

Trinity Lutheran Church



January 11, 2026
Baptism of Our Lord

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN:

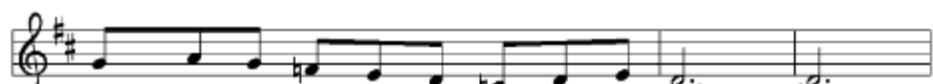
Gather Us In (ELW 532)



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



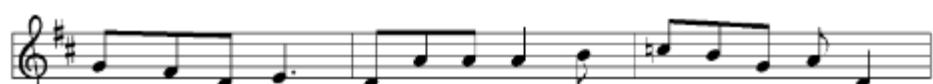
van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ter,
light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



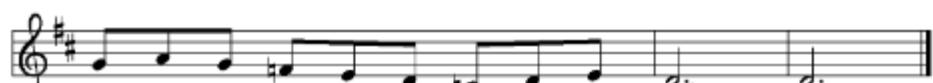
brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ple to-ge-th-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

CONFESION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed God,

you did not remain distant or untouched by our lives.
In Jesus, you stepped into the river,
into muddy water, into human need,
into a world longing for healing.

Yet,

we confess that we resist such closeness.

We prefer a God who stays clean and controlled,
while we hide our brokenness and fear our vulnerability.

We confess that we turn away from the waters of our baptism,
forgetting whose we are and how deeply you have claimed us.

We confess that we hesitate to enter the hard places of the world,
to stand with those who suffer,
to wade into injustice, grief, and uncertainty.
We forget that God got in the water with us,
and still does—meeting us in places we would rather avoid.

Wash us again in your mercy.

Drown what is sinful within us,
and raise us to new life through Christ.

By your Spirit, remind us that we are named, claimed,
and beloved—
called to live as people of the water and the Word.

Amen.

GREETING

May 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.

KYRIE

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, ev'-ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im - pas-sioned re - sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
 we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
 nour - ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - try for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of

vic - try for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - try for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

**God of life and new life,
you are splendid and strong!
Your voice thunders above the sound of loud waters.
You sit enthroned above the floods of life.
As Jesus heard you speak to him in his baptism,
may we also hear you calling us your beloved,
through Jesus Christ, your son, our brother. Amen.**

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."

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the third chapter.

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.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized (ELW 304)

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 - obeyed 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.

NICENE CREED

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;
 Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work.

Renewing God, you provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus' baptism you reveal the waters of life. Cleanse and protect oceans, rivers, and watersheds. Bring relief to parched lands and to communities without access to safe water.

Righteous God, you never weary of establishing justice. Increase cooperation and constructive dialogue between nations. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies.

Blessing God, kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful and those who are troubled by illness. Bring them the blessings of healing. We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY:

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (ELW 310)



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great c - piph - a - ny,

an - them be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - them be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - them be to thee ad-dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

God in flesh made man - i - fest.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Great, saving God,

you have gathered us into one baptism,
 regardless of our backgrounds and conditions.
 Therefore we praise you with our tithes and offerings.
 May they join with others to become a mighty river,
 bringing your peace and healing to the world. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
**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.**

COMMUNION

*All are welcome to join in the gift of Holy Communion.
White grape juice is available and all altar bread is gluten-free.
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.

LAMB OF GOD



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

COMMUNION SONGS:

*Wade in the Water (American Spiritual)
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (ELW 484)*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our lord and savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

May the God who called Jesus "beloved" speak blessing to you, beloved sons and daughters, and empower you to bring that good news to others who still need to hear it. Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

Go Tell It on the Mountain (ELW 290)



Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev-ry-where;
go tell it on the mountain that Je-sus Christ is born!
1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a-bove the earth
3 Down in a lone-ly man-ger the hum-ble Christ was born;
Refrain
be-hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho-ly light.
rang out the an-ge-lus cho-rus that hailed our Sav-iour's birth.
and God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Jan 11:

9:00am	Band Baptism of Our Lord Worship
9:00am	Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm
10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm
10:30am	Help Confirmands Down Decorations!

Please bring your coffee and help us take down the Christmas decorations!



Mon Jan 12:	9:00am	Becoming in Gruver Rm
Tue, Jan 13:	6:00pm	Church Council in Gruver Rm
Wed, Jan 14:	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
Sun, Jan 18:	9:00am	Worship Service
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm



Mon, Jan 19:	9:00am	NO Becoming
Tue, Jan 20:	5:30pm	TheologyPUB @ Front Street Tavern
Wed, Jan 21:	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
Sun, Jan 25:	9:00am	Worship Service
	9:00am	Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm
	10:30am	Does the Bible say... ...Satan is God's enemy?

EVERY MON AT 9AM
IN THE GRUVER RM
FOR SCRIPTURE, BOOKS, AND
REAL-LIFE DISCUSSIONS

Becoming
study

AS GOD'S PEOPLE
WE ARE ALWAYS
BECOMING...GROWING,
CHANGING, AND ADJUSTING
TO THE WORLD AROUND US.

1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS AT
FRONT STREET TAVERN

Theology
PUB

• 5:30PM FELLOWSHIP
• 6 - 7PM FAITH CONVERSATION

Women's
Study

THE WOMEN'S GROUP MEETS IN THE
GRUVER ROOM AT 10AM WEDNESDAYS
THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR



Have you ever wondered what people mean when they say, "The Bible says so"? Scripture doesn't always speak with one clear voice, so how do we faithfully understand what the Bible is—and isn't—saying? Come and think deeply, ask questions, and discover new ways of engaging with God's Word.

Jan 25th, 10:30-11:30am in Rohr Hall

**Does the Bible say...
...Satan is God's enemy?**

**Does the Bible say...
...God Has a Body?**

QUESTIONS ABOUT GIVING? If you ever have any questions about your financial gifts to Trinity, please contact Trinity's financial secretary, Alison Lebeda, at alebeda@uwyo.edu. If you need an up-to-date statement of giving, please contact the church office.

2025 as of November 30
Income - \$208,418.05
Expenses - \$193,653.31



The Altar Guild

Set the table for
Holy Communion.

We need help!

Lindsay Conyers at (307) 399-4185

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Serving in Worship

TODAY — Jan 11, 2026

Reader: **Diane Fiedler**
Assistant: **OPEN**
Fellowship: **Denise Greller**

NEXT SUNDAY — Jan 18, 2026

Reader: **Soyeon Kang**
Assistant: **Soyeon Kang**
Fellowship: **OPEN**

Congregation President **Adam Huck**

Pastor **Nathan Keith**

Accompanist **Trinity Band**

Financial Director **Linda Lebeda**

Financial Secretary **Alison Lebeda**

Sexton **James Apronti**

In the Office **Lisa Guarnieri**