

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
120 West Gano Chance Road
Centralia, Missouri 65240
The Baptism Of Our Lord
January 11, 2026
Theme: The Spirit Marked Servant

AS WE GATHER

All people are descendants of the first man, Adam. After the worldwide flood of God's judgment of sin, Noah and his sons became the progenitors of all mankind. It was of the lineage of Shem (Genesis 11) that the man Abram was born. The descendants of Abram/Abraham were named Hebrews or Jews, after Judah, one of Jacob's sons; this naming pertained to all of Israel after the Babylonian exile. To this day, they are referred to as God's "chosen people" after the words of Moses: "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth" (Deuteronomy 7:6). They were chosen to be the lineage of the Messiah, the deliverer, the Christ. Faithful to His promise, God took on flesh "of the house and lineage of David" (Luke 2:4) as the incarnate Son of God and Son of Mary of Nazareth.

Today we hear that divine promise in Isaiah 42, identifying Jesus as God's chosen servant. From the beginning, however, we are told He is not only to be King of the Jews alone but a light to lighten the Gentiles also. The great news is that He is the Savior of and for all people, the descendants not only of Abraham but also of Adam and Noah! By repentance of sin and faith in Christ, worked by the same Spirit that marked Jesus as the chosen one at His Baptism, now all who are baptized into Christ—Jew or Gentile—are the chosen people of God. Praising and thanking God for calling and saving us, we echo the Gospel to all people in the words of the Psalm: "Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!" (Psalm 117:1).

WELCOME

Pastor James Lanning

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN – "The Star Proclaims the King is Here"

LSB 399

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 43:4, Psalm 117

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: to God my exceeding joy.

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!

People: For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the LORD!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Jesus Christ is God's chosen one, who came and who comes again today to call everyone to salvation from sin and death and who makes all who are baptized in His name to be the chosen sons and daughters of God. Marked by the sacred waters of Holy Baptism, let us

receive God's assurance and promise of forgiveness.

People: Almighty God, our dear Father in heaven, in Holy Baptism You have marked us with the sign of the holy cross upon our foreheads and upon our hearts to mark us as people of Your choosing to be redeemed by Christ the crucified. Open our eyes to Your light of freedom and forgiveness and to Your calling of us to be Your own chosen people of Your eternal kingdom.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit, has forgiven you all your sins.

God strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

People: Amen.

† WORD †

INTROIT

Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

People: Behold My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights.

Pastor: I will tell of the decree:

People: The LORD said to Me, “You are My Son; today I have begotten You.

Pastor: Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage,

People: and the ends of the earth Your possession.

Pastor: You shall break them with a rod of iron

People: and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

Pastor: Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

People: be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Pastor: Serve the LORD with fear,

People: and rejoice with trembling,

Pastor: for His wrath is quickly kindled.

People: Blessèd are all who take refuge in Him.

People: 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.

People: Behold My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, this day we rejoice in the anointing of the Son of God at His Baptism in the Jordan River to be Your chosen deliverer, Your Spirit-marked servant. Grant that the light of Your salvation through Him enlighten all people today, calling everyone through the waters of Holy Baptism to be Your chosen people for eternity; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 42:1-9

Lector: Danny Nadler

(The Lord's chosen servant)

Behold 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 aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. 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 on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for 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. ⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 29; antiphon v. 3

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many 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 to 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 makes the deer give birth

and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "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!

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

EPISTLE READING – Romans 6:1-11

Reader: Danny Nadler

(Dead to sin, alive to God)

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Mark 1:11b

Pastor: Alleluia.

People: You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.

Pastor: Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13–17

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Baptism of Jesus)

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, 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 thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 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.

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. Amen.

SERMON HYMN – “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

LSB 405

MESSAGE – “”

Pastor James Lanning

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – “This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now”

LSB 591

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: All glory and praise to You, O God, for You have created all mankind in Your image to live in Your love and fellowship forever in Your eternal kingdom. By Your design, You have defeated the devil and the power of sin and death by the sacrifice of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. He became Your chosen one in His Baptism in the waters of the Jordan River and by Your Holy Spirit, in order that all who are baptized in His name and by the same Spirit may be restored to newness of life as Your chosen sons and daughters. Help us to extend the same invitation of Your mercy and grace to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant that Your church be guided in true faith and worship by faithful pastors and shepherds of Your flock, that we may sing Your praises joyfully now and in eternity. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Help us to live with integrity as people of Your own possession, guarding us from all evil and leading us safely in the ways of Your good and gracious will. Give to all in the authority of government a desire for good order to the promotion of freedom and faithfulness to the ways of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: To all who are yet enslaved by the darkness of sin and separation from You, cause the light of Your salvation to break forth that many may hear of Your deliverance and the hope of life and love by faith in the Savior and be drawn by the Spirit to Your covenant of Holy Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant healing and relief to all who are sick, homebound, or in any need or distress, that they may know the power of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We remember all the saints who have gone before us, [*especially . . .*]. Give us a heart of wisdom that when our last hour comes, we are granted a blessed end in the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

People: 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.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

JANUARY EVENTS

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| 1.11 Church Council meets following worship | 1.21 Adult Bible Study 10 am |
| 1.12 LWML 1 pm | 1.21 ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm |
| 1.13 Heritage Hall 10 am | 1.24 TRIVIA Night 5 pm door open/Games at 6 pm |
| 1.14 Adult Bible Study 10 am | 1.25 Quarterly Voters Meeting and lunch |
| ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm | 1.28 Adult Bible Study 10 am |
| 1.15 Worship Committee 4:30 pm OR | ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm |
| 1.20 Worship Committee 4:30 pm | |

BIRTHDAYS – Timothy Billings – January 12; Audrey Seider – January 15; Debra “Kim” Decker – January 15; Daniel Nadler – January 16

ANNIVERSARIES – no anniversaries this month

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Jim Gesling – recovering; **The Garrett Family** – Barn Fire; **Theodore Rojas** – recovering; **Vivian Diener**—health issues; **Patti Martinez**—breast cancer; **Dan Keil** (Norma Keil's son)—burns to hands and face; **Prayers for those with health issues; prayers for caretakers; Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan**—recovering; **Cammie Cunningham (Olivia Hoek's mother)**—cancer treatments; **Those affected by the flooding; Skip Elkin**—health issues; **Reverend Tim and Erin Schulte; those grieving recent loss of family or friends; Terry Plank**—undergoing chemo treatments; **Mike Hyde**—recovering from hip fracture; **Tammy Morgan**—(Sherry Morse's daughter) – health issues; **Christina DeJesus**—health issues; **Brenda Belt** (Henry Rainey's sister) –Stage IV Cancer; **Grace**—health issues (friend of Hannah Lanning); **Steve Buckert**—recovering; **Jenni Murray**—Margaret Parker's daughter—recovering; **Ron Borgman; Dick St. John**—Brenda Moss's father—health issues; **Kim & Terry Decker**—health issues; **Ed & Ernestine Ramsey; Judy Mahieu; Kyle Lutz**—recovering from kidney/pancreas transplant; **Bonnie Berthelsen; Mark Ramsey; Calvin Stemme**—treatment for cancer; **Julia Rainey; Jane St. John; Dennis & Jackie Nadler; Susan Harris; Wayne Nolan**—stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Michelle Smith**—daughter of Jane St John; **Arla Benskin**—daughter of Mary Brechler.

Missionaries - MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term)

Community Prayers: Father Mike Coleman; Evie Ross—infant needs heart transplant; **David**—health issues; **Bernie Ryan** – health issues; **Charlene**—esophageal cancer; **Shelley R.**—melanoma; **Geri Ward**— health issues; **Gerry Southard**—health issues, **Kim Smith**—health issues.

ARMED FORCES: Veterans of Armed Services – especially those suffering from PTSD and anxiety; **Christopher Thompson**, U. S. Navy – cousin of Hannah Lanning; **Brandon Lowery**, U.S. Navy—brother of Rachel Rojas; **Donevin Leonard**, U.S. Marine Corps—grandson of Russell & Jacki Stelzer; **Chris Chism**, U.S. Navy—son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Barbara Fischer; **Brittany Macklin**—great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council meets after worship today.

Information for the **Voter's Meeting Packets** is due on **Thursday, January 15th by 10 am.**

LWML meets tomorrow, **January 12 at 1:00 pm** with installation of new officers.

The **Quarterly Voters Meeting** will be **January 25th** with a general potluck lunch following worship.

Trivia Night will be **January 24th** doors open at 5 pm – games start at 6 pm. The proceeds will benefit the Summer Lunch Program for the kids.

Lutheran Witness subscription renewals are due. The cost for 1 year is \$20.65. **If you no longer wish to receive this resource please advise Catherine by January 29, 2026.**

Do you have old copies of the **Lutheran Witness** that you would like to share with others? Please bring them and place them in the library.

Welcome and Prayer Request Cards

Please place any prayer request cards in the offering plate when it comes around. The ushers will give them to the pastor. Please complete the welcome card and leave it at the end of your pew. Thank you.

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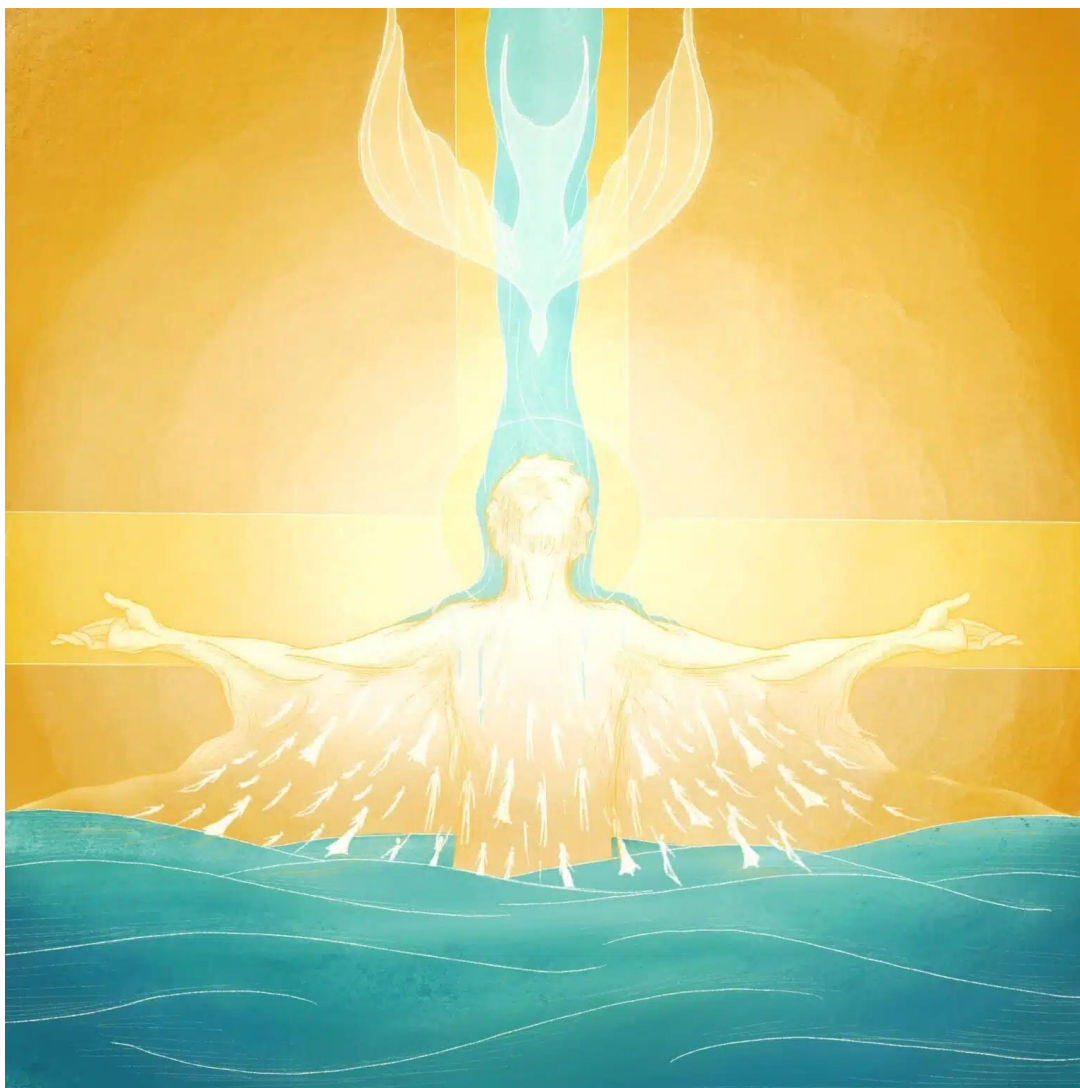
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Matthew 3:17, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

And all who are trusting Christ as their life, have entered into this same fellowship as beloved sons and daughters, with whom the Father is well pleased.