

St. Matthew 3:17b

“This is My Beloved Son, with Whom  
I AM well pleased”



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 11, 2026

Holy Communion 11:00 am

Prelude

\*The Processional Hymn      *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*      (ELW) No. 553

\*The Confession and Forgiveness      (ELW) page 94

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

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Apostolic Greeting      (ELW) page 138

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.**

\*The Kyrie (*sung response*)      (ELW) page 138

P: ....., let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

\*The Hymn of Praise      *This is the Feast*      (ELW) No. 140

\*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: Heavenly Father, in Jesus' baptism You declared Him to be Your beloved Son and set Him apart as Your agent of grace for Your creation. May we who are baptized into His life also be sent as agents of grace in Your world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.

**<sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**<sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**<sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**<sup>10</sup> The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

<sup>11</sup> May the Lord give strength to His people! May the Lord bless His people with peace!

Second Reading

Romans 6:1-11

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

**C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\* The Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.** (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Children's Sermon

Pastor Grewe

(children leave for Sunday School)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

\*The Hymn of the Day  
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*God, Whose Almighty Word*

(ELW) No.

\*The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to**

\*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

\*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

\*The Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart* (SBH) No. 27

\* The Great Thanksgiving (ELW) page 144

\*The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Lamb of God (ELW) page 146

The Distribution

Communion Hymn *Shall We Gather At the River* (ELW) No. 423

Prayer/Blessing

Announcements

\*The Benediction (*sung response*)

**C: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

\*The Recessional Hymn *Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing* (ELW) No. 807

\*The Dismissal (*response*)

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Postlude

## Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri-umph o'er the shades of night;  
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,  
 fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.



*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

(continue on next page)



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



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

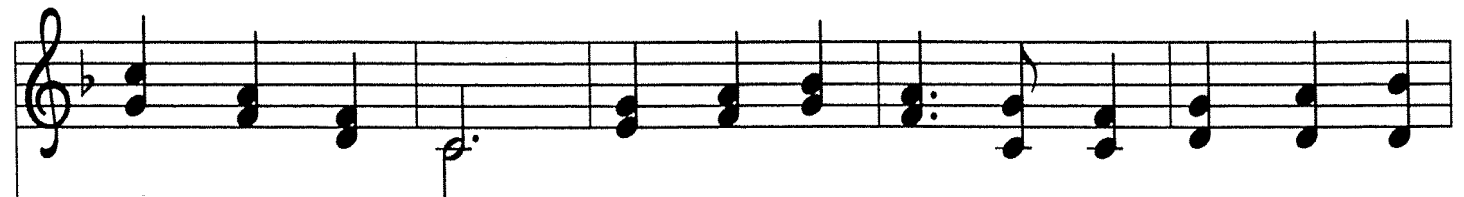


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; 'move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.



# The Communion

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -

The first system of musical notation for 'The Communion'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -'.

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass line continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are: 'new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -'.

way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly

The third system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass line continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are: 'way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly'.

Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

The fourth system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass line continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are: '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.

The fifth and final system of musical notation on this page. The melody concludes in the treble staff, and the bass line concludes in the bass staff. The lyrics are: 'thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.'



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;

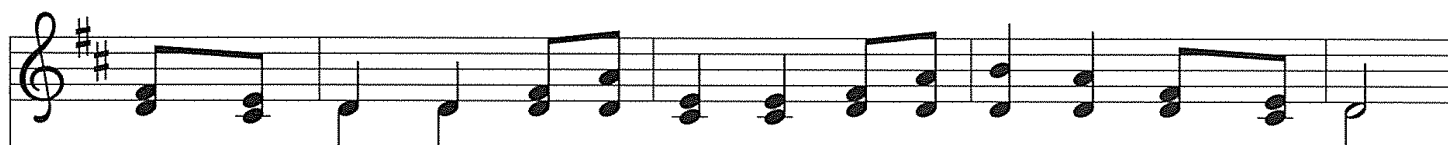


gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

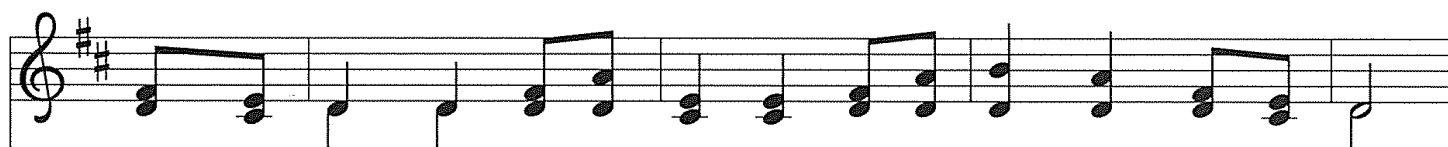
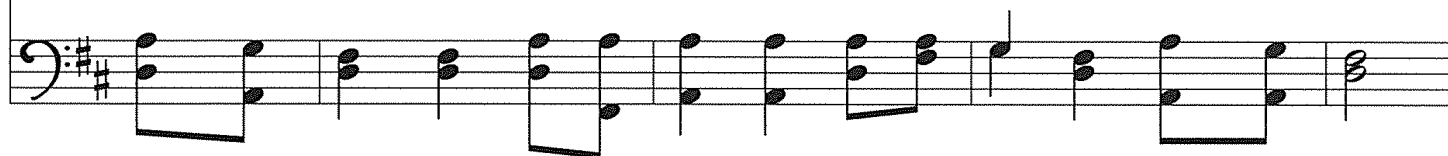


# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

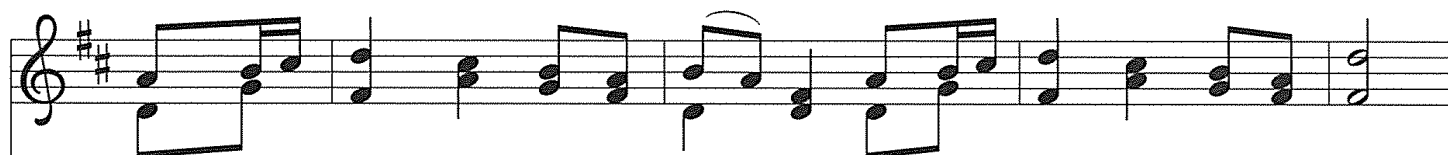
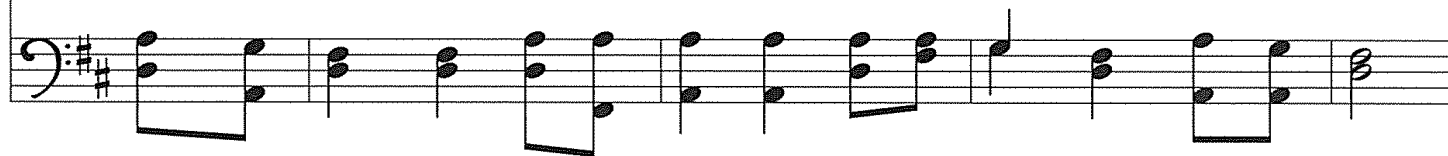
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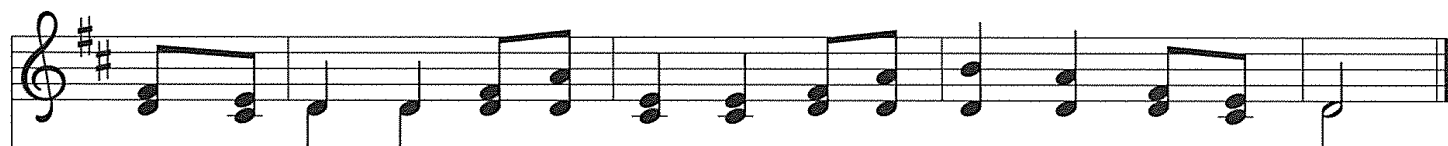
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



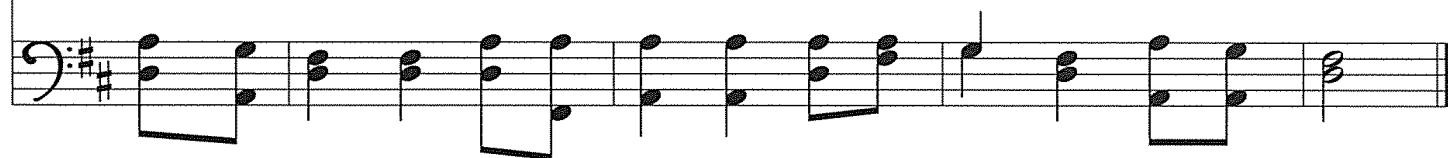
streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



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Matthew Cimino, Organist and Music Director

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**The Flowers on the Chancel** are given to the glory of God.

**The Lay Reader** is Heather Quededfeld.

**Acolytes are** Jacin and Trevor Flowers.

**Counters** today are R. McGoogan and L. Coleman.

**Welcome to our Visitors!** The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

**Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church?** Please contact Pastor Grewe.

**Nursery:** We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs of infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

**The Flower Chart for 2026** is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

**Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2026.** Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

**Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2026.** Please sign up.

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**Please pray for those in need of healing:**

Isaac Christian, Lindsay Mankey, Amy Verderber, Lou Mayne, Greg Mason, Ed Dupas, Pat Dupas, Carol Cancelmi, Amanda Laib, Sandy Hebrank, Richard Hager, Judd Lacko, Sandy Mannsman, Ian, Isaiah, Aleashia, Sharon, Tammy, Edelgard, Wolfgang, Klaus & Mel, Bernadette, Bob and Anneleise Christian, Carl Group, Shari Kienzel, Susan Westott, Amber Falosk, Appolos Yocca, Brenda Tennant, Darlene Kosak, Gary Conti, June Gosnell, Sally Hazlett, Erin Reel, Stacy Carroll, R. J. Ramone, Debbie Beighley, Kenny and Josh, David, Epp family, Eric, Budd Platts and Sue Palfrey.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

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Sober House Living

724-228-2203

Turning Point at Washington

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**Listening for the Promise**  
**Weekly Devotional**  
**Baptism of Our Lord— January 11, 2026**

“...and behold, a voice from heaven said,  
‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’”  
- Matthew 3:17 -

God has a voice. John writes in his gospel, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1). As we look back at the beginning, we see the Spirit hovering over the formless and empty earth. The first manifestation of God’s presence was his voice. “And God said, ‘Let there be light’” (Genesis 1:3). God spoke and there was light. God spoke again and created the heavens and the earth. He spoke, and there was life.

Then, he spoke to us: first to Adam and Eve, then to Noah, the patriarchs, judges, kings and prophets. And he spoke through human beings, putting his voice in their mouths. It wasn’t enough. We didn’t listen. We listened to the wrong voices. We went our own way. But at the right time God sent his Son, the Word incarnate, to bring salvation and peace to his people. God’s voice was given flesh in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus did not come in his majesty and divine glory, but took upon himself the very nature of man. At his baptism, Jesus identified fully with us; the purpose of his life was to take on sin and destroy it forever. He came to bridge the divide between God and man so we can live in harmony with God and one another. The Spirit of God again hovered over the formless and empty earth: He spoke, and there was Light. Jesus Christ was anointed with the power to change the world, to restore our relationship with our Father.

Jesus is God’s Son, but he is also fully human, the living Word in flesh. At the Jordan, God assured Jesus that he was doing what he was sent to do with the words, “You are my beloved.” He has spoken the same words to us in Baptism, giving us the assurance that we, too, are now his children.

Martin Luther encouraged Christians to remember their Baptism often. In his *Small Catechism*, Luther wrote that when we get out of bed in the morning and when we go to bed at night we should make the sign of the cross and say, “Under the care of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.” These words about our baptism will remind us that God is always with us, so that we can live as we have been called to live.