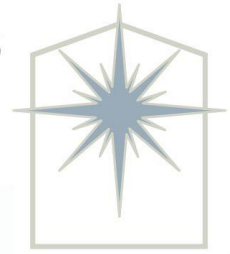


Munster, Indiana 2025

Welcome



WORSHIP FOLDER

LCMS

January 12 • January 13
The Baptism of Our Lord

Members and Guests:

Please silence cell phones

Before the service begins, some people choose to pray and meditate in the sanctuary, while others choose to catch up with their church family and friends in the narthex. Please respect both options by keeping food, drink, and conversation in the narthex, so the joyful noise of Christian conversation can coexist with the contemplative silence and sacred music prior to the service.

Our sanctuary is equipped with receivers for **hearing assistance**. Please speak with an usher if you would like to use one. We also have **large print hymnals** available in the narthex.

We appreciate **infants and young children in worship** and encourage parents to keep their children in the pew despite occasional distracting behavior as they learn and grow. Feel free to borrow a book or Quiet Bag from the racks by the sanctuary doors. If, however, you decide you need a quiet place, you may use our Quiet Room located in the rear left of the sanctuary.

Holy Communion:

In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices closed communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to one of the pastors about exceptions to this general practice. This practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith; we simply believe our communing together is also a public profession of what we as a congregation teach and confess.

Prelude "When We Are in Utmost Need" (J.C. Bach)

Those who wish may bookmark hymns prior to the service.
The hymns for this service are: 598, 407, 629, 735 and 594

Welcome & Ringing of the Bell

Hymn of Invocation—598 Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters



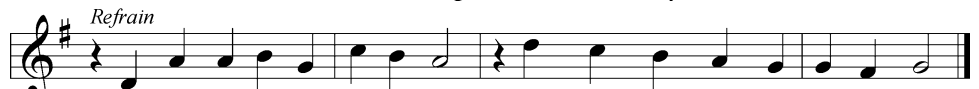
1 Once in the blest bap - tis - mal wa - ters I put on
2 His bod - y and His blood I've tak - en In His blest
3 And thus I live in God con - tent - ed And die with -



Christ and made Him mine; Now num - bered with God's sons and
Sup - per, feast di - vine; Now I shall nev - er be for -
out a thought of fear; My soul has to God's plans con -



daugh - ters, I share His peace and love di - vine.
sak - en, For I am His, and He is mine.
sent - ed, For through His Son my faith is clear.



Refrain
O God, for Je-sus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dy-ing day.

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Invocation

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

Catechism

- P** What is Baptism?
C **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.**
- P** What benefits does Baptism give?
C **It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**
- P** How can water do such great things?
C **Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit.**
- P** What does such baptizing with water indicate?
C **It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD AND FOR SELF-EXAMINATION.

Confession of Sins

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit *(spoken together)*

**Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

I will tell of the decree:

**The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.**

**You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

**Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

**Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

**Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

Psalm 2:7-11, 12, Isaiah 42:1

Jesus' baptism fulfills this Old Testament promise. God the Father says to the Messiah, "Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession." Directly following Jesus' Baptism, He is tempted in the wilderness (the reading for the first Sunday in Lent), and Satan, trying to be God, also offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the earth if only Jesus will worship him. Walking the painful but faithful way of the cross, Jesus receives kingship over all the kingdoms of the world from God the Father.

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Hymn of Praise

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Those who read music and wish to follow along will find the liturgy in the hymnal starting with the Hymn of Praise on page 187.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

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.

The pastor will indicate when to sit and when to stand throughout the service, but those who prefer to remain seated may do so.

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 43: 1 - 7*

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.
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.
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.
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.
Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
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,
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

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

Gradual (*spoken together*)

10:15 Gospel Lights Choir “Romans 5:8” (Folkering)

- C** **Praise the Lord, all nations!**
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Psalm 117:1-2, 96:8

Epistle Reading: *Romans 6: 1 - 11*

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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.

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. 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

God not only made us, but when we fell into sin and death, He redeemed us, that is, bought us back. Baptism is an adoption into God's family, and the proper name of the person being baptized is part of the rite itself. Anyone who is baptized can hear these words as applying to themselves their whole life through: "I have called you by name. You are mine."

St. Paul describes Holy Baptism as the thing that incorporates us into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We speak these words as part of the funeral liturgy when the pall is placed over the casket, reminding ourselves that even death cannot end the baptismal promise of God. Connected by Baptism to Christ, we know our Redeemer lives and has promised us eternal life.

Alleluia



Holy Gospel: Luke 3: 15 - 22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

G Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, 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. 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." So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. 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, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, 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.

G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

G I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn—407 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord (stanzas 1-5)

Sermon: Pastor Peter Speckhard

In Baptism, we receive the righteousness of Jesus Christ even as He takes on all our sin. This is sometimes called the "blessed exchange."

Everyone who is baptized can place his or her own name into this promise from heaven, "(Name), YOU are my beloved child; with YOU I am well pleased!" That is the gift Jesus gives you in Baptism.

Offertory

10:15 Gospel Lights Choir "I am Baptised" (Traditional)



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Those wishing to make an offering can find the collection plate on the table in the narthex before and after the service. Donations can also be made securely online at our website.

Prayer of the Church

EACH PETITION OF THE PRAYER ENDS WITH "LORD, IN YOUR MERCY..." TO WHICH ALL RESPOND "HEAR OUR PRAYER." THE LAST PETITION ENDS:

- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself with the Holy Spirit in the fullness of grace at the Baptism of Your dear Son. With Your voice, You directed us to the One who has borne our sins, that we may receive grace and forgiveness. Keep us, we implore You, in the true faith. Since we have been baptized in accordance with Your command and the example of Your Son, strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

God's rich blessings on all members of our congregation celebrating birthdays this week: Norman Karner, Tara Jandura, Lisa Hale, Eileen Stevens, Stevie Pugh, Kevin Hesselink, John D. Dzurovcik, Craig Smolen, Julie Pals, Jacob McQueen, Kathryn Camp, Linda Hamel, Wendy Bonarigo, Emily Tatina, Thomas Allen, Raynette Hybiak, Kate Dickelman, Anthony Gonzalez, Judith Baker, Jack Burian, Terrance Winters, Emma Burk, Logan Matusik, Susan Breymeyer and Nathan Burk.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C** It is meet and right so to do.
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

And to Richard and Maria Wiening who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week.

Sanctus *(sung together)*

LSB 195

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

Words of Institution

LSB 197

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei *(sung together)*

LSB 198

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

10:15 Gospel Lights Choir "This is my Commandment" (Traditional)

Distribution Hymn—629 What is this Bread

Distribution Hymn—735 Have No Fear, Little Flock

Nunc Dimittis

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

- P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

As we come forward to receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, we remember also the "sin of the world" which is on constant, ongoing display, and remember that Jesus as the Lamb of God has taken it all upon Himself.

Those who are not communing today are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. Please fold your arms with your hands on your shoulders to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.

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Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus and Benediction

- P** Bless we the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be
gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance
upon you and † give you peace.
C **Amen, amen, amen.**

Hymn to Depart—594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

Postlude "Praise God, Ye Sons of Men" (Walther)



Serving us this Week:

Preaching: Rev. Peter Speckhard
Organ: Mrs. Karen Foote
Choir: Gospel Lights (2nd – 4th Grade)
Greeters: Brian & Laurie Eriks (8:00),
Brad Rathert (10:15), Carol Rogers (6:30)

Altar flowers today are dedicated
To the Glory of God.
by the Altar Guild

Last Week at St. Paul's:

Attendance :246
Communed:213
Hartsfield/Cedarhurst:20
Plate Offering: \$8,755
Online Offering: \$10,441
Total: \$19,196
Weekly Budget: \$18,077

This Week at St. Paul's:

Sunday, January 12:

9:15 am Sunday School Resumes
9:15 am Middle School Bible Study
9:15 am High School Bible Study
9:15 am Adult Bible Study

Monday, January 13:

7:00 pm Basketball Clinic
7:30 pm Parish Planning Committee

Tuesday, January 14:

9:30 am Cedarhurst Worship Service
10:45 am Hartsfield Worship Service
1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study
3:30 pm Student Council-Officers only
6:30 pm Board of Education Meeting
7:00 pm Dartball
7:00 pm Men's Basketball

Wednesday, January 15:

8:30 am Chapel Service
10:00 am Bible Study
3:30 pm Jr. High Writing Club

Thursday, January 16:

10:00 am Bible Study
12:30 pm LWML Meeting
6:15 pm TAP Meeting
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Master Rings Rehearsal

Friday, January 17:

Church Office Closed
Pastor Krebs on call (812) 498-2161

Saturday, January 18:

8:00 am AA
8:00 am Go and Be Reconciled Workshop
10:30 am AA, Al-anon & Al-ateen

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 128,
1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11