



## Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

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**AS WE GATHER**

Today is the first of the bookends that mark the Epiphany season—the Baptism of Our Lord and His Transfiguration. In common is the command from God to “listen to Him.” We begin our journey of listening to the Lord, learning from those who went before, acknowledging the revelation of the Lamb of God in baptismal water, and looking to Him, the Word made flesh. In His Baptism, our Lord was not washed because He was unclean but because we are. The Father saw the prophetic words of Isaiah fulfilled in the water of the Jordan, and He claimed Jesus as His own Son and our appointed Redeemer. “You are Mine,” said the Lord to Jesus. Because He said those words to Jesus, they are now addressed to us—the people for whom Jesus was baptized.

**HYMN OF INVOCATION      THE STAR PROCLAIMS THE KING IS HERE      LSB 399****\*INVOCATION**

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

- P In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.  
C **The voice of the Lord is over the waters.**
- P John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.  
C **The voice of the Lord is over the waters.**
- P Beloved, all who are baptized into Christ have been buried with Him that we may also be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Let us recall our Baptism and receive again the forgiveness of our sins.

**\*REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

- P Do you renounce the devil?  
C **Yes, I renounce him.**
- P Do you renounce all his works?  
C **Yes, I renounce them.**
- P Do you renounce all his ways?  
C **Yes, I renounce them.**
- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?  
C **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

P In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C **Amen.**

### **\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

### **\*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 43:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be  
with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not  
overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be  
burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,

Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my eyes,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give men in return for you,  
peoples in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you.  
<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the earth,  
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

- A This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Romans 6:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.  
<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### \*HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 3:15–22*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## FATHER WELCOMES

LSB 605

## SERMON

## You Are Mine

## OFFERING

## \*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

## \*BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## \*BENEDICTION

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.

C **Amen.**

## HYMN TO DEPART

## GOD'S OWN CHILD, I GLADLY SAY IT

LSB 594, vs. 1, 3, 5

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## Serving our Lord

		Sunday, January 12, 2025	Sunday, January 19, 2025
Musician		Diane Streich	Merlin Simon
Cantor		Andy Koch	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Connie Kohn	Connie Kohn
Elder(s)	8am	Andy Olson	Bill Breitinger
	10:30am	Matthew Berg	Sam Erdman
Reader	8am	Andy Olson	Dan Schield
	10:30am	Matthew Berg	Jon Peterson
Usher Team	8am	Layne Streich	Gary Sheets
	10:30am	Ben Swenson	Jon Peterson
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte	8am	Lily Olander and Ian Olander	Isaac Koch and Beth Koch
	10:30am	Sean Hakanson	Sabontu Benya, Mason Kolb
Projection	8am	Jean Peterson	Matt or Jacob Seeman
	10:30am	Eric Hakanson	Ben Swenson
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	LWML	Open



### **New Women's Bible study**

**Starts this Saturday, January 18 | 9:00am | TLO Conference Room**

Using a book by Wendy Blight, we will study the first letter of John. Wendy states that she wrote the study for all women who crave to truly understand, walk confidently in and live out God's unconditional, extravagant, lavish love because His Love truly changes everything. John also makes it clear that Christ was true man and true God – and that there is a connection in how we live our lives because of our faith. Please join us in this journey!



### **Truth Project Resumes**

**Wednesdays | 7:00pm | TLO Conference Room**

The Truth Project is a video-based Bible study from Focus on the Family that looks at life from a biblical perspective. Engaging video sessions on the relevance and importance of living the Biblical worldview in daily life make for a compelling study. No registration or RSVP required. Catch the Truth project at TLO, 7:00-9:00pm each evening January 15, February 12, February 19, February 26.

<b>COMING UP AT TLO - January 12, 2025 — January 19, 2025</b>		
<b>BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY</b>		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:15am	Worship
	11:30am	Salad Luncheon - you are invited!
	12:30am	Peniel Evangelical Church
	6:00pm	Men's Basketball
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible Class - studying Proverbs - you're invited!
Tue	6:30pm	Moms in Prayer
	7:00pm	Board of Trustees
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible Study
	4:00pm	Midweek confirmation class
	6:00pm	A.T.T.I.C. – Youth grades 7-12 invited!
	7:00pm	Truth Project
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel events
	6:30pm	Board of Christian Education
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word (WoW) Bible study
Sat	9:00am	GodConnects - 2 of 3
	9:00am	Women's Bible study
	2:00pm	Peniel events
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS</b>		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:15am	Worship with Holy Communion
	12:30am	Peniel Evangelical Church
	6:00pm	Men's Basketball
*worship online at <a href="http://www.trinityloneoak.org">www.trinityloneoak.org</a>		



### "The Intersection of Church and State"

#### **New Topic at Women of the Word (WoW) Bible Study**

**most Fridays | 9:00am | TLO**

Produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries, this is the Bible study of Women of the Word this winter. Short videos, plus Bible verses and much discussion, will be added to our fellowship and prayers. Any women are welcome to join us.



### **Sunday Morning Coffee Hour**

TLO is seeking volunteers to host coffee on Sunday mornings during the Bible study hour. Contact the church office if you'd like to help out every once-in-a-while.

## Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come!

by Pastor Paul Clark

President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan



**LUTHERANS  
FOR LIFE**

With great trepidation, the boy peered down the steep stairway that led from the kitchen to the gloomy basement below. Even with the dim stairway light turned on, he could not escape the tidal wave of fear that washed over him. For the boy, the basement was a place of dread. But his parents had asked him to retrieve a box of ornaments that had been stored in the basement and bring it up to the living room. Reluctantly, he made his way down the stairs, as quietly as possible, so as not to give notice to any monsters that could be lurking and waiting to pounce.

When he reached the bottom, he hesitated. *He knew that the worst part was yet to come.* There was but one light bulb, and it hung from the ceiling in the middle of the vastness of the cellar. He had to cross through the dismal darkness to reach the light. The boy peered into the shadows of each corner of the basement, ready to flee if he saw any movement. He was sure that he was being closely watched by something—something evil, something monstrous—something that no doubt could easily make a tasty meal of a small and tender boy.

*What was that?* He was sure he heard a sound from the far corner, a slithering noise, like that of some foul beast dragging itself toward him. Seeing nothing and hearing nothing more than his own rapid heartbeat, he finally gathered up his courage, if you could call it that, and sprinted across the basement to reach the light bulb. He reached up and pulled the string and turned on the light. The darkness finally somewhat relinquished its frightful grip, and the boy quickly found the box of ornaments. But he was not yet safe. For now, he had to turn the light off and make his way back to the stairway. He gathered up the box in his arms and turned off the light. The darkness returned. He raced back to the stairway and made it back safely to the stairs. Shivering, he quickly climbed them, breathing a huge sigh of relief at the top. He returned to the warmth and safety of the brightly lit kitchen. He walked into the living room, box of ornaments in hand, and somehow managed to give a slight smile to his parents, never saying a word to them of his frightful journey of fear.

**We all know what it is to walk with fear and dread.** The frightful fiend that follows may not be an imaginary monster, but it takes many other forms. It may be the fear or threat of cancer. It may be anxious concern over finances. It may be the prospect of a long road to recovery after a stroke. It may be the aching and haunting loneliness that settles in after the loss of someone very dear to us. It may be the helpless horror we feel when we hear of another school shooting. It may even be nameless, something we just can't put our finger on. Yet it hovers over us just the same with that familiar cloud of fear and dread.

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**“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you”** (Isaiah 60:1).

**The Light has come. Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.** Only Christ can chase away the gloomy shadows of night. Only the Good News that Jesus *loves* you, *died* for you, *rose* for you—and is *with* you—can ease your mind and bring you comfort and peace amid fear and anxiety. When Jesus is with us, the monsters that lurk in the dark cellar of our minds must flee. Satan’s power is broken.

**Satan’s real power is found in his terrible lies.** His lies are these:

- You are worthless. God cannot and does not care for you.
- You have sinned too much in your life. God cannot and will not forgive you.
- You are a slave to your fear and anxiety. God cannot or will not break those chains and release you.
- Life is ruled by chance. You are a product of meaningless evolution. Life is without purpose.
- You might as well give up.

*Lies.* Filthy, despicable, demonic lies.

**Here is the Biblical truth:** You are created in God’s image. God loves you. God sent His Son to save you—even by sacrificing His own life for you on the cross. You are baptized. You have new life, a new hope, and a splendid future—*all in Jesus.*

Your life has meaning because it is **a life redeemed by Christ.** You are on the road to glory, whether you feel it or not. It is most certainly true.

The darkness is shoved back. The monsters flee to their corners, cowering in their prison cells. *Death has been swallowed up in the victory of Christ!* The scales of fear fall away from our hearts. Reconciled with the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ, we have *forgiveness.*

We have *peace.* We have *joy.* We have *courage.* We have *purpose.* We have *conviction.* We have *hope.*

*Regardless* of what you may see and hear in the dark cellar of this fallen world, the Light has come. *Lift up your heads! Our God is with us. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel has come to you, O Israel!* He comes to His people, His Church, and is with us **ALWAYS,** to the end of the age. Amen.

**WEEKLY DEPOSITS: January 5, 2025**

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	9,468.18
(Our offering budget is \$9,330 per week)			
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	760.00
(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)			
	Tuition	\$	13,151.61
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	5.00
	Church and school fees	\$	2,480.15
	<b>Subtotal General Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>25,864.94</b>
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	3,435.30
	Acorn Scholarship Fund - supporting TLO School student tuition	\$	100.00
	Chapel offerings - supporting Dakota Woodlands, Eagan	\$	N/A
	Sunday school support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	0.25
	Concordia Fund - supporting TLO members attending a Concordia	\$	N/A
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	N/A
	<b>Subtotal Special Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>3,535.55</b>



**Salad Luncheon**

**TODAY, Sunday, January 12 | 11:30am**

Ladies, now that the Christmas celebrating is done, let's gather to enjoy good food and catch up with each other. Come with an appetite for good food and good conversation.



**Birthdays this week**

- Jan 14 Kace Kirchner
- Jan 15 Jane Holm
- Jan 16 Forrest Leinonen, Rachel Orr
- Jan 17 Nancy Nord, Darrell Rahn
- Jan 18 Adam Naas, Rob Orr

**Anniversaries this week**

- Jan 14 Noel and Linda Koss
- Jan 16 David and Linda Ahrens

## Remember in Prayer



### Mission Field:

Amnion Women's Center (formerly Amnion Pregnancy Center) mission is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and to protect and advocate for the sanctity of all human life, born and unborn, through the provision of abortion alternative services that empower mothers to choose life. Bottles for Amnion's Bottles for Life campaign will be distributed next Sunday.

### Those with Health Concerns:

- Bonnie Bartz, TLO preschool aide, recovering from a broken hip
- Joanne Clark, recovering from extensive surgery
- Eddie Burdick's genetic brain disease is progressing, and symptoms are worsening
- Pam Burdick, colon cancer surgery scheduled for January 15
- Pam Carpenter, diagnosed with brain tumor; awaiting surgery
- Dixie Cliff
- Teresa Dornseif, sister-in-law of Alice, recovering from ankle reconstruction surgery
- Gloria, Jim Kohn's sister-in-law, continued prayers as she goes through chemo
- Silas Kohn, undergoing treatment for LCH until August 2025
- Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, autoimmune liver issues
- Gordy Moss, grandfather of Marie Lumives, as he recovers from a fall and that God's will be done in his life.
- David Nystrom - godson of Alice - recovering at home
- Sharon Phelps, mom of Cindy Rahn
- Sally Pieper, for full health
- Jeff Schaaf, moved to Benedictine Assisted Living
- Joanie Wachter, recovering after knee replacement surgery, please continue to pray!
- Pastor Don Wilke, former TLO pastor, recovering after a serious fall

### Ongoing Prayers

- For our Nation, that God would guide our nation in the ways of justice, honor, and peace and that all in public service will lead their people according to God's holy will.
- For our members and friends in care facilities or homebound
  - Donine Leatherby
  - Char Tim
- Ryan Kroonblawd - 2nd Year Seminarian - Concordia Seminary - St. Louis, MO

### Our weekly memory verse:

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior. Titus 3:4-6





## Welcome Guests

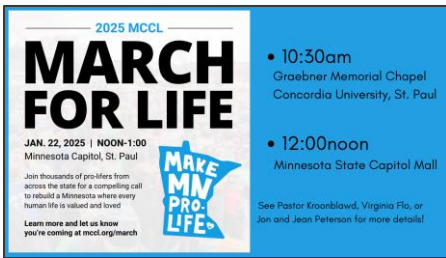
We are glad you are here today! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us today. If you are visiting please introduce yourself to our pastor, a greeter or an usher. We love to make new friends!

**For those with small children**, a nursery is available, located in the narthex, if you need a place to care for your child. Children’s bulletins are in the narthex, or ask an usher.

**Restrooms** are located to the east end of the narthex near the main entrance.

**Large print copies of the worship folder** are available. Please ask an usher.

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## 2025 March for Life

The Minnesota South District and Concordia University, St Paul will host a Life Chapel Service at 10:30 am on January 22, 2025, at *Graebner Memorial Chapel, 1259 Carroll Ave., St. Paul*. “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light” (Isaiah 9:2).

After the Life Chapel Service, worshipers are encouraged to travel to the steps outside the Minnesota State Capitol for the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) March for Life which begins at 12 pm south of the Capitol building. Marches for Life are joyful and hopeful. Come to the party and be an advocate for life! Contact Pastor Kroonblawd or the church office for more information.

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**We rejoice with families whose children were baptized in 2024. Please continue to keep them in prayer as they learn and grow in Christ Jesus.**

### *Name*

Hugo Finnegan Dauphin Leinonen  
Quinn Alexis Dauphin Leinonen  
Forrest Michael Dauphin Leinonen  
Kace Harry Kirchner  
Olivia Rose Kirchner  
Jett Mason Leanon

### *Baptism date*

March 24, 2024  
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November 17, 2024  
November 17, 2024  
December 29, 2024