

January 12, 2025

Baptism of Our Lord



Prepare for Worship

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

Amen.

The Service: Setting Three

680 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy



1 Bap-tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me to be hence-forth your
3 My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; your prom - ise sure - ly
4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



a - mong your saints, your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
the fruit of all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
if words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
help me your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
com - fort me when threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
come de - filed; for - give, lift up, re - store your child.
am or own serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

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Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

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If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

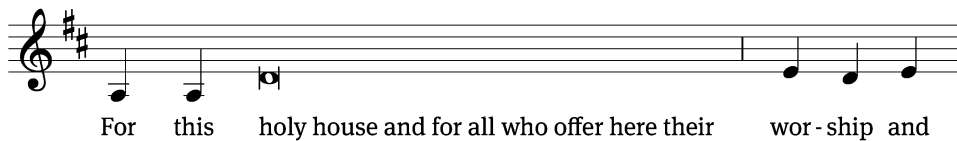
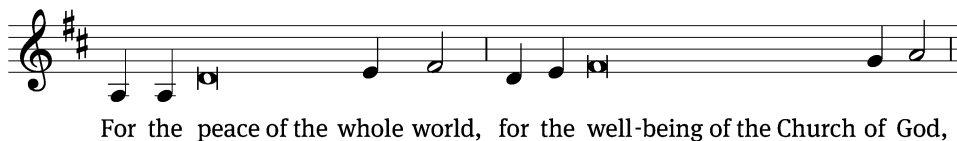
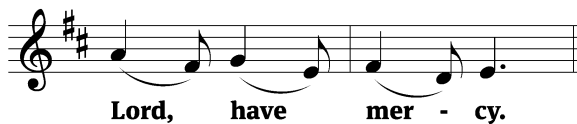
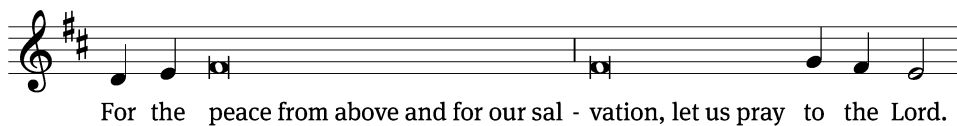
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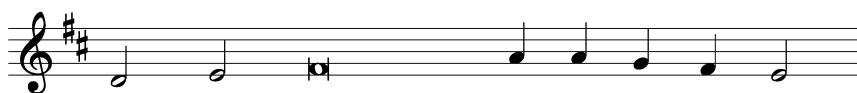
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190





Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men. A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to



God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,



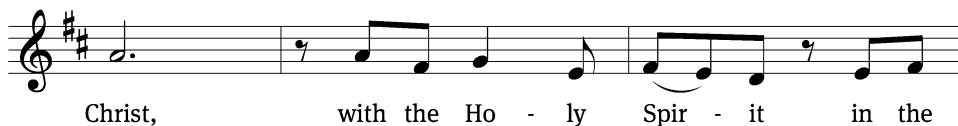
and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to

God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1–13

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I see a king for myself among his sons.”

²Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’

³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will let you know what you are to do. You are to anoint for me the person that I point out to you.”

⁴So Samuel did what the LORD had told him to do and went to Bethlehem. Trembling with fear, the elders of the city came to meet him. They said, “Do you come in peace?”

⁵He said, “Yes, in peace. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” He consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they had come, he looked at Eliab and said, “Certainly this is the LORD's anointed.”

⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at how tall he is, because I have rejected him. For the LORD does not look at things the way man does. For man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.”

⁹Then Jesse had Shammah pass by. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.”

¹⁰Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel. Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Is that all of the young men?”

Jesse said, “There still is the youngest, but he is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him, for we cannot sit down to eat until he comes.”

¹²He sent for him and brought him in. David had red hair and striking eyes, and was good-looking. The LORD said, “Get up! Anoint him, because this is the one.”

¹³So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers. The Spirit of the LORD rushed on David with power from that day forward. After that Samuel set out and returned to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

2A You Are My Son

Refrain



Tone



Why do the / nations rage?

Why do the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers assemble a- / gainst the LORD
and against his A- / noointed One. *Refrain*

He who sits in / heaven laughs;
the Lord / scoffs at them.

Then he addresses them in his anger and frightens them with his fury, / saying,
"I have set my King on Zion, my / holy hill." *Refrain*

I will declare the / LORD's decree:

He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- / gotten you."

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the / Holy Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

Titus 3:4–7

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward mankind appeared, ⁵he saved us—not by righteous works that we did ourselves, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

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Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Luke 3:15–17,21-22

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might be the Christ. ¹⁶John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But someone mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. While he was praying, heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

377 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, the Christ, whom
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— the Son of
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood and John bap -
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, the God from God, the
 God in flesh dis - guised— to stand be - neath the
 tized the Lamb of God, the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 voice with words pro - found: "This is my Son," was



Light from Light, the Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
 Fa - ther's will and all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
 heav'n - ly dove, de - scend - ed on him from a - bove.
 his de - cree, "the one I love, who pleas - es me."

- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight anointed Christ in glorious sight
 as God's own choice, from Adam's fall to save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute! This man is Christ, our substitute!
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream, proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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Sermon Baptism is the Cure for an Identity Crisis Titus 3:4-7

Stand

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 in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Be seated

Good News for Kids

Offering

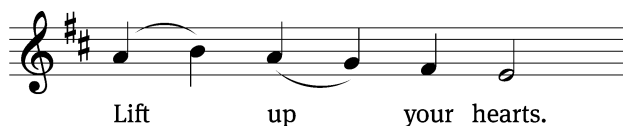
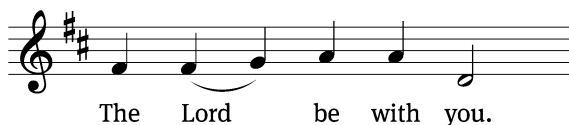
The Sacrament

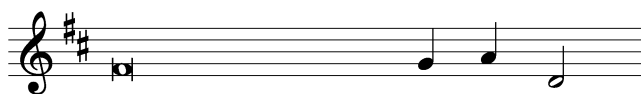
Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns. The Lord's Supper makes a second statement. It says, "We are one in all that we do." We don't know if this type of bond exists with our guests, so we ask that if you are not a member of a WELS or ELS congregation you refrain from the Lord's Supper today and meet personally with our pastor if you desire to receive the sacrament in the future.

Stand

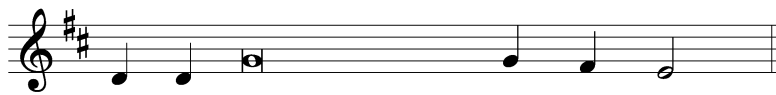
Preface

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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin. We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God

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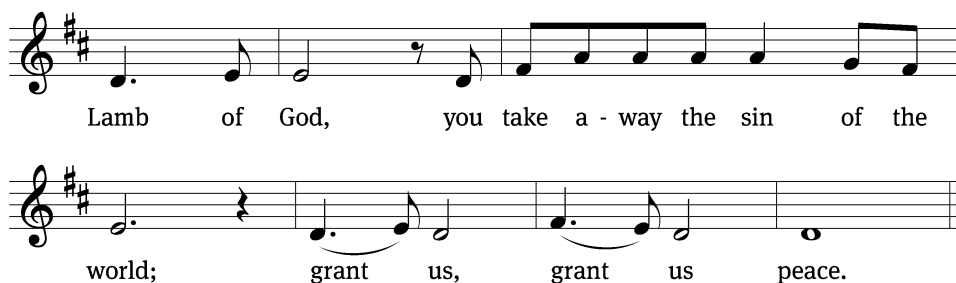


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us.

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world; have mer - cy on us.



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Be seated

Distribution

657 Baptismal Waters Cover Me



- 1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me as I ap -
- 2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, his bod - y
- 3 Lord, may your wound - ed hand im - part your heal - ing
- 4 From your own mouth comes forth a word; your shep - herd
- 5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; my Fa - ther's mer - cy
bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore him
to my bro - ken heart; your love a - lone can
speaks, but you are heard; through him your hand now
hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, for griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
all my sin, my dark - est se - crets from with - in.
form in me a heart that serves you joy - ful - ly.
stretch - es out, for - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.
strong em - brace, with joy I praise him for his grace.

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663 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness; leave be -
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, and with
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure nei - ther
 4 Now I kneel be - fore you low - ly, filled with



hind all gloom and sad - ness. Come in - to the day-light's
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet him, for with words of life im -
 cost nor pain will mea - sure, but the price - less gifts of
 joy most deep and ho - ly, as with trem - bling awe and



splen - dor; there with joy your prais - es ren - der
 mor - tal he is knock - ing at your por - tal.
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
 won - der on your might - y work I pon - der,



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed has this won - drous
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore him, say - ing, as you
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, naught would buy the
 by such mys - ter - y sur - round - ed, depths that no one



sup - per found - ed. He, though reign - ing high and
 there a - dore him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
 ev - er sound - ed. None may dare to pierce un -



ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 ceive you, that I nev - er - more will leave you.
 riv - en, and his blood, for you once giv - en.
 bid - den se - crets that with you are hid - den.

- 5 Human reason, though it ponders, cannot fathom these great wonders,
that Christ's body must be boundless since the souls it feeds are countless,
and that he his blood is giving with the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded are by God alone expounded.
- 6 Lord, by love and mercy driven, you have left your throne in heaven
on the cross for me to languish and to die in bitter anguish,
to forgo all joy and gladness and to shed your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.
- 7 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring, fount of life, my soul inspiring:
at your feet I cry, my maker, let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven for our good, your glory, given.
- 8 Jesus, Lord of life in heaven, help me when this meal is given
to receive it for my blessing as I come, my sins confessing.
In this supper let me measure, Lord, how deep is your love's treasure,
that, as I on earth have eaten, I may be your guest in heaven.

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Stand

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

692 All Who Believe and Are Baptized



1 All who be-lieve and are bap-tized shall see the Lord's sal -
2 With one ac-cord, O God, we pray: grant us your Ho - ly



va - tion; bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, they are a
Spir - it; help us in our in - firm - i - ty through Je - sus'



new cre - a - tion; through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand a -
blood and mer - it; grant us to grow in grace each day that



mong the glo-rious, heav'n-ly band of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
by this sac - ra - ment we may e - ter - nal life in - her - it.

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Welcome to Lincoln Heights!

We are glad you are here today to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please speak with an usher for any help.

Yellow Cards

Please fill out a yellow card and place it in the offering plate when passed. Thank you.

In Our Prayers

The Lord is eager to hear the prayers of thanks and petitions for help from his people. Please keep these members and families in your prayers. Contact Pastor to add someone to this list:

Ukraine

Ray & Gloria Overson, Sherry Just and Randy Michael- shut-ins

Phil Berish, Merle Carter, Larry Borchert, Jeff Overson, Pat Oswald, Makenzie Phippen - health

Lucas Gilman & Karri Pippett, Daniel Pfeifer & Paige Harman, Isaiah Luellen & Andie Schlabach, Caleb Winecke & Makayla Gallentine - engaged couples

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Prepare for Next Sunday

For a simple devotional reading plan, review the readings for this week on Monday through Wednesday. Then read the Scripture for next Sunday on Thursday through Saturday. The Word for next Sunday:

Isaiah 62:1-5, Ephesians 3:14-21, John 2:1-11

Thank You to Today's Helpers

Accompanist: Donna Bakken

Altar Guild: Denise Menzel & Joyce Russell

Counters: Steve Winecke

Ushers 8 am: Jon Schaeffer & Peter Nolte

Next Sunday's Servants

Accompanist: Donna Bakken

Altar Guild: Denise Menzel & Joyce Russell

Counters: Leon Burger & Cassandra Canny

Ushers 8 am: Jon Schaeffer & Peter Nolte

Youth Group Night, Saturday, January 18, 5-7 pm

Lincoln Heights is hosting a youth group night for 7th - 12th grade students. Food and activities will be provided. Youth from Beautiful Savior will join us. Friends are welcome. Contact Pastor Pfeifer with questions.

Voters Meeting and New Member Welcome Meal

The Annual Voters Meeting will be on Sunday, January 26. We will have a modified schedule that day to get in the meeting and the fellowship meal after.

9:00 am Worship (one service only)

10:15 am Annual Voters Meeting and Sunday School

12:00 pm Fellowship Meal

New Member Potluck

The New Member Potluck is being handled by Cyndie Norton's committee. If you are on her committee, expect to hear from her or please contact her about plans for setting up, serving, or cleaning up after the meal.

If you plan to attend the potluck, please bring a main dish. If your last name starts with A-O, please also bring a side dish. If your last name starts with P-Z, please also bring a dessert. Please include a list of ingredients for each dish you bring to assist in avoiding allergy issues.

If you are a new member, you are not asked to bring anything. You are our guests, and we welcome you!

THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

January 12 - 19, 2025

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:00 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:15 am	Basic Bible Christianity
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:30 am	Worship with Communion
	10:30 am	Kunama Worship
Monday	5:15 pm	Church Council
Tuesday	10:00 am	Pastors' Study Club
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Catechism and Bible History
	5:30 pm	Choir
	6:30 pm	Evening Prayer
	6:45 pm	Bible Class
	6:45 pm	Children's Hand Bell Practice
Thursday	10:00 am	Women's Fellowship Group
Saturday	5:00 pm	Youth Group
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
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