

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, January 11th, 2026 Baptism of Our Lord Service of Word and Prayer

Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us into a community of prayer.

Prelude

Announcements

Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

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

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.**

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 ✠ Jesus' name.
 May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
 and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

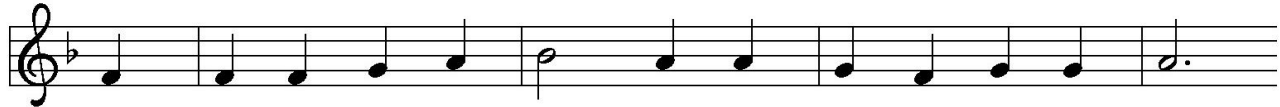
Opening Hymn: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

No. 311

Hail to the Lord's Anointed



- 1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
- 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
- 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
- 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and
 light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are
 go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from
 cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.
 pre - cious in your sight.
 hill to val - ley flow.
 king - dom with out end.

Greeting

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

The word is near you, **on your lips and in your heart.**

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, **and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**


Faith comes from what is heard, **and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

Prayer of the Day

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.**

Hymn of the Month: Jesus the Light of the World

No. 914



Even in darkness
light dawns
for the upright,
for those who are
gracious and
compassionate
and righteous.

Psalm 112:4, NIV



Jesus, the Light of the World



- 1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;



- "Glo - ry to the new-born king," Je-sus, the Light of the world.
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Refrain



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, silence, reflection, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

- ¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶ I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.
⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
⁴ **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
⁶ **the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
⁷ The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
⁸ **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
¹¹ O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to Matthew,
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.

¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Jen Herrmann

Hymn of the Day: Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

No. 304

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.

Thanksgiving for the Word:

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

Offertory (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)

Offertory Song: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

No. 691

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Prayer: *The Holy Spirit prays with us and through us.*

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 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.**

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

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.

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.**

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 travelers and those who are homebound. 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.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

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

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

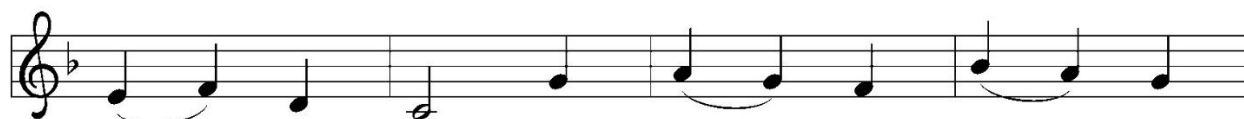
Closing Hymn: The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

No. 551

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

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AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

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| Pastor: | Pastor Jen Herrmann |
| Lectors: | Joyce Patterson |
| Usher: | Rich Miller & Cindy Norman |
| Acolyte: | Carlie Wiedenheft |

At 10:30...

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| Pastor: | Pastor Jen Herrmann |
| Lectors: | Cathy Wobser |
| Usher: | Bob Troike & David Wobser |
| Acolyte: | |

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| January Altar Care: | Pat Wiedenheft |
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PRAYER CONCERNS

To individuals and families affected by ICE protests and unrest; FAITH members, including Ruby Stierhoff; our brothers & sisters in Christ in Sandusky area congregations; Sandusky Post of Ohio State Patrol.

Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or jen.herrmann@gmail.com

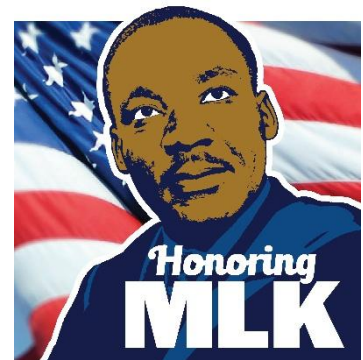
OFFERING PLATES are in both entryways by the bulletins. If you forgot to put your offering as you came in, an usher or pastor can help you find the plates after service.

ATTENDANCE: January 4th 51 + 25 = 76

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS:

General Fund -- \$6,382.00

Building Improvements -- \$155.00



This Week at Trinity

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| TODAY | Service of Word & Prayer Sunday School JAM! Session | 8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am |
| MONDAY | V2 @ Zion V1@ Faith | 7:30 pm |
| TUESDAY | Bible Study | 10:00 am |
| WEDNESDAY | AA/NA Women Only "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.) | 9:00 am 7:00 pm |
| SATURDAY | "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.) | 11:00 am |
| SUNDAY | Communion Service | 8:00 am & 10:30 am |

LÔÔK

The **official altar & memorial flower** and **cookie sign-up sheet** is now posted on the hallway bulletin board. Thank you for your patience during the hallway painting process. Our bulletin boards were down during the time. The painting crew did an excellent job, as well as the remodeling committee.

Giving statements are also available and located in the hallway.

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meeting
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Mark your calendars for two upcoming meetings:

The anniversary committee meeting is **Wednesday, January 21st at 3:00pm**. The Worship & Music meeting is **Tuesday, January 27th at 11:00am**.



There are Christmas decorations that may be taken home. Feel free to take as many decorations as you want – located in the upstairs gathering room!

There were 78 boxes of cereals used for the youth New Year's event. They will be donated to Grace's Table Food Pantry and Care & Share. Thank you for your generosity!



Our church was recently scammed again with a Spoofing Scam. Never respond to any messages claiming to be Pastor Jen requesting gift cards or charity. If you're unsure about a message, please call the church office.