

## Third Sunday after Epiphany January 25, 2026

### Welcome

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

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



### Hymn

- 1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell."
- 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun."
- 3 "In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in

### *Borning Cry*

- and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been,  
with just one more surprise."
- 4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937  
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### Holy Baptism

**P** God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

***Sponsor:*** I present {Baylee Grace Root} and {Sadie Lucille Root} for holy baptism.

**P** *To the parents:* Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

***Response of parents: We do.***

**P** As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

***Response of parents: We do.***

**P** *To the sponsor:* Brandon, do you promise to nurture Baylee and Sadie in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

***Response of sponsor: I do.***

**P** *To the congregation:* People of God, do you promise to support Baylee and Sadie, and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

**C** **We do.**

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

**C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**P** 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, and 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 the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that Baylee and Sadie, who are washed in the waters of baptism, may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**C** **I do.**

**P** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C** 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.

**P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C** 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.

**P** {**Baylee Grace**} {**Sadie Lucille**}, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Laying on of hands at the altar:*

**P** God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon {**Baylee Grace**} {**Sadie Lucille**}, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

**C** Amen.

*Signing with the cross:*

**P** {**Baylee Grace Root**} {**Sadie Lucille Root**}, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

*Giving of the light:*

**A** Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**P** O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the parents of these children. Let them ever rejoice in the gifts you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Through Baptism God has made Baylee Grace and Sadie Lucille members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

**C** We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

## The Peace

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

**C** And also with you.

## First Reading *Isaiah 9:1-4*

*Please be seated*

But those who have suffered will no longer be in pain. The territories of Zebulun and Naphtali in Galilee were once hated. But this land of the Gentiles across the Jordan River and along the Mediterranean Sea will be greatly respected.

Those who walked in the dark have seen a bright light. And it shines upon everyone who lives in the land of darkest shadows. Our Lord, you have made your nation stronger. Because of you, its people are glad and celebrate like workers at harvest time or like soldiers dividing up what they have taken.

You have broken the power of those who abused and enslaved your people. You have rescued them just as you saved your people from Midian.

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

***Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm *29:1, 4-9*

<sup>1</sup> You, Lord, are the light that keeps me safe. I am not afraid of anyone. You protect me, and I have no fears.

**<sup>4</sup> I ask only one thing, LORD: Let me live in your house every day of my life to see how wonderful you are and to pray in your temple.**

<sup>5</sup> In times of trouble, LORD, you will protect me. You will hide me in your tent and keep me safe on top of a mighty rock.

**<sup>6</sup> You will let me defeat all my enemies. Then I will celebrate, as I enter your tent with animal sacrifices and songs of praise.**

<sup>7</sup> Please listen when I pray! Have pity. Answer my prayer.

**<sup>8</sup> My heart tells me to pray. I am eager to see your face, so don't hide from me.**

<sup>9</sup> I am your servant, LORD, and you have helped me. Don't turn from me in anger. You alone keep me safe. Don't reject or desert me.

## Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

My dear friends, as a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ, I beg you to get along with each other. Don't take sides. Always try to agree in what you think. Several people from Chloe's family have already reported to me that you keep arguing with each other. They have said that some of you claim to follow me, while others claim to follow Apollos or Peter or Christ.

Has Christ been divided up? Was I nailed to a cross for you? Were you baptized in my name? I thank God that I didn't baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius. Not one of you can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize the family of Stephanas, but I don't remember if I baptized anyone else. Christ did not send me to baptize. He sent me to tell the

good news without using words that sound wise and would make the cross of Christ lose its power.

The message about the cross doesn't make any sense to lost people. But for those of us who are being saved, it is God's power at work.

....*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 4th chapter.*

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

Gospel ***Matthew 4:12-23***

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

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

Youth Time

Choir Anthem      ***We Live By Faith***

Message

Hymn of the Day *(next page)*

## O Master, Let Me Walk with You

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.  
Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

### 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.*

Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. Guide the newly baptized and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards, sharing the earth's resources with all inhabitants of this garden planet.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. We pray for those in authority.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy Lover, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick. We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters. Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering.

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.**

Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide 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.**

Holy Savior, you free us from the power of death. Lead and guide us until we come at last into the communion of all your saints in light.

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

#### Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.  
4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."  
Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919  
Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh

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### Dismissal

**A** Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

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### **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.

**Today's Baptisms:** Please welcome Baylee and Sadie Root! We pray for God's blessings on them and their family.

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

**Today's Altar Flowers:** Are given to the Glory of God from the Edwards family in celebration of Baylee's and Sadie's baptisms.

**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](http://tithe.ly), which can be accessed through TOL's website ([www.trinityoldlutheran.com](http://www.trinityoldlutheran.com)) 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.

**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 this **Wed., January 28**, in the Fireside Lounge at TOL at noon for two hours.

**Adult Education:** The next two classes are listed below. Classes start at **1 pm**, in person and on Zoom. **Please contact Charlie Schmidtke if you need a Zoom invite.** The focus this year will be biblical pairs and trios.

**February 2**

Letters, Acts and Revelation of Peter

**February 16**

Rome – Peter and Paul

**Grief Support Meeting at TOL:** For those who have experienced the death of a child or grandchild. We meet the first Tuesday of each month, next on **Tuesday, February 3**. The meetings begin at 10 am until 11:30.

**Ash Wednesday:** The season of Lent begins on **Wednesday, February 18**. Ashes will be distributed that day **at 11 am** at Augustana and at **7 pm** at TOL.

**Augustana Book Club:** The book for January is Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. All are invited on **Thursday, February 12** at 6:30 pm to discuss!

**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.

**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 – bin in hallway.
- Dash's Tapes for the Niagara Lutheran Health System – bin 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 – bin in hallway.
- Calendars for 2026 for Veterans Hospital – bin in hallway.

### ***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>  <i>For a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Fred. For office related matters, please leave a voice mail message or send an email.</i>	Sun	1/25	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting
	Mon	1/26	10 am 5:45 pm	OA Meeting Yoga Sandwich Team #4
	Tues	1/27	5:45 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Chair Yoga Eta Sigma Sorority CoDA
	Wed	1/28	12 noon 5:45 pm	Sermon Input/Discussion Yoga
	Thurs	1/29	9:30 am 5:45 pm 7 pm	Yoga Yoga GA Meeting
	Fri	1/30	11 am	Pr. Sohail's South Asian Community
	Sat	1/31	4 pm	South Asian Worship Service
	Sun	2/1	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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