 is serving this week; the Chili Cook Off is next week. Everyone is invited! There is no charge, and a freewill offering is voluntary. Our Fellowship offerings for January will be for Senior Orphans.

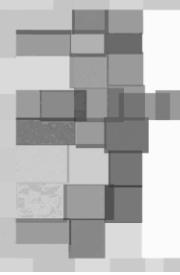
**THRIVENT CHOICE** - Did you know? If you have a Thrivent Life Insurance policy, you can donate “Choice Dollars” to our church. This gift doesn’t affect your policy in any way, but is a wonderful way to support the church financially! Follow this link for more information: [Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing - Thrivent Charitable](#).

**OUTREACH MEETING** – Outreach meets the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

**CIVITAN MEETINGS** – The Lakeland Polk Civitan Group meets the second Thursday of each month at noon and the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm at II Forno (North). Join us at a meeting and see what we’re all about!

**CLC ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF** – Do you think you have the best chili recipe? Well here is your chance to prove it! It's time for the Annual CLC Chili Cookoff. This year it will be on Sunday, January 18th, following the 10 am service. Sign up in the Narthex, and drop off your crockpot in the Fellowship Hall. There will be prizes for both Judges Choice and Peoples Choice. This is always a fun event and the free will offering will go to the Youth group. See you there!

**ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP** – Sign-up sheets through August 2026 are now posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Each sheet will now be posted quarterly, by season, so that as a season passes, a new sheet will be put up, rather than one sheet used for the entire year. There are still some spaces open for the remainder of 2025. It would be a blessing to see those filled! Additional information is available on the poster, immediately next to the signup sheets. Specially designated envelopes are available below the poster. Altar flower offerings go toward our Christmas and Easter live flowers, as well as toward the proper upkeep and refreshing of our silk arrangements used throughout the year.



## Ways You Can Serve

**HELP WANTED** - The Church is in need of workers in several positions around the Church. These include Ushers, Offering Counters, Altar Guild, Lectors, Sound Board, Video Assistance, Elders (requires one year membership), and many other opportunities to serve. Please consider using your time and talents in some way here at Christ Lutheran.

**ADOPT-A-BLOCK - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - To reserve your spot on the team or if you have questions, please contact either Lora Wacker or Pastor Chris.

**TRUSTEE WORKDAY** - The Trustee Workday is each Wednesday from 9am – 1pm. If you would like to help with the various needs of the church, come join us. A job, whether large or small can be found to help with. If you notice something you think needs attention, come let us know. Thanks for helping.

**DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS** - Volunteers are needed to help check-in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Pastor Chris to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

**CHECK YOUR MAILBOX** - Please check your mailbox in the Narthex.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** - For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the Narthex for more information or email [stewardship@clclakeland.org](mailto:stewardship@clclakeland.org).

**NAMETAGS** - We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

### **STEWARSHIP CORNER**

*Matthew 3:15 – “But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’” The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. Here, Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus’ life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us.*



**THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN**

<p><b><u>Monday - 1/12</u></b> Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday - 1/13</u></b> Adopt-A-Block @ 11 am</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday - 1/14</u></b> Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran Trustee Workday @ 9 am Mary Martha Meeting @ 9:30 am Quilters @ 10 am Individual Communion 1:30 – 2:30 pm Choir Practice @ 5 pm</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday - 1/15</u></b> Bible Study @ 10 am Civitan Meeting @ 12:00 noon</p>
<p><b><u>Friday - 1/16</u></b> Church Office closed Pastor's day off</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday - 1/17</u></b> Worship @ 5:30 pm</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday - 1/18</u></b> Bible Study @ 8:30 am Worship @ 10 am Fellowship after Service CLC Annual Chili Cook Off after Service</p>	

