



**OAK GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**JANUARY 11, 2026**

**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

**“YOUR LIGHT HAS COME” SETTING (BREWER)**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**  
**IT IS GOOD THAT YOU ARE HERE.**

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.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.  
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

P: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

P: By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

P: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

P: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN: *We Know that Christ is Raised*, LBW 189



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God,  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932  
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## GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

## TRINITARIAN BLESSING

Verses

3 L:In the name of the Fath - er. C:In the  
L:Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. C:Lord, have

5 name of the Fath - er. L:In the name of the Son. C:In the  
mer - cy up - on us. L:Lord, we pray, hear our prayer, C:Lord, we

7 name of the Son. L:In the name ask of the Spir - it. C:In the  
pray, hear our prayer. L:Now we ask your for - give - ness. C:Now we

10 name of the Spir - it. ALL:In the name of the Three-in - One. L:In the  
ask your for-give-ness. ALL:We give thanks for your lov - ing care.

13 name of the Son. L:In the name of the Spir-it. C:In the name of the Spir-it. ALL:In the

16 name of the Three - - - One.

## GLORY TO GOD

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to  
God in the high - est. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to  
God, glo - ry to God in the high - est. Peace on  
earth be to ev - 'ry - one. The light of the world is here!  
Those who have walked in dark - ness now have noth - ing to  
fear.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

L: 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. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors 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.

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **THE WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **FIRST READING: 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.  
The word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God**



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## **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 his 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> **he makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,**  
**and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the  
LORD | shakes the wilderness;  
**the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**
- <sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD makes the | oak trees writhe**  
**and strips the | forests bare.**
- <sup>9</sup> 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 forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup> The LORD shall give strength | to his people;  
the LORD shall give his people the bless- | ing of peace.

**SECOND READING: 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.”

The word of the Lord,

**All: Thanks be to God**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand as you are able*



## GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 3rd chapter.

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

<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.

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

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY: *Baptized in Water*, WOV 693



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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## **OFFERING**

### **NICENE CREED**

**L:** Let us profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**All:** 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was**

**made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 INTERCESSION**

**L:** As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence for reflection.*

**L:** 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,

**All: Receive our prayer.**

**L:** Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. Merciful God,

**All: Receive our prayer.**

L: Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers. Merciful God,

**All: Receive our prayer.**

L: Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to those on our prayer list, comment feed, dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill and especially those we name before you now.

Merciful God,

**All: Receive our prayer.**

L: Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound.

Merciful God,

**All: Receive our prayer.**

L: Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace. Merciful God,

**All: Receive our prayer.**

P: We give you thanks for the people among us who in service to others place their lives in harm's way and when called, lay down their lives for the sake of others. We pray especially for military members, firefighters, law enforcement, emergency responders and their families. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

P: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**All: Amen.**

## PEACE

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

**All: And also with you.**

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

*Greet each other with a sign of peace.*

## OFFERING

### OFFERING OF MUSIC

*Please be seated. The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. Once the Offering has been collected please stand & sing:*

### OFFERING SONG

The musical score for the Offering Song is written on three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Chord markings above the staff are C, em, F, C, F, and em. The lyrics are "Glo-ry to you, Lord, for all comes from you. With each new day, Lord, your". The second staff continues the melody with chord markings dm, G, am, F, dm, em, am, and f#dim. The lyrics are "bless-ings re-new. We lift our vol - ces in your hol - y name, You are e -". The third staff concludes the song with chord markings C/G, g#dim, am, dm, em, am, dm7, and C. The lyrics are "ter - nal, ev-er the same. Use us to tell of your in-fin-ite love. \_\_\_\_\_".

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### PREFACE

The musical score for the Preface of the Great Thanksgiving is written in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics and guitar chords.

Staff 1: L: The Lord be with you. C: And al - so with you. L: Lift

Staff 2: 3 D/F# E A D/F# G G/B D F# b m  
up your hearts to the Lord. Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is

Staff 3: 7 e m G/A D  
right that we give Him our praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Hol - y, hol - y, hol - y — Lord, God of pow-er and might.

5 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est!

9 Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord Ho - san - na in the

13 high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! \_\_\_\_\_

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor

is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us:

**All: 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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*(Please be seated)*

*The practice at Oak Grove is to commune at the rail. When you are ready or have been instructed, please proceed down the side aisle and gather at the rail shoulder by shoulder facing the Altar. If you would prefer an individual cup of wine, please take an empty cup found in the tray at the end of each rail. If you would prefer grape juice, please take an individual cup from the tray that has juice in it already.*

*If you do not take an individual cup, the common cup of wine will be offered to you. Gluten free wafers are available, please request from the Pastor.*



# COMMUNION SONG

## COMMUNION

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen

### POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank - ful hearts and voi - ces now raise, go tell now all that

7 F G A D F C D em  
God has done. Let all who seek the Lord now re-joice and proud - ly

14 G Asus4 A bm A/C# D bm  
bear His name. Send us now Lord with your word so true of

21 em em/A bm em A f#m  
how to earth You came. We glor - i - fy Your hol - y

28 bm Bb C D  
name, for - ev - er and the same.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

## BENEDICTION

Musical notation for the Benediction, featuring a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "The Lord bless and keep you. The Lord cause His face to shine up - on you. The Lord give you His peace both now and for-ev - er - more. A - men. A - men. A - - - men."

Chord symbols are provided above the staff: C/E, A, dm, C/G, G#dim, am, C/G, Bb, am, fm/Ab, C.



## SENDING SONG: *Go, My Children, with my Blessing*, WOV 721



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.  
 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."  
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh

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## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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