

*“This is My Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”*

## **The Baptism of Our Lord**

**January 11, 2026**  
**7:30 p.m.**

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better Word than the blood of Abel.

*Hebrews 12:18–24*

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread . . . For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My Body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

*1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–29*

*Who receives this sacrament worthily?* Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

*Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar*

Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved . . . For ceremonies are needed to this end alone: that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ . . . The people are accustomed to partake of the Sacrament together, if any be fit for it, and this also increases the reverence and devotion of public worship. For none are admitted except they be first examined.

*Augsburg Confession XXIV: Of the Mass*

#### A Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have joined us this morning to receive from our gracious God and to offer Him your prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If this is your first visit to St. Paul, or you have never received the Lord's Supper from our pastor, we ask that you speak with him or one of the elders before receiving Holy Communion. Children and adults who are not permitted to the Sacrament of the Altar may come forward and cross their arms against their chest to indicate they would like to receive a blessing at the rail. We offer gluten free wafers, please advise our pastor as he comes by during communion.

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the **☩** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

**C** **who made Heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** O Almighty God, Merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the **☩** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

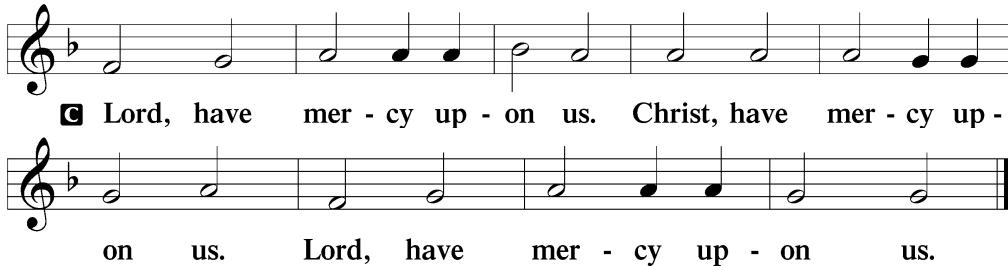
# † SERVICE OF THE WORD †

## Introit

*Psalm 89:1, 26–28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Psalm 89:20*

Behold the Lord, the Ruler, has come,  
and the Kingdom and the power and the glory are in His hand.  
I have found David, My servant,  
with My holy oil I have anointed Him.  
I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.  
**He shall cry to Me, “You are My Father,  
My God, and the Rock of My salvation.”**  
And I will make Him the firstborn,  
the highest of the kings of the earth.  
**My steadfast love I will keep for Him forever,  
and My covenant will stand firm for Him.**  
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.*  
Behold the Lord, the Ruler, has come,  
and the Kingdom and the power and the glory are in His hand.  
I have found David, My servant,  
with My holy oil I have anointed Him.

## Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that taketh away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that taketh away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**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.

*Sit*

## Old Testament

*Joshua 3:1–3, 7–8, 13–17*

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. <sup>2</sup>At the end of three days the officers went through the camp <sup>3</sup>and commanded the people, “As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it.

The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. <sup>8</sup>And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’”

<sup>13</sup>And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.”

<sup>14</sup>So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, <sup>15</sup>and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), <sup>16</sup>the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. <sup>17</sup>Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

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

**C** Thanks be to God

## Gradual

*Psalm 72:18–19*

Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessèd be His Glorious Name forever;**  
**may the whole earth be filled with His glory! Amen and amen!**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:26–31*

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia & Verse

*Psalm 143:10*

Alleluia. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God!  
Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground! Alleluia!

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 3:13–17*

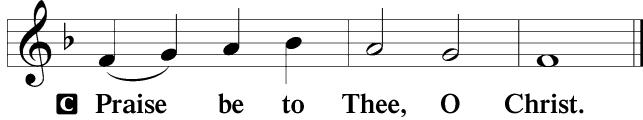
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter:



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, 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.



## Nicene Creed

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.

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day**

To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

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**Sermon**

*Rev. Jim Henkell*

**Offering**

*Stand*

## Offertory



Music notation for the Offertory hymn. The music is in common time, key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The melody is in soprano range. The lyrics are as follows:

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

*At the end of each petition:*

- P** Let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the Preface response. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes, primarily on the G and A strings. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you." (P) And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

Musical notation for the Preface response. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes, primarily on the G and A strings. The lyrics are: Lift up your hearts. (P) We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

Musical notation for the Preface response. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes, primarily on the G and A strings. The lyrics are: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. (P) It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface

It is truly meet, 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 saying:

## Sanctus

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but  $\ddagger$  deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

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."

## Pax Domini

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

**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

## Distribution Hymns

Hail to the Lord's Anointed  
God's Own Child I Gladly Say It

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## Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

## Thanksgiving

**P** O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.

and His mercy endureth for - ev - - er.

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation and Benedicamus

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**Hymn of Departure**

O Love, How Deep

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*"To Shine Forth the Light of God's Love into Our World"*

# BULLETIN NEWS

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Sunday, January 11</b>	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:00am	Adult Bible Class	Irmer Hall
<b>Monday, January 12</b>	4:30am	Service Project	Campus Wide
	5:30pm	Bible Study	Library
<b>Wednesday, January 14</b>	5:00pm	BOD Meeting	Library
<b>Thursday, January 15</b>	4:30am	Service Project	Campus Wide
	5:30pm	Bible Study	Library

## PRAYER LIST UPDATE

In an effort to keep our Prayer Page current, we are updating the Prayer Page and more specifically the *FOR THOSE IN MILITARY* section. If your loved one was removed in error, please contact the church office and we will gladly add them back on the list.

## KANTOREI 2026 TOUR

The Concordia Theological Seminary Kantorei will be visiting Eternal Life Lutheran Church, 50 S. Jefferson Ave., Mesa, on Saturday, January 10, at 4:30 p.m. Also, they will be at both of our services the following day here at Atonement. The Kantorei is a men's choir of students studying for the pastoral ministry at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, directed by Kantor Kevin Hildebrand. For more information, please call Eternal Life Lutheran Church at (480) 985-0224 or visit [www.eternallifelutheran.org](http://www.eternallifelutheran.org).

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## LET US PRAY FOR...

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at [info@stpaullutheran-az.com](mailto:info@stpaullutheran-az.com). *Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

### ON-GOING CONCERNs:

**Louise Ahrens** – heart issues  
**Jorge Jimenez** – fighting cancer  
**Rose Tressler** – health issues  
**Nicholas Jimenez** – health issues

**Suzi Riley** – suffering from health issues  
**Wayne Bartels** – ongoing health issues  
**Jim Rucker** – health issues  
**Pat Haas** – ongoing health issues

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Rei Irmer** (sister of Louise Ahrens) prayers for upcoming surgery and continued healing  
**David Wies** (cousin of Vickie Hulteen) diagnosed with leukemia and will be undergoing treatment.  
**Sharon Wies** (wife of Cliff Wies, cousin of Vickie Hulteen) diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer.  
**Nick Koontz** (husband of Mary Howard's stepdaughter) diagnosed with leukemia.

### MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, **Joan**, serving in Japan.      **PSWD Missions**

### PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

<b>The Substitute Pastors and their families</b>	<b>The Rev. Vern Ermeling and family</b>
<b>Sunday School teachers &amp; children</b>	<b>LCMS officers, congregations &amp; schools</b>
<b>Maryvale Preparatory Academy families &amp; staff</b>	<b>Lexington Life Academy families &amp; staff</b>

**OUR NATION:** For all elected and appointed public servants, and all who labor to maintain peace and order.

**FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY** (*members, friends, or relatives*): **Jackson Buffington (Ahrens), Maxwell Buffington (Ahrens), Andy Smiley (Parker), Julian Perez (Perez)**

### OUR SHUT-INS:

#### Anne Smith

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