

**JANUARY 7, 2024**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*I'm Going on a Journey*



**WEEKLY MILESTONES**

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Talk or reflect on a baptism that you witnessed.
- Do you believe that baptism is a life-changing event? Explain.

**DEVOTIONS**

*Read:* Mark 1:4-11.

Jesus' baptism takes place in the context of a very important scene. John the baptizer is preaching repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Huge crowds are drawn out to the wilderness to listen to John, where he baptizes and cleanses them from their broken lives. It is a time of truth telling that touches many lives. This happens in the wilderness, not in the center of political, economic, or religious powers like Jerusalem. It's a place on the edge, a place of vulnerability where surviving is not easy. Jesus' baptism happens in a life and death setting filled with hope for the future. After his baptism, Jesus sees the heavens torn apart and a divine voice announces Jesus as God's Son and the Beloved (v. 11). In Jesus, God is coming down from heaven to be with us through the Spirit that descended to be with Jesus, and through Jesus, to be with us. Jesus' baptism is the first story in the Gospel, and, therefore, has particular importance. It reveals God coming into our world through Jesus, the Son of God, bringing forgiveness and the promise of the Holy Spirit.

*Discuss:* How has God "come down" into your life?

*Pray:* **Loving God, you who reach out to us through Jesus and his baptism in the wilderness, give us confidence to trust that you have come for us with forgiveness and grace. Amen.**

**SERVICE**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and the theme for this week, how can you help someone who feels alone?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Christian baptism ushers in a new life in Christ that involves daily repentance and forgiveness. To emphasize the daily renewal we experience in baptism, begin the day by making the sign of the cross on your forehead or over your heart and say: **"In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I am a beloved child of God."**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)

## THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

30-35 HOURS/WEEK

**Position  
Opening:  
Custodian**



Full job description and applications are available on our website or in the church office.

**NEW MEMBER  
RECOGNITION**

**New Member orientation is  
Wednesday, January 17 at 5:15 p.m.**

If you are interested in attending please contact Twila in the church office at (605) 886-2696. *New Members will be recognized during worship services on January 17, 20 & 21.*

**CRAFT  
NIGHT**

*Winter  
Wonderland  
Vase*



**Tuesday, Jan. 23  
at 6:30pm \$15**

SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER

**JANUARY CIRCLES &  
BIBLE STUDY**

• Martha Circle will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, in the Gathering Space

• Priscilla Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, in the Gathering Space.



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

**We are collecting baby  
care kits in January.**

Instructions can be found at the Welcome Center or in the church office.



**JANUARY MISSION  
OF THE MONTH**

Nicaragua Partner Ministry & Nicaragua Youth Retreat

Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month. Thank you!



**ANNUAL  
MEETING**

OF THE CONGREGATION  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 | 10:30AM**

**Luther League** 7-12 Grade  
**2.0**  
See your January newsletter for more information!  
*Sunday Nights at 6pm*

**Junction  
Youth Group**  
1st-4th Graders

This month we will meet on **Monday, January 8 from 6-7:30 p.m.** for fellowship, snacks, crafts & more!

**MEETS THE 1ST MONDAY  
OF EACH MONTH**



**SALVATION ARMY  
DONATIONS**

**Cream Soup & Canned Tuna**

As you go grocery shopping, please consider picking up a couple extras to donate. Drop these items off at LCOOR and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



**Sunday January 7**

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
 8:30 a.m. Church School  
 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan  
 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship w/ Holy Communion  
 6:00 p.m. Luther League 2.0 (7-12th Grade)

**Monday January 8**

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
 2:00 p.m. Martha Circle  
 6:00 p.m. Junction Youth Group (1-4 Grade)  
 6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

**Tuesday January 9**

11:00 a.m. Text Study  
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Executive Committee  
 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

**Wednesday January 10**

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
 9:30 a.m. Priscilla Circle  
 12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch  
 4:45 p.m. Community Meal- Chicken Alfredo  
 5:30 p.m. Church School  
 5:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan

6:30 p.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion  
 7:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation  
 7:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday January 11**

10:00 a.m. BeFrienders Gathering  
 1:15 p.m. Chair Yoga  
 5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

**Friday January 12**

*Church Office Closes at Noon*  
 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

**Saturday January 13**

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

**Sunday January 14**

8:30 a.m. Church School  
 8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan  
 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship  
 6:00 p.m. Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)  
 7:00 p.m. Youth Music Team Practice

**Attendance & Offering**

December 24 Live Stream- 9:30: 54;  
 5:30: 150  
 Saturday, December 30- 51  
 Sunday, December 31- 160  
 Wednesday, January 3- 145  
Offering (12/31):  
 General Fund: \$8,996; Other: \$825;  
 Mission of the Month: \$127.92;  
 Debt Reduction: \$20; Christmas: \$60;  
Simply Giving Offering (12/25-12/29):  
 General Fund: \$4,541.93;  
 Debt Reduction: \$130; Other: \$436.31;  
 Mission of the Month: \$30;

**Staff**

Senior Pastor  
 Dan Overbo  
 Associate Pastor  
 Laura Overbo  
 Welcoming & Caring Ministries  
 Twila Schmitt  
 Director of Faith Formation  
 Philip Lickei  
 Business Manager  
 Jodi Spilde  
 Business Administrative Assistant  
 Megan Thyen  
 Preschool  
 Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher  
 Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional  
 Sound & Technology  
 Zach Stanton

**JANUARY 7, 2024  
 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

*God reaches out to us through Jesus.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 1:4-11</b>	<b>The baptism of Jesus</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Genesis 1:1-5</b>	<b>God creates light</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Acts 19:1-7</b>	<b>Paul baptizes in Ephesus</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Matthew 28:16-20</b>	<b>The commissioning of the disciples</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Psalms 145:14-21</b>	<b>The Lord is kind and merciful</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 John 3:11-24</b>	<b>Love one another</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 29</b>	<b>The voice of God in the storm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 1:43-51</b>	<b>Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*And just as he [Jesus] was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.*

**Mark 1:10 (NRSV)**

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

God of heaven and earth, we thank you for reaching out to us through Jesus' baptism so that your Spirit may rest on all of us with forgiveness and grace. Amen.

**Mealtimes Prayer:**

Dear God, you care for all that you create. We thank you for your power and glory that provides us food from the earth so that we may live in peace. Amen. (Psalm 29)

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the Holy Spirit bless you as God's beloved child.





## Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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<https://www.youtube.com/@LutheranChurchofOurRedeemer>



### Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday January 7, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Today we remember our mission.

**We are making God known through word & deed.**

By a descending dove, God revealed Jesus, God's only son, affirming that

**We are one in Christ.**

Just as Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, we are baptized in his name, confirming that

**We are one in Christ.**

We celebrate the one baptism of our Lord, and our one baptism as children of God, for

**We are one in Christ. Let us worship God, revealed in Christ, who binds us together in love.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Silence is kept for reflection)*

God, our rock and refuge,

**we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

**Amen.**

## Opening Song

"Forever"

Give thanks to the Lord Our God and King His love endures forever

For He is good He is above all things His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand And an outstretched arm His love endures forever

For the life that's been reborn His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise Sing praise sing praise

(Chorus) Forever God is faithful Forever God is strong Forever God is with us Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever And by the grace of God

We will carry on His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise Sing praise sing praise (Chorus x2)

## Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie

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## Canticle of Praise

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters.**

**Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus**

**Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and**

**forever. Amen.**

## First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty 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 powerful 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 cedars 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 wilderness 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 above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore. <sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” <sup>3</sup>Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” <sup>4</sup>Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Children’s Church

### Gospel Acclamation

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

#302 vs. 1-3

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4-11

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

“Cross of Christ Forever”

Pastor Dan Overbo

## Hymn of the Day

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

WOV #646

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Born a king on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown him again;  
king forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, gladly raising, worshiping God Most High.

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
prayer and praising, gladly raising, worshiping God Most High.

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;  
heav'n sings alleluia; alleluia the earth replies.

Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

**Aria Margaret Barse & Brooke Kay Barse**

*Daughters of Adam & Jen Barse*

*Sponsors: Shane & Christine Huempfer*

## Prayer Song

“Holy Spirit”

Holy Spirit You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere

Your glory God is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

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## Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/III: *Jessica Fischer, Ashlea West, Mark Mandery, Kevin Stark, Ric Holmquest, Jack Pereira,  
Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler,  
Matt Schlaht-Friend of Rachel & Jesse Hauck, Merry Lemke,*

Baptism: *Dawson Marquardt, Aria Barse, Brooke Barse*

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Your glory God is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your Presence Lord Your Presence Lord

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## Offering

*Text to Give: 605-250-6765 or Scan the QR code located in the pew*  
*Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month:*  
**Nicaragua Partner Ministry & Nicaragua Youth Retreat**



## Offertory Response

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

#185

## Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

## Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Announcements

## Blessing

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ☩ bless you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song

“Jesus Messiah”

He became sin who knew no sin That we might become His righteousness

He humbled Himself and carried the cross Love so amazing love so amazing

(Chorus) Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel

The Rescue for sinners The Ransom from heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine Broken and poured out all for love

The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn Love so amazing love so amazing (chorus)

All our hope is in You All our hope is in You All the glory to You God The Light of the world (chorus)

Jesus Messiah Lord of all The Lord of all The Lord of all

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## Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please share the peace, as well as your name when you leave today.

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## Serving This Morning

**Preaching:** Pastor Dan Overbo; **Sound & Projection:** Zach Stanton; **Worship Team;** **Ushers:** Darwin Brinkman,

Bob & Dawn Johnson; **Communion Assistants:** Chris Chandler, Codi Martin, Tammy Davis, Ron & Liana

Foltz, Lynn Langner; **Coffee Servers:** Doug & Shelly Alvine; **Welcome Center:** Lynn Langner;

**Lector:** Kole Muller; **Blessing Assistant:** Kaitlyn Stimson;

*Altar Flowers are given To The Glory of God*

\*This worship service is livestreamed on YouTube and the LCOOR Facebook page.