

## Baptism of Our Lord

### January 11, 2026

#### Welcome

**P** This is the day that the Lord has made!

**C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



#### Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>☩</sup> one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

**P** Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.** Amen.

**P** The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in <sup>☩</sup> Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

Praise Songs

*Emmanuel*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.  
God is with us, reveal'd in us, His name is called Emmanuel.

***Lord, You Are So Precious to Me***

Lord, You are so precious to me; Lord, You are so precious to me.  
And I love You; Yes I love You because You first loved me.

Lord, You are so gracious to me; Lord, You are so gracious to me.  
And I love You; Yes I love You because You first loved me.

Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray together. **O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Peace

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

First Reading *Isaiah 42:1-9*

*Please be seated*

Here is my servant! I have made him strong. He is my chosen one; I am pleased with him. I have given him my Spirit, and he will bring justice to the nations. He won't shout or yell or call out in the streets. He won't break off a bent reed or put out a dying flame, but he will make sure that justice is done. He won't quit or give up until he brings justice everywhere on earth, and people in foreign nations long for his teaching.

I am the LORD God. I created the heavens like an open tent above. I made the earth and everything that grows on it. I am the source of life for all who live on this earth, so listen to what I say. I chose you to bring justice, and I am here at your side. I selected you and sent you to bring light and my promise of hope to the nations. You will give sight to the blind; you will set prisoners free from dark dungeons. My name is the LORD! I won't let idols or humans share my glory and praise. Everything has happened just as I said it would; now I will announce what will happen next.

*....The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup> All you angels in heaven, honor the glory and power of the LORD!

**2 Honor the wonderful name of the LORD, and worship the LORD most holy and glorious.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD echoes over the oceans. The glorious LORD God thunders above the roar of the raging sea,

**<sup>4</sup> and his voice is mighty and marvelous.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD destroys the cedar trees; the LORD shatters cedars on Mount Lebanon.

**<sup>6</sup> God makes Mount Lebanon skip like a calf and Mount Hermon jump like a wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD makes lightning flash

**<sup>8</sup>and the desert tremble. And because of the LORD, the desert near Kadesh shivers and shakes.**

**<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes deer give birth before their time. Forests are stripped of leaves, and the temple is filled with shouts of praise.**

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD rules on his throne, king of the flood forever.**

**<sup>11</sup>Pray that our LORD will make us strong and give us peace.**

**Second Reading *Acts 10:34-43***

Peter then said: Now I am certain that God treats all people alike. God is pleased with everyone who worships him and does right, no matter what nation they come from. This is the same message that God gave to the people of Israel, when he sent Jesus Christ, the Lord of all, to offer peace to them.

You surely know what happened everywhere in Judea. It all began in Galilee after John had told everyone to be baptized. God gave the Holy Spirit and power to Jesus from Nazareth. He was with Jesus, as he went around doing good and healing everyone who was under the power of the devil. We all saw what Jesus did both in Israel and in the city of Jerusalem.

Jesus was put to death on a cross. But three days later, God raised him to life and let him be seen. Not everyone saw him. He was seen only by us, who ate and drank with him after he was raised from death. We were the ones God chose to tell others about him.

God told us to announce clearly to the people that Jesus is the one he has chosen to judge the living and the dead. Every one of the prophets has said that all who have faith in Jesus will have their sins forgiven in his name.

*....The Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

**Gospel Verse**

*Please stand as you are able*

***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?***

***You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.***

*The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.*

***(sung) Glory to you, O Lord.***

**Gospel *Matthew 3:13-17***

Jesus left Galilee and went to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. But John kept objecting and said, “I ought to be baptized by you. Why have you come to me?” Jesus answered, “For now this is how it should be, because we must do all God wants us to do.” Then John agreed.

So Jesus was baptized. And as soon as he came out of the water, the sky opened, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him like a dove. Then a voice from heaven said, “This is my own dear Son, and I am pleased with him.”

*....The Gospel of the Lord.*

***(sung) Praise to you, O Christ.***

Choir Anthem      *A New Song*

Message

Hymn of the Day (next page)

## Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint-ing soul;  
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - them be to thee ad - dressed,  
an - them be to thee ad - dressed,  
an - them be to thee ad - dressed,  
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,  
God in flesh made man - i - fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885  
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702, adapt.

## The Apostles' Creed

**A** Let us profess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I** believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose

**again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the Church**

**A** 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.

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

We pray for those impacted by war and violence, for our men and women in the armed forces, and for first responders. We also ask for your blessing on Glenda, Ralph, and Arlen, and for those for whom we now pray, either in our hearts or aloud:

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**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 the ministries of TOL, Augustana, Good Shepherd and Pr. Sohail's South Asian Ministry, as we serve our neighbors in love.

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

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.**

## Great Thanksgiving

*Please stand as you are able*

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 God 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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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 (*sung*):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## Words of Institution

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

## The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.**

*{P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.}*

## Communion Song

*Please be seated*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*Communion: Please be seated until the usher directs your row to the communion rail. Please come forward and stand or kneel. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come for a blessing. All who share our confession that Christ is present in the Sacrament are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let Pastor know.*

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Post-Communion Blessing

*Please stand as you are able*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

**A** Let us pray. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

**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. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn (next page)

# Give to Our God Immortal Praise!

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and  
 2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and  
 3 Give to the Lord of lords re - known; the King of

truth are all his ways; won - ders of grace to  
 dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to  
 kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
 God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
 shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

## Dismissal

A Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C Thanks be to God.

## MINISTERS: All the Members of Our Congregation

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Music Minister: Don Grabau      Media Minister: Jeff Ward

Today's Worship Assistant: Lanny Repman

Today's Prayer Partner: Velma Achenbach

Today's Usher: Matt Grabau and Sharon Wall

## **Prayers and Announcements**

**Welcome:** We extend a very warm welcome to everyone worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, we are delighted to have you here, and we hope you enjoy your worship time.

**Prayer Partner Ministry:** Today's prayer partner is Velma Achenbach. If you are in need of additional prayer, please see Velma. Prayers are confidential.

**Today's Altar Flowers:** Are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Richard from the Geschwender family.

**Thank you:** Thank you, Charlie, for leading us in worship while Pastor Fred is on vacation. We look forward to hearing your message! Pastor Fred will return to work on Tuesday, January 20. In his absence, Rev. Johanna Andritz is on call. She can be contacted at 716- 870-8518 or by email at [jdandritz@aol.com](mailto:jdandritz@aol.com).

**Offering:** Thank you for your gifts to TOL. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you send your offering through the US mail, please use checks only - please don't mail cash. We also have online giving through tithe.ly, which can be accessed through TOL's website ([www.trinityoldlutheran](http://www.trinityoldlutheran)) or on your smartphone.

**2026 Altar Flower Chart:** The new flower chart has been posted – please add your name for the dates you'd like to place flowers on the altar. Thank you!

**Mission for January:** Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is in need of assistance; we will designate donations to them to be used for where it is needed most. Please place your donations in the marked envelopes in the narthex, or mail donations to the church (indicate on your check that it is designated for ELCA LDR). Thank you!

**Special Winter Collection for Friends of Night People:** You are invited to bring in winter items. Please place warm gloves, hats, scarves and wool socks in the basket in the donation area. They also need thermal clothing, sleeping bags, blankets, boots, hand and foot warmers, hygiene items, lip balm and travel mugs (so individuals can take cocoa or coffee with them when they leave the facility). Thank you.

**Augustana Book Club:** The book for January is Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. All are invited this **Thursday, January 15** at 6:30 pm to discuss!

**Adult Education:** Classes will resume on **Monday, January 19** at 1 pm with a discussion of the Gospel of James.

**Sermon Discussion/input:** Join Pastor Fred in a bag lunch discussion of the texts for the next month of sermons. The next meeting will be **Wed., January 28**, in the Fireside Lounge at TOL at noon for two hours.

**Curtains Up:** On **Saturday, May 2**, please join us at Ellicott Creek Playhouse for a live performance of "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels." There is a sign up sheet on the main bulletin board. We have 30 seats available.

**Help Wanted - Usher Sign-Up Sheet:** If you can help us by ushering some Sunday, please add your name to the sign-up sheet, for the months of January through March, on the main bulletin board. Thank you!

**Operation Christmas Child:** The suggested donation for January is yarn. Thank you for all your donations in 2025!

**Devotionals and Calendars:** If you would like a “Christ in Our Home” devotional for **January through March 2026**, please pick one up in the narthex or call the church office at 716-836-4868 to have one mailed to you. Also available in the narthex are 2026 calendars, courtesy of Roberts & Wedekindt Funeral Home.

**Book and Puzzle Sale:** Please visit our Book Sale in the Resource Library, which is the first room in the hallway near the main bulletin board. Books and puzzles are always being added, and are available for a fraction of the cost at retail. No cost for the greeting cards available. Proceeds are used for church building interior improvements, such as carpeting, door mats, etc.

**Thank You for your Continuing Support of these ministries:**

- Non-perishable food items for the food pantry at Good Shepherd.
- Aluminum can pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House – box in narthex.
- Dash’s Tapes for the Niagara Lutheran Health System – box in hallway.
- Cans and bottles to be recycled – barrel in hallway.
- Warm clothing and hygiene items for Friends of Night People – blue barrel.
- Items for Operation Christmas Child boxes.
- Calendars for 2026 for Veterans Hospital.

**Queen City Contra Dancers:** A dance will be held here at TOL in the Fellowship Hall next **Saturday, January 17**, starting at noon. This event is open to everyone! Contra dancing is a wonderful low-impact, social form of exercise. If you don’t feel like dancing, just come to listen to live music!

***This week's calendar***

<i>Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly. Office hours are <u>Tuesday, 9 am – 1 pm, Thursday and Friday, 9 am – 12 noon.</u></i>	Sun	1/11	9:30 am 9:45 am 11 am 12 noon 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Sunday School Worship Service at TOL Coffee Hour Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting
	Mon	1/12	10 am 5:45 pm	OA Meeting Yoga
	Tues	1/13	9 am 5:45 pm 7:30 pm	Sandwich Team #2 Chair Yoga CoDA
	Wed	1/14	5:45 pm	Yoga

<p><i>please contact Pastor Fred. For office related matters, please leave a voice mail message or send an email.</i></p>	Thurs	1/15	9:30 am 5:45 pm 7 pm	Yoga Yoga GA Meeting
	Fri	1/16	11 am	Pr. Sohail's South Asian Community
	Sat	1/17	Noon -4 pm	Queen City Contra Dancers
	Sun	1/18	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting

**Announcements:** If you'd like to submit a bulletin or Tidings announcement, please send to [trinityoldlutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:trinityoldlutheranchurch@gmail.com) or call 716-836-4868 by Wednesday morning.

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