

Baptism of Our Lord
January 10-11, 2026

Joy in Christ Lutheran Church
110 Balboa Rd.
Hot Springs Village, Ar

The assembly rises in body or in spirit.

In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.

God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ. God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family.

Thanks be to God!

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 be bold and confess our sins, for God is gracious and always ready to forgive.

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

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.**

Hymn: Shall We Gather At the River (ELW 423)

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.

(ELW p.138)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let
us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

**have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Let us pray.

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.

The assembly is seated.

Isaiah 42:1-9

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.
He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

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:
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,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 29 (read responsively)

Ascribe to the **LORD**, O heavenly beings,
 ascribe to the **LORD** glory and strength.

Ascribe to the **LORD the glory of his name;**
worship the **LORD in holy splendor.**

The voice of the **LORD** is over the waters;
 the God of glory thunders,
 the **LORD**, over mighty waters.

The voice of the **LORD is powerful;**
the voice of the **LORD is full of majesty.**

The voice of the **LORD** breaks the cedars;
 the **LORD** breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the **LORD** flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the **LORD shakes the wilderness;**
the **LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the **LORD** causes the oaks to whirl
 and strips the forest bare,
 and in his temple all say, “Glory!”

The **LORD sits enthroned over the flood;**
the **LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

May the **LORD** give strength to his people!
 May the **LORD** bless his people with peace!

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism

that John announced: 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. 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, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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Matthew 3:13-17

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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” 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. 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. 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.**

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

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Hymn: Wade in the Water (ELW 459)

Installation of New Council (Sunday)

With the whole church, we confess our faith with the 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 the Faithful

Blessing God, you drowned evil in the waters of the flood and promised a covenant of faithfulness with a rainbow in the sky. In baptism you caused us to die to sin and raised us to new life in Christ. Trusting in your promises for earth and all people, we bring you our prayers for the world.

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, **set us apart for your mission in the world.**

Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs. We pray for the world, that all people and all creation may know they are your beloved. Merciful God, **set us apart for your mission in the world.**

Righteous God, guide the nations. We hear chaos, we see violence, and we feel danger both near and far away. Defend and protect your people in every corner of the world against evil intentions and malevolent motives. Make us instruments of your peace and justice. Merciful God, **set us apart for your mission in the world.**

Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. We pray for those who suffer, *especially...and those we now name aloud or in our hearts.* (Pause) Help them to know your love for them, and make us bearers of comfort. Merciful God, **set us apart for your mission in the world.**

Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may respond to your call to worship, love and serve all the days of our lives. Merciful God, **set us apart for your mission in the world.**

Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, *especially those we now name aloud or in our hearts.* (Pause) We trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace. Merciful God, **set us apart for your mission in the world.**

In one baptism with Christ and blessed by your Holy Spirit, we praise and give you thanks, Holy One, for giving us spirit and breath.

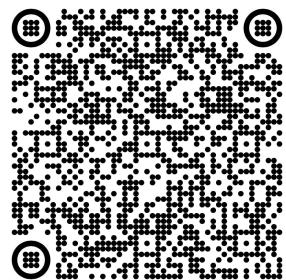
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.

Offering

Your regular offering ensures that God's life-giving ministry through this community continues. You may make your offering in the offering plates as they are passed or by using the QR code from your smart phone.



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Hymn: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 184)

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(ELW p.144) **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

...and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

...Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

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.

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

The assembly is seated.

(ELW p.146)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

We practice Eucharistic hospitality: all are welcome to receive communion. Please alert an usher if you desire communion in your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. The inside ring of cups is filled with non-alcoholic white grape juice.

Once all have communed, the assembly rises in body or in spirit.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

(ELW p.135)

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared
in the sight of ev'ry people:
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.**

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The God who called Jesus "beloved" speaks blessing to you, beloved people, and empowers you to bring that good news to others who still need to hear it.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and [☩] give you peace.
Amen.

Hymn: The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve (ELW 551)

Remembering your own baptism, go into the world in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!



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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULED EVENTS	
M 1/12	12:30 pm Mahjong
T 1/13	9:30 am Finance 1:00 pm Fellowship 3:30 pm OT Wisdom Bible Study
W 1/14	1:00 pm Property
H 1/15	9:30 am World Religions Discussion 1:00 pm Worship & Music
F 1/16	9:00 am Council
S 1/17	4:30 pm Hospitality 5:00 pm Worship
S 1/18	8:30 am Hospitality 9:00 am Worship

- Happy Birthday to Beth Mielke and Harvey McIntyre
- Congregation Meeting on Jan 22 at 3:00pm
- Seeking tech help with live streaming. See Peter Mielke
- Keep e-blast submissions brief & submit by 10 am on Wednesday

Our prayer list is e-mailed to members every Wednesday. If you need a printed copy of this list, please contact the office.

Attendance last week: 30 Saturday 38 Sunday
Hymns: 423, 459, 551

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