

FAITH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

JANUARY 14, 2024 • 9AM

Baptism of Our Lord • Now the Feast & Celebration Liturgy

INTRODUCTION

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Holy Spirit, not the spirit of the times, is God.

PRELUDE

Fantasia in C J.S. Bach

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SPRINKLING FOR BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

Pastor: Remember your baptism.

Congregation: Amen.

OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.



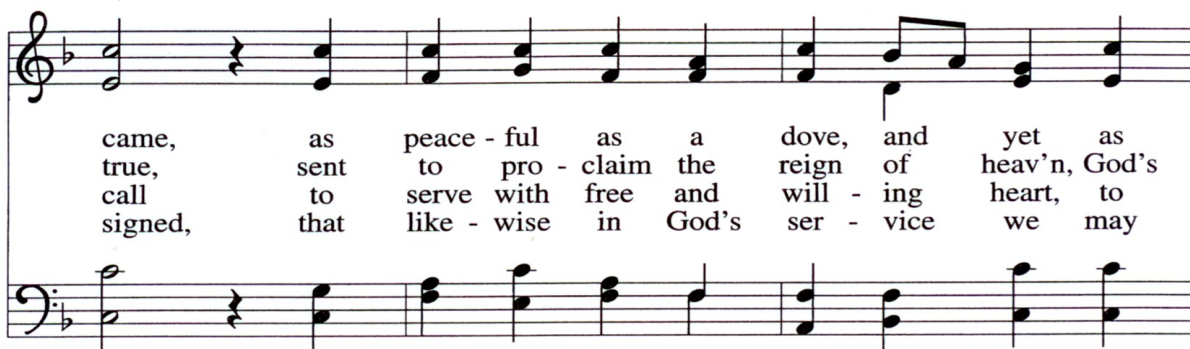
OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

GREETING

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

Congregation: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Collin Kasefang, Assisting Minister

Assistant:

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:

Lord, have mer - cy.

3rd time to Coda ⊕

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

Assistant:

For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you

cy.

world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

⊕ Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O

cy.

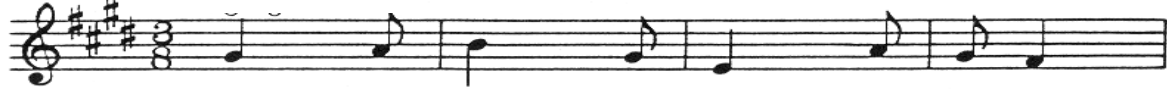
* *Ending for Kyrie*

God.

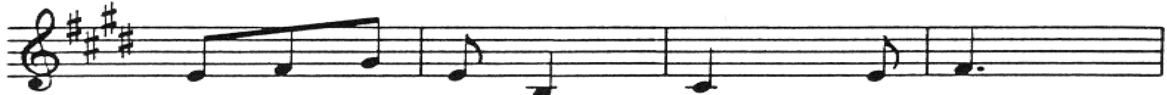
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NOW THE FEAST

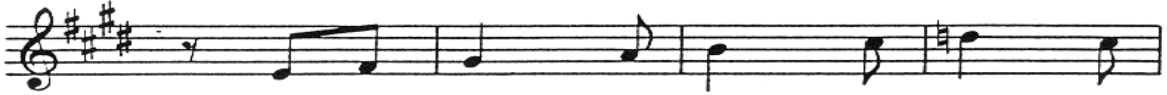
Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,



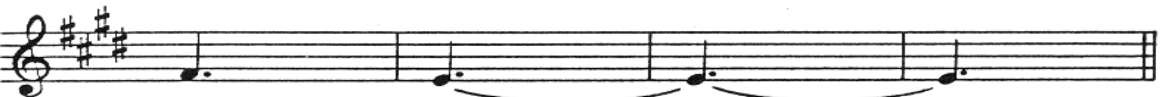
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



to the God of life and love and



free - dom: praise and glo - ry for - ev -



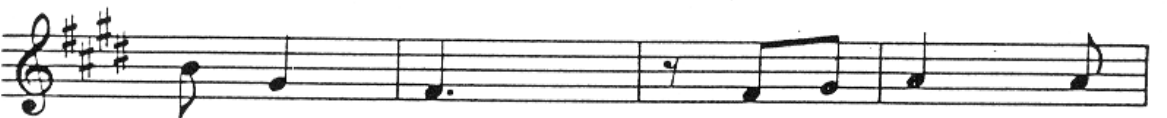
er - more!



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once



slain, whose blood has freed and u -



nit - ed us to be one great



peo - ple of God.

To Refrain above



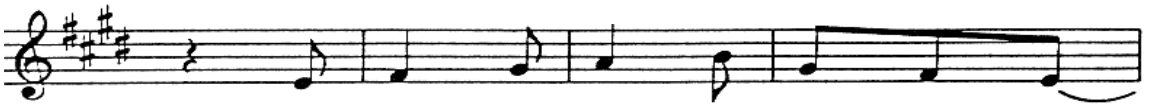
2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ _____



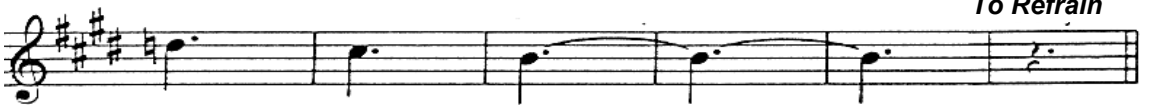
_____ for - ev - er. _____



3. For God has come to dwell with us, _____



_____ to make us peo - ple of God; to make



all things new. _____

SALUTATION



The _____ Lord be with you. And _____ al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray,

Congregation: Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TALK

On the Wings of a Dove

Verse 1:

When Jesus went down to the river to pray,
He was baptized by John in the Jordan that day.
When these things were done, God blessed His Son.
He sent down His love on the wings of a dove.

Chorus:

On the wings of a snow white dove, God sent His pure, sweet love
A sign from above, on the wings of a dove.

Verse 2:

When troubles best us, when evils come,
The body grows weak and the spirit grows numb.
When these things beset us, God doesn't forget us,
He sends down His love on the wings of a dove.

Chorus

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Merill Sizemore, Lector

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5 *Pew Bible pg. #1*

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 29 *Pew Bible pg. #494*

Lector: ¹Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Congregation: ²Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

L: ³The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.

**C: ⁴The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

L: ⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**C: ⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

L: ⁷The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**C: ⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

L: ⁹The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl
and strips the forest bare,
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**C: ¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

L: ¹¹May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7 *Pew Bible pg. #1014*

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
go? — You have the words of e - ter - nal
life: Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11 *Pew Bible pg. #912*

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism.: The one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
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SERMON

Pastor Bob Stelter

The Spirit of the Times . . . And the Holy Spirit

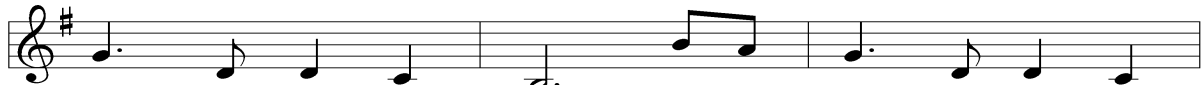
A manuscript of this sermon is available on our website: faithloves.org.

HYMN OF THE DAY hymnal #732, stand

I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was
3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too



there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the
old, no lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you



were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a
If you find some - one to share your time and you
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you



faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have



wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be



there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you



were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

NICENE CREED

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us proclaim our faith.

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power
of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death
and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge
one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection
of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS *stand or kneel*

Assistant: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing
on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Assistant: Inspire wisdom and a spirit of proclamation in your church, God of forgiveness.
Uplift leaders to share the truth of your word in community. Encourage us
to live into the promises of baptism, working for justice and peace in all
the world. God of grace,

Congregation: receive our prayer.

A: Renew your creation, God of thunder and mighty waters. Restore the rivers
in which your children are baptized. May fields flourish and grow. Summon the
stewards and caretakers of the land to cherish your good works. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Give strength to your leaders, God who is present in every country and community.
Raise up leaders committed to equity and healing. Grant them discernment and
compassion as they lead in love. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Protect and cherish the most vulnerable among us, God of strength. Accompany those separated from family or hurting from broken relationships. Shelter our unhoused neighbors and any experiencing poverty. Protect those incarcerated in prisons and detention centers. Care for the sick and suffering. God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Encourage this congregation, God who calls and sends disciples. Guide us in accompanying, learning from, and serving our neighbors on the margins, following the example of Jesus. God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Trusting the assurance of the Holy Spirit, we remember all who have died and rest in God's care. Give hope to those who grieve even as we rest in your eternal promise of resurrection. God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

Silence for individual prayer petitions.

Pastor: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Congregation: Amen.

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Congregation: And also with you.

OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY *sit*

OFFERING ANTHEM

I Need Thee Every Hour Robert Lowery

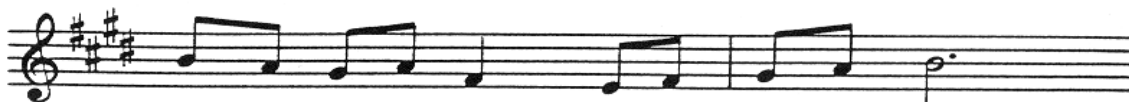
OFFERTORY

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath-ered in - to one in you.



To Verses below

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst, —
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



To Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. Merciful God,

Congregation: everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God, creator of heaven and earth; everything, everywhere is filled with your glory. You sent Jesus, who in word and deed announced your rule of justice and peace. He was obedient unto death, even death on a cross. We remember how on the night of his betrayal 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."

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."

Remembering his command that we love one another, his life and death, and his glorious resurrection, we look for his coming again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: With one will and one voice, we pray:

All: 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.

INVITATION TO THE MEAL FROM PASTOR STELTER

Pastor: Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. If you believe in me, though you die, yet shall you live." This meal is a foretaste of the feast to come!

Lamb of God seated

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

And each person may respond

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *hymnal, #305 to the tune of #805*

When Jesus Came to Jordan



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

COMMUNION BLESSING *stand*

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thanks Be to You

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy,
2. From of old you loved and sought us,
Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Truth and jus - tice
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.
3. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy, Thanks be to you for -
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
Thanks be to you for - ev - er, Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray.

All: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence for reflection.

PRAYER FOR SENDING OF DEACONS Jane Dakolios, Michael Lee 1/14-27/2024
Deacons come forward to receive communion kits.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Congregation: Compassionate God, bless our deacons who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May this ministry be a sign of our love, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May God bless us and keep us. May God's face shine on us
and be gracious. May God look on us with favor and † give us peace.

Pastor: give us peace
Congregation: A - men.

SENDING HYMN hymnal, #456

Baptized in Water

- 1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
- 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
- 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

DISMISSAL

Assistant: Our mission calls us from this place

Congregation: to love God, love others, serve!

A: Go in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

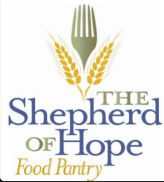
Trumpet Tune David Johnson

*Flowers on the altar today are given by Nancy & Stephen Dean
in honor of their grandchildren.*

Welcome!

As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, love others and serve.

**Please sign a
Worship Card
and place it in
offering plate.**



SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY
Open at Faith Monday Jan 22, 3-6pm
Current Needs
Boxed potatoes ▪ Syrup (plastic bottles)
Jelly (plastic bottles) ▪ Soup (large cans)
Contact Renee Stone, 865-599-7424.



SALVATION ARMY SHELTER VISIT
Tues Jan 23, depart from Faith 5pm
Current Needs L-XL men's boxer briefs & women's sizes 8-11 briefs
Contact Michael Lee, 865-405-6585
or Debbie Ragucci, 865-567-1945



KNOX AREA RESCUE MINISTRIES
Faith serves lunch Jan 27
Need casseroles, brownies, and servers
Contact George Herbold 865-207-0216

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Next Sunday, Jan 21 @ Peace Lutheran Cedar Bluff for 3rd Sunday of month event with Knox-area ELCA youth. NOTE the time change from our fall events.
3rd-5th grade, 12:30-2pm | 6th-12th grade 2:30-4pm
Wed Feb 7, 6:30-7:30pm, First Wednesday Youth at Faith for grades 6-12

FIRST WEDNESDAY FEB 7

Join us for dinner, fellowship, and growing in faith with classes, choirs, and groups. There's something for everyone! RSVP for dinner with this QR code or at tinyurl.com/FirstWed020724



WORSHIP THEMES

- † Jan 14, The Feast of the Baptism of Jesus
- † Jan 21 What is stewardship and why should I be a good steward?
- † Jan 28 How can I give my time and talents as a way to love God and serve others? In-gathering of time and talent inventories.
- † Feb 4 How can I give my finances as a way to love God and serve others? In-gathering of financial pledges for 2024.

DIG IN, GROW DEEP, LEARN WITH OTHERS

- † Adult Bible Class Sundays, 10:15am in the Cup
- † Teen Sunday School, 10:15am in the Youth Room
- † Confirmation, 10:15am in the Library near the Nursery
- † Childrens' Sunday School, 10:15am in the classroom near the Nursery
- † Tuesday Bible Study, 1:30pm in the Cup

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

- † Property Team meets Mon, Jan 15, 6:30pm.
- † WELCA Anna Esther Circle, Wed, Jan 17, 10am. Contact Pat Lyman, 865-675-2189.
- † Handy Faithfuls, Thursday, January 18, 9:30am. Help with building upkeep.
- † MOMs of Northshore, Tuesday, Jan 23, 10am.
- † MOPS January 23 at 6pm in the nursery.
- † Spirituality Book Group, Tuesday, February 6, 6:30pm in the library. Join us as Donna Diechert presents **Penny Wise** by Neta Jackson and Dave Jackson.
- † Lent Comes Early! Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, 2/13. Ash Wednesday, 2/14.
- † 2024 Offering Envelopes are in the narthex for you.
- † 2024 Flower Chart is posted by the library. Sign up now to honor or remember loved ones with flowers on our altar.
- † Columbarium Niches are available for \$1,800 (members) and \$2,500 (non-members). Application forms are found in our *Columbarium Booklet* located in the narthex.
- † Handbell Rehearsals, Wednesdays 5:30pm
- † Chancel Choir Rehearsals, Wednesdays 6:30pm
- † Praise Band Rehearsals, Thursdays 6pm & Sundays 10:15am

Preparing for Next Week

Monday: 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8, 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1, Psalm 86 • **Tuesday:** 1 Samuel 15:10-31; Acts 5:1-11
Wednesday: Genesis 16:1-14, Luke 18:15-17 • **Thursday:** Jeremiah 19:1-15, Revelation 18:11-20, Psalm 62:5-12
Friday: Jeremiah 20:7-13, 2 Peter 3:1-7, Psalm 62:5-12 • **Saturday:** Jeremiah 20:14-18, Luke 10:13-16
Sunday: Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

Dr. Bob Stelter — Pastor
Greg Bohlken — Ministry Associate
Lynn Rognsvoog — Organist
Collin Kasefang — Choir Director

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Tiffany Bryson — Nursery Caregiver
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PRAYER CONCERNS

Members: Shaun Allred, Arlene Aring, Mary Blackburn, Leon Cole, Myles Cooper, Mac Curtis, Patsy Elmore, Pat & Nick Gary, Green family, Jonas Greenman, George Herbold, Bonnie Legako, Kris Lehman, Lin & Mike McKinley, Joe Poole, Randy Schaefer, Bobbie Steele, Maurice and Rebecca

This column will start anew on the first Sunday of each month.

Friends: Marsha Bode, Dee Bohn, Sharon Brokenshire, Karen Bryant, Charles Carroll, Ginger Cameron, Harold Chapel, Jan Colangelo, Mary Beth Connor, Bill Crain, Nancy Crain, Errol Dennis, Sr. & family, Doran family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Vader Ernst, Joel Garber, Grayson family, Gutelius family, Rita Heavner, Ross Holt, Linda Holtz, Hwangbo family, Joy Hymer, Mike Jones, Donna Knick, Liebert family, Buddy Little, Loyacano family, David Matthews, Auora Tyler Moore, Noble family, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Scalise family, Jim Shea, Lynn Siegfried, Austin Stephens, Micki Weith, Frank Tyler, Lauren Wolfe, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Darcy, Donna, Caleb, Carol, Diane & Gabe, Joy & Bobby, Jody, Teresa *and those we name to you.*

Joy: First Wednesday gatherings each month!

Love: Marriage of Ben Dickinson to Ericka Beane on January 13

Joy at the Birth of:

Alvin, son of Antonia & Kevin Roberts; big brother, Felix.
Adam Christopher, son of Abby & Travis Dean;
grandparents: Nancy & Stephen Dean.
Carter, son of Kristen & Chris Joy; big sister, Cora.

Comfort in the Midst of Death for Family & Friends: Alexine Adams, Roger Madson, Mary Ruth Frazier, Jack Cleave, Lee North.

Salvation Army Friends: Denisha, Tara, Leila, Theresa, Jayda, Larissa, Stephanie, Brittany, Genesis, Gibby, James, Ralph, Jimmy, Teddy, Fey, Eddie, Roy, Bill.

Prayers, Concern & Assistance: The people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans.

Learning & Pastoral Development: William Bales at Concordia Seminary.

Partnerships: Bishop Pro-Tem Michael Burk & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band, Mercy Ships, Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala, AL-ANON, Narcotics Anonymous.

Peace: Protection for all armed forces, especially: Anthony Hu, Jacob Cole, Tyler Hitter, Anthony Hu, Chase Linell, Olivia Parrott, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Alex Serrano, Sam Thompson, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.

Week of January 14-21, 2024

Sunday, January 14 Baptism of Our Lord

- 9:00am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:00am Fellowship
- 10:15am Adult Sunday School
- Childrens Sunday School
- Teen Sunday School
- 11:11am Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, January 15

- Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group *Library*
- 6:30pm Property Team meeting

Tuesday, January 16

- 1:30pm Bible Study Small Group *The Cup*
- 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Wednesday, January 17

- 10:00am WELCA Esther Circle
- 4:15pm Staff Meeting
- 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 18

- 9:30am Handy Faithfuls
- 6:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Friday, January 19

- 9:30am UT Cole Center Parkinson Band
- 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous Group *The Cup*

Saturday, January 20

- 9:00am Council Retreat & Monthly Meeting
- 11:00am AL-ANON meeting

Sunday, January 21

- 9:00am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:00am Fellowship
- 10:15am Adult Sunday School
- Childrens Sunday School
- Confirmation
- Teen Sunday School
- 11:11am Contemporary Worship Service
- 12:30pm 3rd-5th Grade area youth at Peace Lutheran
- 2:30pm 6th-12th Grade area youth at Peace Lutheran

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

9am Traditional

- Altar Guild: Mary Bales
- Assisting Minister: Collin Kasefang
- Communion Ministers: Darla & Alan Berdal, Marj West, Doug Bales
- Greeter: Gloria Fife
- Ushers: Craig Runger, Steve Dean
- Offering Stewards: Gary Mount, George Herbold

11:11am Contemporary

- Altar Guild: Melissa Horning
- Communion Ministers: Deb Miller, Teensy & Frank Weldon, Jamie Daut, Ava Daut
- Greeter: Yvette Edwards
- Ushers: Matt & Ethan Daut, Matt & Ethan Gray
- Offering Stewards: Gary Mount, George Herbold

Giving 1/7/24

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