

Baptism of Our Lord

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

January 11, 2026 8:30 & 11:00 am

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☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation
ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction.
The prelude is the beginning of the worship service and is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.
Please be respectful of the worshippers around you who are using this time for that purpose.*

PRELUDE

11:00-CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

☐ 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.**

EXCHANGING THE PEACE *We share a sign of God's peace.*

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

GATHERING HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW Hymn 310

Please use either the red hymnal in the pew rack or the LED projection screens for the music and words.

GREETING

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God in the highest*

ELW page 148

- ℣ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.
- ☩ **Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ℣ Let us pray. 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.**

You may be seated

READING *Isaiah 42:1-9 (from THE MESSAGE)* *see insert page 5*

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia.* *ELW page 151*

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

GOSPEL *Matthew 3:13-17* *see insert page 6*

You may be seated

SERMON *Pastor Fritz*

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* *ELW Hymn 304*

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

- ℣ Let us profess our baptismal faith together.
- ☩ **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

You may be seated

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes “Merciful God,” please respond, “Receive our prayer.”

The prayers are ended with these words, “Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers ... made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.” Please respond, “Amen.”

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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We now dedicate the financial gifts we offer to the Lord and the Lord's agenda, gifts either already given online, or before or after the service in the offering box. Likewise, we prayerfully consider the ways we offer ourselves to God's kingdom throughout the whole week.



MUSICAL OFFERING *11:00-This is My Son, Pepper Choplin*

Sanctuary Choir

Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY

Come and See

ACS Hymn 976

What are you looking for? Come, see, come and see.

What are you looking for? Come and see. (Come and see.)

Text: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962, from John 1:38-39

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OFFERING PRAYER

- Ⓟ Let us pray. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- Ⓟ 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, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
- ☑ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.**

—ELW page 153

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ☑ **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.**

You may be seated

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles. You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in the chalice of wine, or you may also choose a packaged cup with grape juice and a gluten-free wafer. Please indicate to the ushers if you need to have communion brought to you.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God

ELW page 154

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Come to the Water of Life

ACS Hymn 955

- 1 **All who are thirsty for mercy, all who are thirsty for love;
all who are thirsty for love, for mercy, come: come to the Water of life.**
- 2 **All who are thirsty for healing, all who are thirsty for touch;
all who are thirsty for touch, for healing, come: come to the Water of life.**
- 3 **All who are thirsty for beauty, all who are thirsty for truth;
all who are thirsty for truth, for beauty, come: come to the Water of life.**

Hymn continues next page.

**4 All who are thirsty for justice, all who are thirsty for peace;
all who are thirsty for peace, for justice, come: come to the Water of life.**

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Please stand as you are able

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

G **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P 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.

G **Amen.**

BLESSING

P May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise

✠ bless you now and forever.

G **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW Hymn 551

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SENDING

P Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

G **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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THE LESSONS

Sunday, January 11

READING *Isaiah 42:1-9 from THE MESSAGE*

☐ The reading is from Isaiah the 42nd chapter. ***Congregation reads verses in bold.***

^{42 1-4} “Take a good look at my servant. I’m backing him to the hilt.

He’s the one I chose, and I couldn’t be more pleased with him.

I’ve bathed him with my Spirit, my *life*. He’ll set everything right among the nations.

**He won’t call attention to what he does
with loud speeches or gaudy parades.**

He won’t brush aside the bruised and the hurt
and he won’t disregard the small and insignificant,
but he’ll steadily and firmly set things right.

He won’t tire out and quit. He won’t be stopped
until he’s finished his work—to set things right on earth.

Far-flung ocean islands wait expectantly for his teaching.”

⁵⁻⁹ God’s Message,

the God who created the cosmos, stretched out the skies,
laid out the earth and all that grows from it,

**Who breathes life into earth’s people,
makes them alive with his own life:**

“I am God. I have called you to live right and well.

I have taken responsibility for you, kept you safe.

I have set you among my people to bind them to me,
and provided you as a lighthouse to the nations,

To make a start at bringing people into the open, into light:

**opening blind eyes, releasing prisoners from dungeons,
emptying the dark prisons.**

I am God. That’s my name.

I don’t franchise my glory,

don’t endorse the no-god idols.

Take note: The earlier predictions of judgment have been fulfilled.

I’m announcing the new salvation work.

Before it bursts on the scene,

I’m telling you all about it.”

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL *Matthew 3:13-17 from THE MESSAGE*

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

📣 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³⁻¹⁴ Jesus then appeared, arriving at the Jordan River from Galilee. He wanted John to baptize him. John objected, “I’m the one who needs to be baptized, not *you!*”

¹⁵ But Jesus insisted. “Do it. God’s work, putting things right all these centuries, is coming together right now in this baptism.” So John did it.

¹⁶⁻¹⁷ The moment Jesus came up out of the baptismal waters, the skies opened up and he saw God’s Spirit—it looked like a dove—descending and landing on him. And along with the Spirit, a voice: “This is my Son, chosen and marked by my love, delight of my life.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

📣 **Praise to you, O Christ.**