



... suddenly the heavens were opened to him  
and he saw the Spirit of God  
descending like a dove ...

Matthew 3:16, NRSV



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.  
We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Our Savior was baptized**  
**January 11, 2026**  
**Epiphany 1**

Jesus came to be baptized by John, and John wondered why. John had a good point: he needed to be baptized by Jesus, not the other way around. Yet Jesus said it was appropriate for him to be baptized. So why was Jesus baptized? And what does it mean for us?

Today's 8:00 a.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

- [holytrinity.church](http://holytrinity.church)

After the service, the recording can be accessed at the same YouTube site.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE—MARTIN LUTHER’S GERMAN MASS

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**Psalm 45 (NIV)**

*The congregation speaks the words in **bold**.*

My heart is stirred by a noble theme  
as I recite my verses for the king;  
my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.

You are the most excellent of men  
and your lips have been anointed with grace,  
since God has blessed you forever.

Gird your sword upon your side, O mighty one;  
clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

**In your majesty ride forth victoriously  
in behalf of truth, humility and righteousness;  
let your right hand display awesome deeds.**

Let your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the king’s enemies;  
let the nations fall beneath your feet.

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;  
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

**You love righteousness and hate wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions  
by anointing you with the oil of joy.**

### CONFESSION

P: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Almighty and merciful Father,  
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

We have done those things that we should not have done,  
and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,  
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn 934 Kyrie! God, Father

Ky - ri - e! God, Fa - ther in heav'n a - bove, you a - bound in gra - cious love,  
of all things the mak - er and pre - serv - er. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!  
Ky - ri - e! O Christ our King, sal - va - tion for all you came to bring.  
O Lord Je - sus, God's own Son, our me - di - a - tor at the heav'n - ly throne,  
hear our cry and grant our sup - pli - ca - tion. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!  
Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, guard our faith, the  
gift we need the most, and bless our life's last hour that we leave this

sin - ful world with glad - ness. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Hymn 936 All Glory Be to God Alone stanzas 1,4*

1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, for -  
 4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; have  
 ev - er - more the high - est One, who did our  
 mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray. You take the  
 sin - ful race be - friend and grace and peace to  
 whole world's sin a - way; O lis - ten to the  
 us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may his good  
 prayer we say. You sit at God's right hand each  
 will all hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.  
 day; have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.

*Please be seated.*

## THE WORD

### **First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-7**

“This is my servant; I strengthen him,  
this is my chosen one; I delight in him.  
I have put my Spirit on him;  
he will bring justice to the nations.  
He will not cry out or shout  
or make his voice heard in the streets.  
He will not break a bruised reed,  
and he will not put out a smoldering wick;  
he will faithfully bring justice.  
He will not grow weak or be discouraged  
until he has established justice on earth.  
The coasts and islands will wait for his instruction.”

This is what God, the LORD, says —  
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 on it —  
“I am the LORD. I have called you  
for a righteous purpose,  
and I will hold you by your hand.  
I will watch over you, and I will appoint you  
to be a covenant for the people  
and a light to the nations,  
in order to open blind eyes,  
to bring out prisoners from the dungeon,  
and those sitting in darkness from the prison house.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-38

Peter began to speak: "Now I truly understand that God doesn't show favoritism, but in every nation the person who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. He sent the message to the Israelites, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. You know the events that took place throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how he went about doing good and healing all who were under the tyranny of the devil, because God was with him."

P: The Word of the Lord.

### C: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

*Hymn 596 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray stanzas 1,4*

1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray  
4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;

for the true faith need - ed on our way  
teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right

that when life is end - ing he may de - fend us, on our  
that we may a - bid e in the Lord who bought us, un - til

home - ward jour - ney at - tend us. Lord, have mer - cy!  
home at last he has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

## Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. But John tried to stop him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?"

Jesus answered him, "Allow it for now, because this is the way for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then John allowed him to be baptized.

When Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water. The heavens suddenly opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

*Hymn 377 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord*



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, the Christ, whom  
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— the Son of  
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood and John bap -  
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, the God from God, the  
God in flesh dis - guised— to stand be - neath the  
tized the Lamb of God, the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
voice with words pro - found: "This is my Son," was



Light from Light, the Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
Fa - ther's will and all his prom - is - es ful - fill.  
heav'n - ly dove, de - scend - ed on him from a - bove.  
his de - cree, "the one I love, who pleas - es me."

- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight      6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!  
anointed Christ in glorious sight      This man is Christ, our substitute!  
as God's own choice, from Adam's fall      He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
to save the world and free us all.      proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

# Sermon — Matthew 3:13-17

## *Our Savior was baptized*

Hymn 940 *We All Believe in One True God*



1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and  
2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and  
3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, who from both for -



Ho - ly Ghost, ev - er - pres - ent help in need,  
Mar - y's Son, who de - scend - ed from his throne,  
e'er pro - ceeds, who up - holds and com - forts us



praised by all the heav'n - ly host, by whose might - y  
and for us sal - va - tion won, by whose cross and  
in all tri - als, fears, and needs. Bless - ed, ho - ly



pow'r a - lone all is made and wrought and done.  
death are we res - cued from all mis - er - y.  
Trin - i - ty, praise to you e - ter - nal - ly!

### OFFERING

*The ability to give from the heart is itself a gift from God. We thank God for the means to give. Even more, we thank God for the motive to give. Christ gave himself for us. We give as Christians out of love for Christ.*

*You may place your offering in the plates or use Online Giving.*

*The QR code at right will also take you to the giving site.*

*Thank you for your offerings.*



### MUSICAL OFFERING

*Please stand.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

O heavenly Father, we come before you this day in thanksgiving and praise. We thank you for revealing yourself at the baptism of Jesus. There you declared the one born at Bethlehem and adored by the Magi to be your dearly loved Son in whom you are well pleased. Enable all of us to find in him our hope and salvation.

As you anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit, so pour out that same Spirit on us that we may serve you in the world. Take from us all fear and doubt, overcome our laziness and indecision, and drive the ugliness of sin from our lives. Open our eyes to the glorious truth that as your baptized children we are your priests in this world.

Grant your strength and blessing to all pastors, teachers, and missionaries. May they proclaim your Word with fervor and diligence and so bring light to those who sit in darkness.

In your mercy bring help and healing to the sick and the afflicted. By your grace enable them to cast their care on you, knowing that you care for them.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private prayers.

*Silent prayer*

May we all together rejoice in your Son, Jesus Christ, whom we worship with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather to celebrate the Testament of our Lord, let us take to heart the words of Christ by which he imparted to us his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

Let us remember and give thanks for his boundless love, which he proved to us when he redeemed us from God's wrath, from sin, death, and from hell by his own precious blood.

Let us faithfully confess that in this bread and wine—which are his body and blood—we receive the pledge and guarantee of his forgiveness.

Let us receive and enjoy this Sacrament according to the command that Christ gave, and glorify the name of the one who has so richly blessed us with this meal.

### *Hymn 943 Isaiah, Mighty Seer*



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, the Lord of all in spir-it



did be-hold high on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, with robes that



filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;



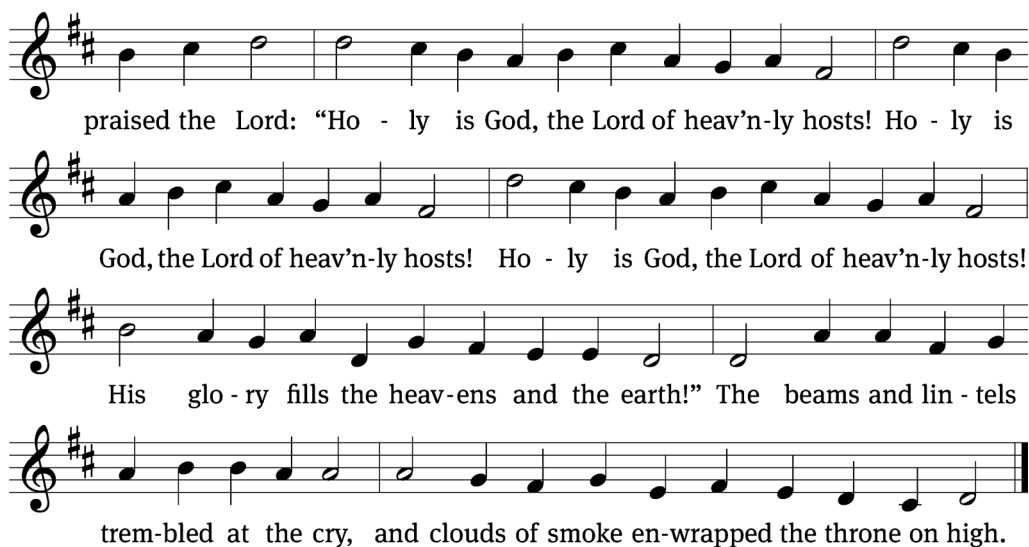
six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of him. With two they veiled their



fac-es as was right, with two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,



and with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; one to the oth-er called and



praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts! His glo - ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin - tels trem-bled at the cry, and clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

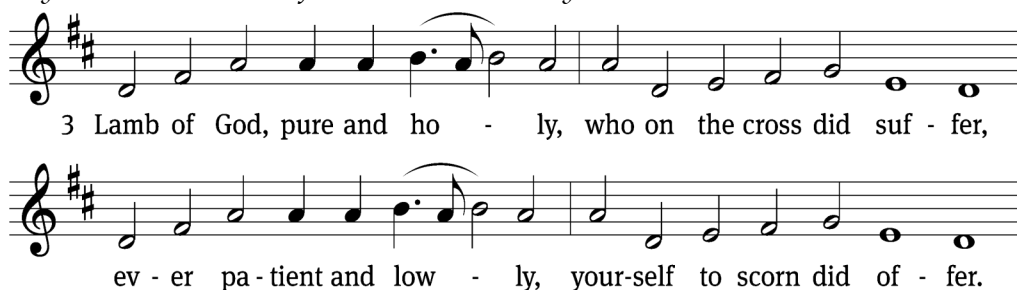
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: **Amen.**

*Hymn 947 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy stanza 3*



3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer, ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.

All sin you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:  
 your peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

*Please be seated.*

**DISTRIBUTION**

*Holy Trinity offers the Lord's Supper to communicant members of our congregation (and congregations in WELS and ELS). If you are not a communicant member and are interested in going through a course of study to prepare for receiving the Lord's Supper here, please speak with the pastor.*

**P:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

Hymn 673 O Lord, We Praise You stanzas 1,2



1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you,  
2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
in thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your  
life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that  
love than this to you could bind us; may this feast of  
they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our  
Lord, your love and kind - ness did move you; let your  
sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead  
sup - per move us to love you. All our debt you have paid;  
in all tri - al, fear, and need. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

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## Education

Sunday education for all begins at 9:15 a.m. Sunday school children will meet in their regular rooms. The adults are beginning a new study of 1 Peter.

## Call meeting

There will be a call meeting on January 25 after second service. We will be calling a 6th-grade teacher.

## Men's Bible study

The next men's Bible study will be on Saturday, January 17 at 8:00 a.m.

## Church undecorating

We will be undecorating the church this coming Saturday, January 17 at 9:00 a.m. Please come and help if you are able.

## This week at Holy Trinity.

Wednesday.....	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible study
Saturday .....	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible study
Saturday .....	9:00 a.m.	Church undecorating