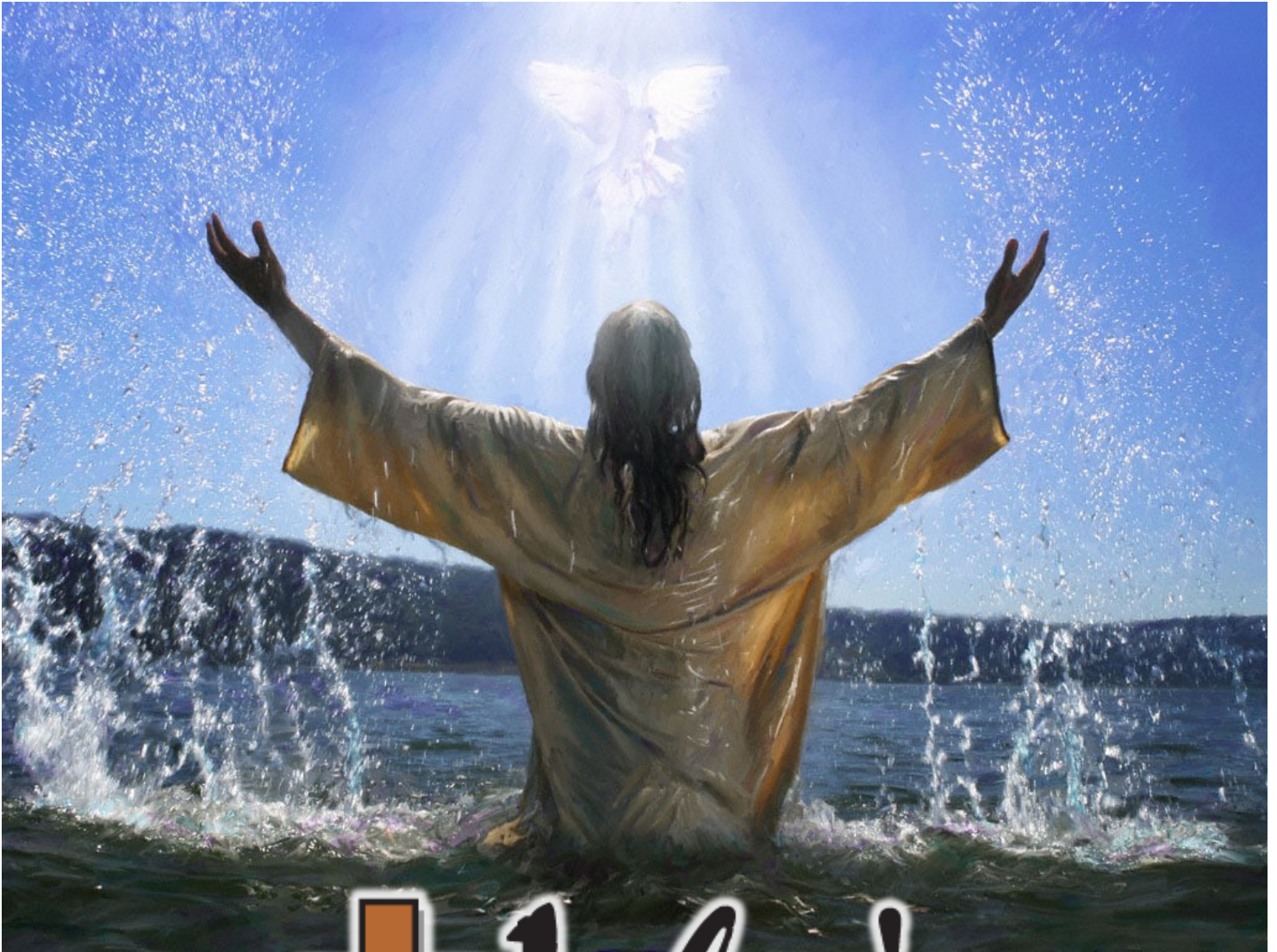


Saturday, January 11 and Sunday, January 12
Baptism of Our Lord



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UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of
January 12 – 19

Sunday	9:45am Worship Council Meeting after worship
Wednesday	6:30pm Confirmation @ Salem
Thursday	9:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Rebekah Circle
Saturday	5:00pm Worship
Sunday	9:45am Worship



Growing Hope Globally Gala

Formal Plated Dinner Service prepared by

The Traveling Chef

\$150.00 per plate

Saturday, February 22, 2025 *See Flyer in Welcome Center for more info.

DOOR OFFERING FOR JANUARY

The January Door Offering will be divided between the Hospitality/Fellowship and Outreach Committees. The Outreach committee is responsible for contacting guests that attend a worship service to invite them to come again and tell them we were happy to see them. Jeanette Pfeifer has been working with this and is able to give the guest a water bottle with St. John's information on it. This is an expense that needs to be covered plus any postage for mailings that are done. The Hospitality/ Fellowship Committee plans activities and outings to promote friendship and fellowship for our congregation and community. Some of the activities are paid for by the participants, but there is money needed to help pay for entertainment and to help defray expenses for the other events.

Offering 12/14 & 12/15	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$5,361.10	\$5,361.10
Capital Fund	\$120.00	\$120.00
Good Samaritan Fund	\$100.00	\$100.00
Utilities - Sharing Pantry	\$150.00	\$150.00



Next Reading Buddies
date:
Tuesday, January 28
Sign up in the Welcome Center to read with Wendy Merkel's kindergarten class.

Prayer Requests

Marilyn Abbott	Pastor Grafe	James Moris
Mary Bark	Family of Chuck	Lonnie Murray
Family of Barb Christopher	Hoeppe's sister, Carol	Sharon Rhea's son, Jeff
Lance Davenport	Mary Ann Hulon	Larry Rogers family
Lee Gehrke	Jen	Shelly
Gianna	Judy	Lynn Skryzpiec
Dean Gibson	Karen	Lynn Skryzpiec's great-nephew, Oakley
Jim Gletty	Rhea Lumsden	Jack Smith
Sharon Goode	Linda Martin	Jackie Wendland
		Susan White

Dates to Remember

Month	Date	Occasion
JANUARY	26	ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY	22	GROWING HOPE GALA
FEBRUARY	25	COMMUNITY FEAST @ ST. JOHNS

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine."

In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ELW 445 Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

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

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God,

C: **you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

A: The **First Reading** for this Baptism of Our Lord weekend comes from the Book of Isaiah Chapter 43 verses 1-7

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A: Our Psalm today is **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.

A: The **Second Reading** comes from Acts Chapter 8 verses 14-17

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 3rd Chapter

C: **Glory to you O Lord.** **Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 453 Baptized and Set Free

Apostle's Creed

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **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.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: ... God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C: **Amen.**

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The congregation may shake one another's hand. If you do not wish to shake hands, please hold your hands in a prayer position and bow to the other person.

Offering

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C: **Amen.**

Dialogue

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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:

© Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en 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
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Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Please be seated. The usher will direct you when to come forward for Holy Communion.

Holy Communion is served

Communion Hymns ELW 677 This Little Light of Mine

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

A: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The Spirit of the triune God ✝ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW 543 Go My Children, With My Blessing

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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