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January 11, 2026 — The Baptism of Our Lord

The Triune God Reveals Himself to Us in Holy Baptism

The Baptism of our Lord is an “epiphany” of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus. He is the chosen servant of the Lord, anointed with the Spirit for the rescue of God’s people to “*bring forth justice to the nations*” (Is. 42:1). Thus, He makes all things new, and He is given “*as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations*” (Is. 42:6). In the waters of the Jordan, He takes His place with sinners and takes all the sins of the world upon Himself. He undergoes the Baptism of repentance in order to “*fulfill all righteousness*” for us (Matt. 3:15). He submits Himself to the curse of sin and death in order to redeem us. We are baptized with a Baptism like His, thereby dying and rising with Him, so that “*we will also live with him*” (Rom. 6:8). Indeed, all of us who are baptized into Christ Jesus are anointed with His Spirit and named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

DIVINE SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service, Setting Four, *LSB* 203

CREED: Apostle’s

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 395 “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 590 “Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy”

Offering Hymn:

LSB 781 vv. 1–2 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Distribution/Third Hymn:

LSB 405 “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

Closing Hymn:

LSB 399 “The Star Proclaims the King Is Here”

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Matthew 3:13–17

“The Heavens Were Opened”

IN OUR PRAYERS **

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING OF OUR MEMBERS: SP: Chris Heismeyer and Kendra Will. TR: Pam Hallman, Deb Pope, Barb Gilbertz, and Marlene Henthorn.

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING OF OUR MEMBERS IN A NURSING HOME:

TR: Florence Meier in White Lake and Linda Smith in Marion, SD.

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS: TR: Neil Peters, Reiko Pope, and Earl Tripp. SP: Lynn Anderson, Tina Gerlach, Lenora Hoffman, Rocky Hauge, and David. SP/TR: Mary Milbrandt. Friends of Pastor McKillop: Darryn, Jane, Nadine Larson, Keith Wallin, Alissa Wieman, and Zoe Jones, daughter of Rev. Joshua & Jamie Jones, Bethlehem, RC.

TRINITY BIRTHDAY: Linda Smith (84) 01/16

TRINITY ANNIVERSARY: John & Kris Kieffer 01/15

ST. PAUL’S BIRTHDAY: Mike Tuschen 01/14

ST. PAUL’S ANNIVERSARIES: none

** Please contact Nancy at trinitywlsd@gmail.com or 605-249-2570 for any updates to this bulletin prayer list. Thank you.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT

Jesus was baptized to “fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15), that all whom God created and gave breath to (Isaiah 42:5) might be baptized into His death and resurrection and have everlasting life (Romans 6:4-5). Living in that new life in Christ and dying to sin (Romans 6:7-8) means that we are to cherish all life the way God does, caring about our neighbor’s physical life and wellbeing, as well as their everlasting life in Christ. • lutheransforlife.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Parish Meetings:

- **St. Paul’s Council** will meet Tues., Jan. 13, 2026, 7 p.m.
- **Trinity Annual Voters Meeting** will be Tues, Jan. 20, 2026, 7 p.m.
- **St. Paul’s Annual Voters Meeting** will be Sun., Jan. 25, 2026, following the Divine Service.

Upcoming Trinity Lutherans For Life Events:

- Sun. Jan. 18, 2026 – Sanctity of Life Sunday with **appreciation** for congregational support **coffee/rolls** after church; all are welcome!
- Wed. Jan. 21, 2026 – Annual Meeting, 12:30 p.m., at Trinity. New members and ideas are welcome!

The Cedar Grove Colony Choir will be at Aurora Brule Care & Rehab Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. to entertain with both German and English songs. All are invited to attend.

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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR AND INFORMATION

Sun. Jan. 11	8:30 a.m.	Divine Service at Trinity
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School at SP
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service at St. Paul's
Mon. Jan. 12	7 p.m.	Catechism Class at St. Paul's
Tues. Jan. 13	2 p.m.	LWML St. Paul's Dorcas Circle
Wed. Jan. 14	2:15 p.m.	Release-Time Class at Trinity
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Class/Wed. School at Trinity
	6:30 p.m.	Catechism Class at Trinity

JANUARY 2026

Elders: SP: Curt Guindon; TR: Scott Meier

Ushers: SP: Kieth Albrecht, Josh Kemp; TR: Dan Meier, Dean Suelflow

Acolytes: SP: Jett Kemp; TR: Blake Bogenhagen

Altar: SP: Sandy Tuschen; TR: Jane Guericke

Greeters: SP: 01/04 Kemp Family; 01/11 Ruth Merrill

January 4 Attendance and Offering: SP: 28, \$762; TR: 24, \$2526

THE LORD'S SUPPER is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes. We do this because as members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod we take very seriously the advice of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:28–29, *A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.*

Self-Examination. 1. Do I believe that I am a sinner? 2. Do I believe and trust in Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior, from sin, death, and the power of the devil? 3. Do I believe that I receive forgiveness for all of my sins through Christ's true body and blood, present in the Sacrament? (Real presence of Christ's body.) 4. Do I promise to amend (or change) my sinful life with the help of the Holy Spirit?

If you have so examined yourself and are in full agreement with us, and have been instructed, you are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. If you desire to learn more about these beliefs or are interested in learning how to become a member, please talk to Pastor McKillop or one of the elders. Thank you.