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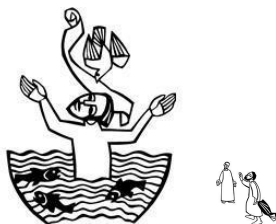
Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2026– 10:00 a.m.

Live streaming on Facebook and YouTube (Trinity LutheranSparta)

Our worship service will also be recorded

and will be available on our website www.tlcsparta.org



Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Ring of the bell

Bell Choir

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

***Opening Hymn: Shall We Gather at the River**

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***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.

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and

**sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen**

Children's Sermon

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ 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.

² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

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 upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ 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,

⁷ 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 idols.
⁹ 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.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 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.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

***Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, 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 it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized* ELW 304

APOSTLES CREED

**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

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.

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,

receive our prayer.

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,

receive our prayer.

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,

receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

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,

receive our prayer.

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,

receive our prayer.

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.

Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you

Offering – “*When they were filled, He said to His disciples, ‘Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost.’*” (John 6:12)

***Offertory:** *We Are an Offering*

***Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

***The 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.

***Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the poor.

Thanks be to God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Decorating Team will be taking down Christmas decorations on
Monday,

January 12th at 9 a.m.

If you can help, please show up on that day and time. If you have any
questions, please call Marie Grewal at
608-269-6457.



1/11	9:00 am	Worship - Bell Choir
	Following Worship	Fellowship – Mary Circle
	10:00 am	4G – Youth Room
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Pastor's Bible Study
	Following Worship	TLCW Meeting
1/18	9:00 am	Worship with Communion
	Following Worship	Fellowship – Shalom Circle
	10:00 am	4G – Youth Room
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Pastor's Bible Study
1/25	9:00 am	Worship
	Following Worship	Fellowship – Council
	10:00 am	4G – Youth Room
	10:00 am	Sunday School
		ANNUAL MEETING

This Week

at Trinity...

1/12	9:00 am	Church Decorating Committee
	6:30 pm	Troop 67 - FH
	7:00 pm	CODA - HR
1/13	6:30 pm	Council Meeting - SR
1/14	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast – Sparta Family Restaurant
	10:00 am	Food Pantry Volunteers
	1:45 pm	Morrow Home Worship w/Communion
	2:00 pm	Doors Open
	5:30 pm	AAW Meal
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	6:45 pm	Faith Formation - FH
	7:00 pm	Alleluia Choir
1/15	5:00 pm	Ladles of Love -FH
	6:30 pm	CODA - HR
1/18	9:00 am	Worship – w/communion, Communion for homebound, Loose change offering
	Following Worship	Fellowship – Shalom Circle
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Pastor's Bible Study
	10:00 am	4G – Youth Room

Attendance for Sunday, January 4 - 98

<u>January 11, 2026</u>	<u>January 18, 2026</u>
Greeters: Jim & Barb Moorhead	Greeters: Carol & Dennis Glaman
Reader: Mark Baltz	Reader: Doug Dengel
No Communion:	Communion: Dennis & Carol Glaman, Brenda Zwiefel
Music: Adell Morton	Music: Virginia Bolin
Coffee Fellowship: Mary Circle	Coffee Fellowship: Shalom Circle
Flower Pick Up – Month of Jan.: Gary & Carol Haskins	Flower Pick Up – Month of Jan.: Gary & Carol Haskins
Pew Restocking – Month of Jan: Bonnie Amundson	Pew Restocking – Month of Jan: Bonnie Amundson
Money Counting – January 12: Karen Wall, Nancy Oswald, Gail Baltz	Money Counting – Jan. 19 – Audrey Zebell, Bill McClain, Les Stanley
Altar Team – Jan. 11: Diane Dammen	Altar Team – Jan. 18: Diane Dammen, Siri Donskey
Food Pantry: Jan. 14: Julie Erickson, Karen Hernandez	Food Pantry: Jan 21: Sheila Abbott, Mary Herrman Jan. 22: Sharon Nelson, Sue Rettler
Nursing Home Bulletin Delivery Jan 9.: Morrow Home: Connie Jerome Rolling Hills: Alice Olson	Nursing Home Bulletin Delivery Jan. 16: Morrow Home: Ron & Pauline Haug Rolling Hills: Jonelle Intihar