

Sunday - January 11th, 2026
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



OUR MISSION: God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. Christ Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes all. May God bless us in Word and Sacrament, music and community in our worship today. The service is complete in this bulletin. The spoken responses are bolded text.

We acknowledge that our building of worship is built upon the territory of xučyun (Huichin), the unceded land stewarded by the Ohlone people who speak to their Creator and loved ones in the language of Chochenyo.

INTRODUCTION

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Amen.

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

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

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

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

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

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN- LBW 79: To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His
2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him -
3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y
4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to



Fa - ther's plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word
self has spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell
word and won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,
us ex - tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove



Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing
And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His
Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -
Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -



now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion
 Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.
 lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.
 sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,



And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's
 God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while
 Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full -
 That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find



op - pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.
 be - stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.
 est mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."
 a dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Kyrie Eleison **Kyrie Eleison**

Christe Eleison **Christe Eleison**

Kyrie Eleison **Kyrie Eleison**



GLORIA

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great-
ness, glo-ry, Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O
God, al-might-y Fa-ther. Lord Je-sus
Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-
ther, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on
us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our
prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the
Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For you a-
lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the
Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus
Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the
glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.
A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 42:1-9

1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
2 He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;
3 a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
4 He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

5 Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

6 I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

7 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

8 I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

9 See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29



The voice of the Lord is o - ver the wa - ters. The God of glo - ry thun-ders free!
The voice of the Lord will break down the ce - dars. The God of glo - ry thun-ders free!
The voice of the Lord is flam - ing in fire. The God of glo - ry thun-ders free!



The voice of the Lord is o - ver the wa - ters. His voice is full of maj - es-ty!
The voice of the Lord will break down the ce - dars. Be - fore His voice the migh-ty flee!
The voice of the Lord is shak - ing the for - ests. Cry a - loud in glo - ry!



Give to the Lord, in heav'n - ly chor-us; Give to the Lord, all glo - ry and strength!



Give to the Lord, the glo - ry due His name. Wor - ship the Lord



in beau-ty of ho-li - ness. in beau-ty of ho-li - ness.

SECOND READING: ACTS 10:34-44

**From the First Nations Version: An Indigenous Bible Translation of the New Testament*

Stands on the Rock (Peter) took another deep breath, opened his mouth, and began. "I speak from my heart," he said to them. "I now see that Creator does not favor one human being over another. He accepts people of all nations who have a deep respect for him and do what is right. "This is the message he has given to the tribes of Wrestles with Creator (*Israel*), a message of peace that comes through Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) the Chosen One. He is the one who has been honored above all others! "You must have heard about it. It all began with the purification ceremony announced by He Shows Goodwill (*John*) in Circle of Nations (*Galilee*). From there his message has spread like wildfire throughout the Land of Promise (*Judea*). "It is the story of how the Great Spirit chose Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) from Seed Planter Village (*Nazareth*), and how the power of Holy Spirit came to rest upon him. How he walked the land, with Creator at his side, doing

good and healing all who were pushed down and crushed by the evil trickster. “We are his message bearers, telling the truth about all that he did in the territory of our Tribal Members and in Village of Peace (*Jerusalem*), where they had him killed by hanging him on a tree. He is the one whom Creator, on the third day, brought back to life from the world of the dead. He then appeared, not to everyone, but to us, the ones he chose ahead of time to tell the truth about what we saw, we who ate and drank with him after he returned to life from the dead.

“He has instructed us to tell this story in a sacred manner, so that all people will know that Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) has been chosen by the Great Spirit to decide the fate of the living and the dead. All the prophets from long ago have spoken of him, that all who put their trust in him will be released from their bad hearts and broken ways through his name.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,
2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.
the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O God.**

13 Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” 15 But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day
4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.
that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

SERMON- Pr Dee

HYMN OF THE DAY- "Wade in the Water" - African-American Spiritual

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children

Wade in the water. Oh God's a-gonna trouble the water.

*Oh who is that yonder dressed in red? **God's a-gonna trouble the water.***

*Look just like the people that Moses led. **God's a-gonna trouble the water.***

Now see those people dressed in gold? (etc...)

*These are disciples of Christ I'm told. **REFRAIN***

And who is that band all dressed in black

They came a long way. Ain't turning back

Oh who is that yonder dressed in blue?

*It look like the ones who made it through. **REFRAIN***

Like Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego

Through faith into the fiery furnace I go

Like David slew Goliath with just one shot

*My faith in the Lord is fiery hot. **REFRAIN***

Now if you don't believe that I've been redeemed

Then follow me down to Jordan's stream

Like John in the wilderness, bold and free,

*I'll prepare the way for His glory to be. **REFRAIN***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

*Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

*Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

*Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

*Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill especially for Karen, Julie, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., Christina B., and the family and friends of Sandy Z. . Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

*Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

What else do the people of God pray for?

*Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

*Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.***

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY- Choir Anthem: Lead Us to the Water

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; For in the waters of the Jordan you revealed with signs and wonders a new Baptism, so that through the voice that came down from heaven we might come to believe in your Word dwelling among us, and by the Spirit's descending in the likeness of a dove we might know that Christ your Servant has been anointed with the oil of gladness and sent to bring the good news to the poor.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy! **Holy, Holy, Holy!**

Lord God of Hosts, **Lord God of Hosts,**

Heaven and Earth, **Heaven and Earth,**

are full of your glory, **are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest! **Hosanna in the highest!**

Hosanna in the highest! **Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is he who comes **Blessed is he who comes**

in the name of the Lord **in the name of the Lord**

Hosanna in the highest! **Hosanna in the highest!**

On the night he was arrested, Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying: Take, eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new promise, my very life, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.

You may be seated.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN- *God's Own Child I Gladly Say It*



1. God's own child I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized in - to Christ!
2. Sin, dis-turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized in - to Christ!
3. Sa - tan, hear this pro - cla - ma - tion: I am bap-tized in - to Christ!
4. Death, you can-not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized in - to Christ!
5. There is no-thing worth com-par - ing to this life-long com-fort sure!



He, be-cause I could not pay it, gave my full re - demp-tion price.
I have com-fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus' cleans-ing sa - cri-frice.
Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion, I am not so soon en-ticed.
When I die, I leave all sad-ness to in - her - it pa - ra - dise!
O - pen-eyed my grave is star - ing: E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure.



Do I need earth's trea-sures ma - ny? I have one worth more than a - ny
Should a guil - ty con-science seize me, since my bap - tism did re-lease me
Now that to that font I've tra-veled, All your might has come un - ra - valed,
Though I lie in dust and ash - es, Faith's as - su - rance bright - ly flash - es:
Though my flesh a - waits its rais - ing, still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing:



that brought me sal - va - tion free, last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
in a dear for - giv - ing flood, sprink-ling me with Je - sus' blood?
And, a - gainst your ty - ran - ny, God, my Lord u - nites with me!
Bap - tism has the strength di - vine to make life im - mor - tal mine.
I am bap-tized in - to Christ. I am a child of par - a - dise!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN- *When Jesus Comes to Jordan's Streams*

Verse 1 is sung by the cantor. The congregation joins on verse 2



1. When Je - sus comes to Jor-dan's stream a voice from heav - en
2. When Je - sus comes to Jor-dan's stream he me - di - ates God's
3. When Je - sus comes to Jor-dan's stream he feels the Spir - it's
4. Now, Je - sus, come to us to - day and give your Spir - it's



1. calls, "This is my well - be - lov - ed Son, on whom my fa - vor
2. grace. The Right - eous One with sin - ners stands, with them he takes his
3. breath, a - bid - ing pres - ence in his life, a love that con - quers
4. fire to all who live bap - tis - mal life through font, blood or de -



1. falls"; God's Spir - it hov - ers in the air a - bove the Cho - sen One: The
2. place. The bruis - ed reed he will not break, nor quench the smol-d'ring wick. He
3. death. That ver - y Spir - it speaks in us that Je - sus Christ is Lord, who
4. sire. Be - friend us, grasp us by the hand, send us forth from this hour, as



1. Tri - une God made man - i - fest in Voice and Dove and Son, in
2. will not crush the bro - ken heart, but helps and heals the sick, but
3. does not shout mere hu - man truths but in - car - nates God's word, but
4. cov - e - nant and na - tions' light and lib - er - at - ing pow'r, and



1. Voice and Dove and Son.
2. helps and heals the sick.
3. in - car - nates God's word
4. lib - er - at - ing pow'r

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gather Bible Study- 2nd Sunday of the month. 11:30am

Jan 16th- Annual Reports Due

Jan 25th- Annual Meeting

<p><u>Participating in Worship Today</u> Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Dee Minister of Music: Daniel Alley Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer Lector: Amy Communion Set-up/Clean-up: Worship Assistant: Christine H.L. Flowers: Coffee Hour:</p>	<p><u>Happening This Week at CLC</u> Today 9 AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship Monday 9 AM- 3 PM Senior Center 7 PM- 8:30 PM The Scouts Tuesday 7 PM Lady AA Meeting Thursday 7 PM Handbell Rehearsal Saturday 6 PM Millennium AA Meeting Next Sunday 9 AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship</p>
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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Julie D. Diane L. Lysle P. Mike & Liz S. The Vale Community Robin & Wendy George F.	Carolina S. Karen H. Laurie P. Fred W. Chad B. TJ B. Carla L.	Vince Thelma & Mike G. Mark Chris Phil C. Family and friends of Sandy Z. Girija and Mami Jacque
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