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*Baptism of Our Lord*  
*First Sunday after Epiphany*

January 11, 2026

**THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION –10:00AM**

**\*Congregation Standing**

*In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.*

**WELCOME**

Announcements

Prelude

**\* Call to Worship**

P: Today we celebrate a special baptism;

**C: the baptism of Jesus of Nazareth.**

P: God says: Look! See my chosen servant, the One in whom I utterly delight;

**C: I have placed my Spirit on him, he will bring forth justice to the nations.**

P: When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up, and the Spirit came down like a dove; and there was a voice from heaven saying:

**C: "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."**

\* Confession and Forgiveness

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

\* **Gathering Hymn 710**

**“Let Streams of Living Justice”**

\* Greeting


P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.


\* **Kyrie**

(Setting 10 – page 203)

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1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.  
2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.  
3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.  
Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!


\* **Glory Be To God**

(Setting 10 – page 204)

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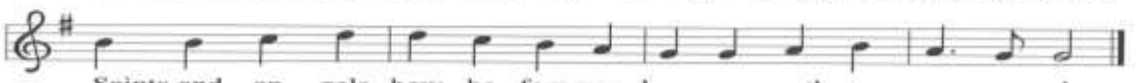
1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for-ev-er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a-lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre-a-tion, Fa-ther of sur-pass-ing worth;  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav-ior, you have come from heav'n a-bove;  
Ho-ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all;



we ex-alt you, we a-dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir-it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an-gels bow be-fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re-store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in-her-it, glo-ry be to God on high!

\* 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.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> He will not cry out or lift up his voice  
or make it heard in the street;
- <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth,  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
- <sup>5</sup> 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:
- <sup>6</sup> 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,
- <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

- <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name;  
 my glory I give to no other,  
 nor my praise to idols.
- <sup>9</sup> 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.**

Psalmody: *Psalm 29*

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,  
 ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;  
 worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;  
 the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;  
 the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;  
 the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup> **the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,  
 and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup> The voice | of the LORD  
 bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- <sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;  
 the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**
- <sup>9</sup> 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!"
- <sup>10</sup> **The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;  
 the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**
- <sup>11</sup> O LORD, give strength | to your people;  
 give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

Second Lesson: *Acts 10:34-43*

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> 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

(Setting 10 – Page 205)

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior; o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Holy Gospel: *Matthew 3:13-17*

<sup>13</sup> Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Rev. Daniel Swanson

**Hymn 736**

**“God the Sculptor of the Mountains”**

\* The Apostles’ Creed

**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 the 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**

The Prayer of the Church

\* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

We Offer Our Gifts to the Lord

Organ Voluntary

\* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\* The Offertory

**Hymn 692**

**“We Are an Offering”**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
We are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,  
We give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
We are an offering, we are an offering.**

*Text & Music: Dwight Liles, b 1957*

\* Offertory Prayer

L: God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**



\* The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right .....and join their unending hymn:

\* (Holy, Holy Holy)

(Setting 10, page 207)

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

\* The Words of Institution

\* The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

\* P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

**C: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

The Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

(Setting 10, Page 208)

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Distribution of the Sacrament

\* Post-Communion Blessing

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

**C: Amen.**

\* The Prayer after Communion

L: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

\* Blessing

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ☩ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

\* **Sending Hymn 713**

**“O God of Every Nation”**

\* Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* Postlude

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*In Bread and Wine our Lord Jesus meets us and we receive His Body and Blood given and shed for our forgiveness. It is a meal of love, forgiveness and renewal. If you are visiting with us today and are a baptized Christian and desire to commune, please do come to the table of the Lord. Children and youth who have not received instruction in the meaning of the Sacrament are cordially invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please come toward as directed by ushers by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.*

**Lectors for our Services**

This Sunday, January 11 – Devon Swanson

This Wednesday, January 14 – Debbie Fornwalt

Next Sunday, January 18 – Jack Murray

Next Wednesday, January 21 – Jeff Smith

**Ushers** – Fred Powell, Bill Bingman

**Organist** – Rae Ann Smith

**A/V** – Kathy, Dave, Joyce

**We have a hearing assistance system in the sanctuary.** If you are having problems hearing our service, please ask the usher for a receiver.

**Hope that you have picked up your name tags** from the board in the main entrance. They are in alphabetical order. Please return to the board when leaving. Thanks

**American Red Cross Blood Drive** - Please mark your calendar for our next Blood Drive at Christ Lutheran Church for **Thursday, January 15 from 12:30-6:00pm.** Please give blood!

**This week –**

This Sunday –Worship 10:00am, followed by Adult SCS in the upper kitchen

Fellowship Use in afternoon – Barbara Simmons

Monday – Executive – 5:30pm, Full Council – 6:30pm

Wednesday –Service – 6:30pm

Chancel Choir – 7:30pm

Thursday – Bible Study – 10:30am

Blood Drive – 12:30-6:00pm

Friday – Community Meal Prep – 10:00am

Diane's Music classes – 10:00am

Ladybirds – 11:00am

Saturday – Community Meal Prep and serving 3-5:00pm

Next Sunday, Worship – 10:00am

**New Sponsorship list for 2026 is up on bulletin board in the narthex near the front door!** If you would like to sponsor Altar Flowers, Bulletin, Communion Bread and Wine or Monthly Newsletter, please sign up for your special Sunday(s).

**How we pay for RCI -** We pay for Reconciling In Christ from our Special Offering Account. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please donate any time during the coming year. **This WILL NOT be part of our budget.**

**Thrivent Choice Dollars -** Thrivent Members – Please remember to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Christ Lutheran. If you are a Thrivent member and have Choice Dollars that you have not designated for 2025, please do so before March 31, 2026. In April, their year begins and previous year's money will not be available. This money is an enormous help for our fundraising needs. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-THRIVENT and state "Thrivent Choice®"

**Mark your calendar for our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** following our worship service that day. This meeting is to review our committees' reports for 2025, vote on our 2026 budget and elect our 2026 Council members. Please make every effort to attend.

**In preparation for our annual meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>,** please provide your committee's (committees') report(s) to our church secretary, Shirley Smith **on or before Monday, January 26, 2026.**

As we collect unopened, unexpired, non-perishable items for the LaVale Food Pantry, we'd like to specifically request several items that are needed year-round. *Those items are peanut butter, saltines, dry pasta (1 lb box), breakfast cereal (boxed) and canned kale or spinach. Sometimes the Pantry runs very low on these items, so donations would be appreciated! They can also use canned pasta (Chef Boyardee, Spaghettios) for their emergency food boxes.* Thanks for your generosity!

### LAST WEEK'S REPORT – January 4, 2026

Attendance In-Person 10:00am = 38  
                   Zoom 10:00am = 13  
 Wed, January 7 In Person 6:30pm = 13  
                   Zoom 6

#### BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2026

Received = 6,218.00  
 No Budget for 2026

#### BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-DEC 2025

Actual Income = \$209,718.05  
 Actual Expenses = (218,656.12)  
                           (\$ 8,938.07)

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# LITTLE HOMESTEADERS

## series

### at the LaVale Library



Are you interested in teaching your kids where their food comes from, how to care for animals, or make things with their own hands?

***Even if you don't have any land***, our homesteading classes offer fun, hands-on experiences where kids get to learn and make something to take home at every single lesson— perfect for curious young learners.

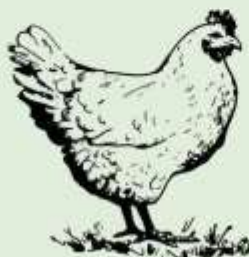
**This series runs January 22 through April 16.**

## Session I Backyard Chickens

Learn about how to protect your birds from predators and keep your chickens happy.

**Tuesday, January 22, 2026 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm**

- **For ages 8 - 13**
- **Registration is required**



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## PRAYER LIST FOR JANUARY 11, 2026

### PRAYER RECIPIENT - MEMBERS

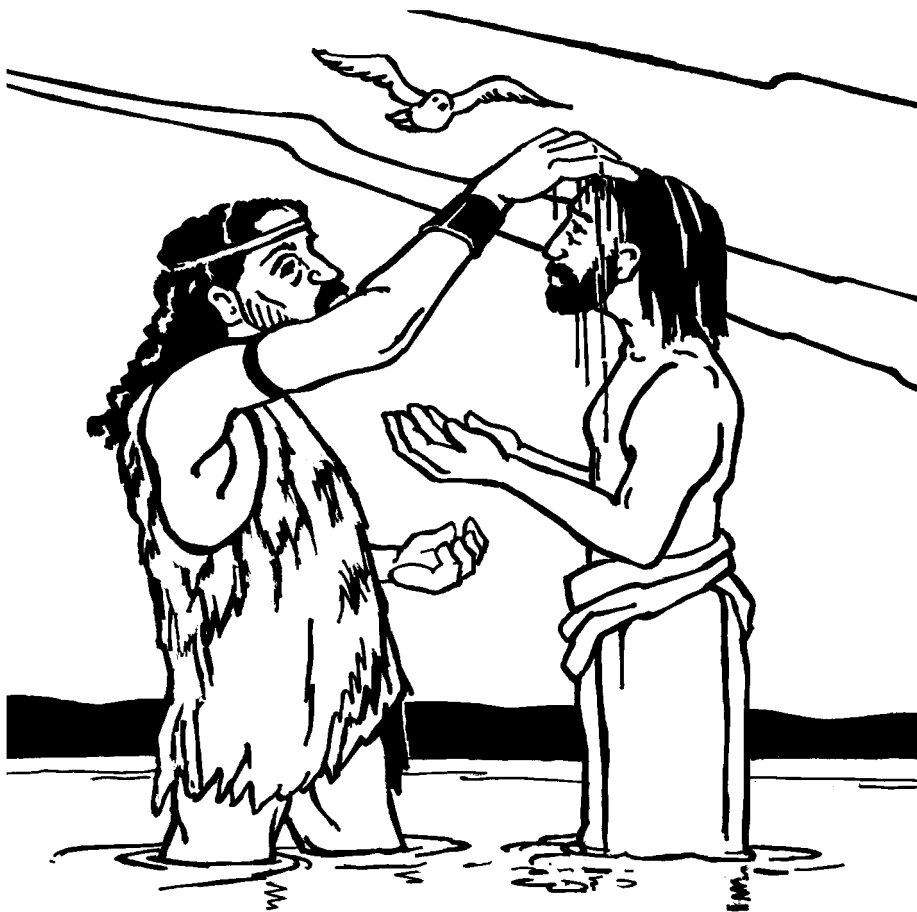
**Elwood Glass**  
**Charlotte Luy**  
**Bill & MarySue Crawford**  
**Jack Zealand**  
**Laura Murray**  
**Pam Mulligan**  
**Beverly Lang**  
**Anna Bruck**  
**Jane Miller**  
**Ed Havens**  
**Gail Dawson**  
**Mitzie & Jerry Robinette**  
**Patty Wilson**  
**Clem Dawson**  
**Dave & Lisa Ahern**  
**Kim Shoemaker**  
**Fay Crawford**  
**David LaBuda**  
**Rosey & Becky McIntyre**  
**Jonathan and Danielle Ahern**  
**Tammy Faulkner**  
**Pam & Dave Judy**  
**David Tibbetts**  
**Joyce DeMonbrun**  
**Kathy Powell**  
**Sharon McKenzie**  
**Mary Lou Rowles**

### PRAYER RECIPIENT

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| <b>Christina Puffinburger</b>  | <i>Requested by</i><br>Elwood & Janet Glass |
| <b>Brad &amp; Gregg Dawson, Stephen Overtom</b>                                | Gail Dawson                                 |
| <b>Barbara Williams</b>  | Sharon M                                    |
| <b>Joe Kunsman, Linda Nines, Ellen Hill</b>                                    | Mitzie & Jerry                              |
| <b>Brittney Meyers, Talot Omar, Terry Baker</b>                                | Mitzie & Jerry                              |
| <b>Nathan Winters</b>  | Dianne Short                                |
| <b>Charlotte &amp; Ed Troutman, Arlene Simmons.</b>                            | <b>Amy, Jacie Fairall</b> Barb Simmons      |
| <b>Carl Chiarenza, Karen Mackert</b>   | Paul & Ruth C                               |
| <b>Elise &amp; Henry Jack Balber</b>   | Jack Zealand                                |
| <b>Cheryl Trusler</b>  | Joyce D                                     |
| <b>Cheri Bielen</b>  | Jane Miller                                 |
| <b>Baby Whetzel, Kevin Mistretta, Carolyn Farr, Kendra Morriss, Paula Rose</b> | Diane K                                     |
| <b>Dan Moore, Graham Tower, Lisa Storm, Jaime Pletcher, Karen Ford</b>         | Diane K                                     |
| <b>Richard Clark, Zachary Sutterfield, Alexis Smith</b>                        | Anne DeVaughn                               |
| <b>Diane Davis, Nancy Smith, James Flynn</b>                                   | Antoinette Royster                          |
| <b>Joy Kroeger-Mappes Carmen and Lance Jackson</b>                             | Antoinette Royster                          |
| <b>Susie Spiker, Joan Beal</b>   | Shirley & Jim Smith                         |
| <b>Gretchen Burke</b>  | Val & Gary Llewellyn                        |
| <b>Sally, Roger, James Tibbetts</b>  | Dave Tibbetts                               |
| <b>Andy Cocco</b>  | John Cocco                                  |
| <b>Marie Turnbull, Steven Suzindlak, Taylor Neumann</b>                        | Lita Havens                                 |
| <b>Dan Carr, Matt Doman</b>  | Steven Hansrote                             |
| <b>Michele Jones, Lois Shunk</b>   | Sherry T                                    |
| <b>Don Ringer, Stephanie Georgiane</b>   | Kristan Fazenbaker                          |
| <b>Mary Lou Dorsey</b>   | Trina Firey                                 |
| <b>Vic Werner</b>  | Barbara Martin                              |
| <b>Belinda Keller</b>  | Linda McCagh                                |
| <b>Barbara Blough</b>  | Janice & Dave LaBuda                        |
| <b>Galen Dean Krepps</b>   | Lisa Ahern                                  |
| <b>Jared McGensie, Chris Twigg</b>   | Patty Wilson and Rosey                      |
| <b>Breanna Brown</b>   | Debbie Fornwalt                             |
| <b>Kamryn Rice</b>   | Corinna Hilderbrand                         |
| <b>Candy Heverly</b>   | Charlotte Luy                               |
| <b>Elizabeth Ororke, Brooks Chamers, Barbara Fridengu</b>                      | L. Marchini                                 |
| <b>Erin Morrissey</b>  | Terri McCagh                                |
| <b>Luke Smith</b>  | Lydia Martin                                |

*Please keep us updated*

- all people affected by the wildfires and other disasters
- all people of the Ukraine and all affected by the war
- all elected officials
- those who serve in our nation's armed forces including Rick Rounds, Tom Forrest



*Baptism of Our Lord  
First Sunday after Epiphany*

**January 11, 2026**