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*Sunday, January 4, 2026
Second Sunday after Christmas
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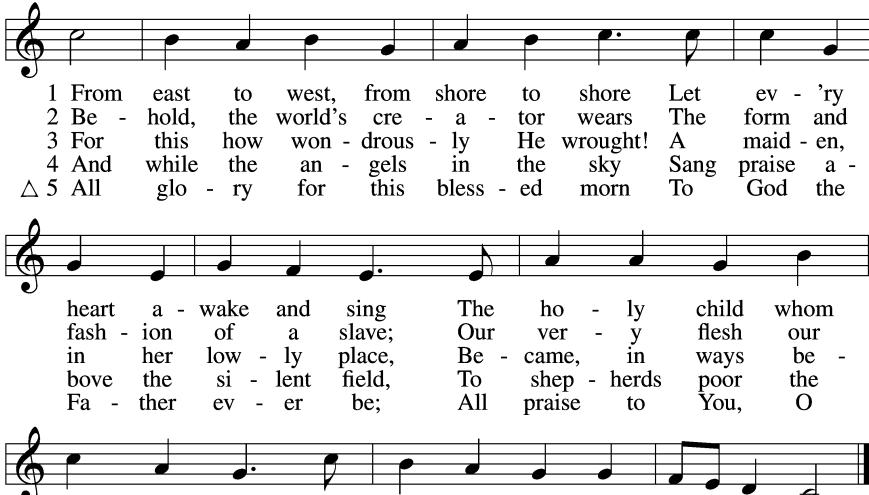
WELCOME & GREETINGS

FELLOWSHIP FORMS

OPENING HYMN

From East to West

LSB #385



1 From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev - 'ry
2 Be - hold, the world's cre - a - tor wears The form and
3 For this how won - drous - ly He wrought! A maid - en,
4 And while the an - gels in the sky Sang praise a -
△ 5 All glo - ry for this bless - ed morn To God the

heart a - wake and sing The ho - ly child whom
fash - ion of a slave; Our ver - y flesh our
in her low - ly place, Be - came, in ways be -
bove the si - lent field, To shep - herds poor the
Fa - ther ev - er be; All praise to You, O

Mar - y bore, The Christ, the ev - er - last - ing king.
mak - er shares, His fall - en crea - tures all to save.
yond all thought, The cho - sen ves - sel of His grace.
Lord Most High, The one great Shep - herd, was re - vealed.
Vir - gin - born, And Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 8:1, 4–6

P: Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes,

C: **to still the enemy and the avenger.**

P: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

C: **You have set your glory above the heavens.**

P: What is man that you are mindful of him,

C: **and the son of man that you care for him?**

P: Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

C: **and crowned him with glory and honor.**

P: You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

C: **you have put all things under his feet.**

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

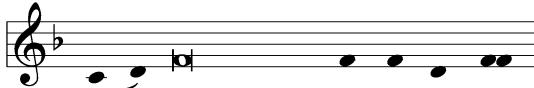
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Kyrie

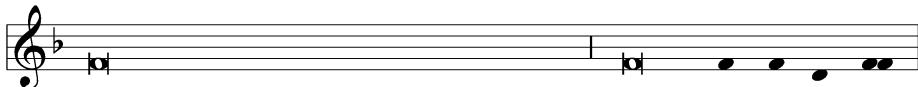
LSB 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



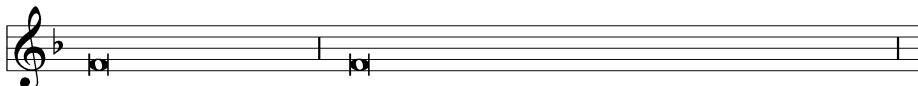
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



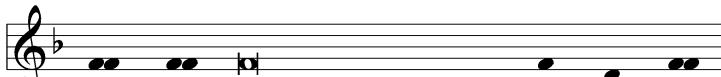
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 46:1–7

¹So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. ²And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, “Jacob, Jacob.” And he said, “Here am I.” ³Then he said, “I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. ⁴I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph’s hand shall close your eyes.”

⁵Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. ⁶They also took their livestock and their

goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, ⁷his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Peter 4:12–19

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13–23

¹³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah,
 weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
 she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
 and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN

I Walk in Danger All the Way

LSB # 716



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way. The thought shall nev - er
2 I pass through tri - als all the way, With sin and ills con -
3 And death pur - sues me all the way, No - where I rest se -
4 I walk with an - gels all the way, They shield me and be -

leave me That Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, Is
tend - ing; In pa - tience I must bear each day The
cure - ly; He comes by night, he comes by day, He
friend me; All Sa - tan's pow'r is held at bay When

plot - ting to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares
cross of God's own send - ing. When in ad - ver - si - ty
takes his prey most sure - ly. A fail - ing breath, and I
heav'n - ly hosts at - tend me; They are my sure de - fense,

May seize me un - a - wares If I should fail to
I know not where to flee, When storms of woe my
In death's strong grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni -
All fear and sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do



5 I walk with Jesus all the way,
 His guidance never fails me;
 Within His wounds I find a stay
 When Satan's pow'r assails me;
 And by His footsteps led,
 My path I safely tread.
 No evil leads my soul astray;
 I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;
 Await, my soul, the morrow,
 When God's good healing shall allay
 All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.
 Then, worldly pomp, begone!
 To heav'n I now press on.
 For all the world I would not stay;
 My walk is heav'nward all the way.

SERMON

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have restored Your divine image to mankind. In Holy Baptism, You give that image to us. Give us joy in our adoption as Your sons and daughters. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, bless the work of pastors and missionaries. Bring forth Your harvest from the seeds they sow. Support those who endure fiery trials for Your name. As they shine the light of the Gospel into hostile darkness, guard them with the sign of Your cross. Let them rejoice that in tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril or sword, they share in Your very sufferings. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, You prepared a place for Your Son, Jesus, in the womb of the Virgin Mary and in the home of Mary and Joseph. Bless our homes and all who dwell in them, that Your Word would be heard, and Your mercy be shown therein. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious Lord, uphold Donald, our president; *our* governor; and all our leaders. Direct their work toward the common good of all people as found in God's Law written on our hearts and in Your righteous decrees — especially to protect the unborn and those who cannot speak for themselves. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Father, You promise to be near to the brokenhearted and to save the crushed in spirit. Look with compassion on the sick and suffering *[especially _____]*. Grant that they would cry out to You in their trouble and be delivered from their distress, according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, give grace to all who approach Your holy altar today, that they would receive this sacramental mystery worthily, the New Testament of our divine Redeemer, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, grant us strength in times of trial and perseverance in grace during the day of trouble. Especially care for all who are persecuted for the sake of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord God, heavenly Father, You allowed Your Son, Jesus Christ, to become a stranger and sojourner in Egypt for our sake and led Him safely home to His fatherland. Mercifully grant that we poor sinners, who are strangers and sojourners in this perilous world, may soon be called home to our true fatherland, the kingdom of heaven, where we shall live in eternal joy and glory; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: Amen.

OFFERING

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB # 685



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,

sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot-steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor-tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem-bers;

Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence

hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,

Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

POSTLUDE

WE GIVE THANKS & PRAISE TO GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS: We ask for beneficial rains and the safety of all travelers.

Anniversary: **Dean & Cathy Nutt (28yrs), Jeff & Chandra Boeka (41yrs)**
And Rusty & Deedra DeGarmo (20 yrs)

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S COMFORT for the family of Robert Reigan at his graduation to heaven.

***WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING TOUCH:** ***WE PRAY** for those who struggle with chronic conditions or effects of aging; **Art Little**, father of Mark & Vicki Goforth; **Lanny Moore**; **Jean Niedan**; **Paul Wathen**, Brother-in-Law of David & Shirley Steele; **Rose McNulty**; **Don Richert**; **Mildred Gurkin**.

***WE PRAY for those who battle cancer:** **Brenda Ott**, daughter of Loren & Mary Babcock; **Matt Moorhead**, friend of the Huebner's; **Erin**, Mark Cullinan's sister; **Lori Potter**, Lisa Parish's sister; **Richard Smith**, friend of Bonnie Van Cura; **Holly**, Janelle Onderkirk's sister in law; **Bruce Tiedeman**; **Kate Mohr**, daughter of Chris & Bruce Reinboth; **Holly Roesser**, friend of Kerrin Tallmon; **Jeff Crymble**, friend of the Parish's; **Gail Warren**; **Keary Ryan**; **Rachelle Kowalski**; **Deb Murdock**; **Beth Janecek**; **John Browers**; **Pat Hoagland**; **Lana Gibbs**; **Vickie Kauffold**.

***WE PRAY** for those with a variety of health concerns: **Pastor Stubenrouch**; **Annie Wilcox's father**, he had a stroke; **Vern Lantis**, brother -in-law of Sharon Lantis; **Robert Stevenson**, friend of Bonnie VanCura; **Heather Axtell**, friend of Bonnie Van Cura; **Byron Fritz**; **Angela Richards**, friend of Gena and Mark Cullinan; **Bret Skiles**, Son of Denise and Duane Skiles; **Carol Mahnken**; **Shirley Nielson**; **Dennis Young**; **Jeanne Brott**; **Lavonne Fleer**, Aunt of Raegan Anderson; **Harlan Grunden**, Uncle of Raegan Anderson; **Tom P**; **Shelley Kleewein**; **Mike DeBolt**, family of Bonnie Van Cura; **Max Wallace**; **Brian Mahler**; **Hayden & Landon**, friends of the Babcock's; **Kylar Smith**; **Marie Gordon**; **Connie Langhofer**; **Brian McFarland**; **Rick Heglin**; **Mike Waggener**; **Mary DeRiese**.

***WE PRAY** for our expectant mothers and the children they carry.

***WE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES OR MISSION PROJECTS:**

***WE PRAY** that we would be deliberate sharers of Jesus' word, grace, and love.

WE PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL PETITIONS:

***WE PRAY for the LCMS**, Synod President Harrison, and District President Snow & other officers of our Synod.

***WE PRAY for** Pastor Hahn, Church leaders and Vacancy Pastors.

***WE PRAY** for our nation and its leaders and the men and women serving in our military: **Jordan Harris**, US Army in Colorado Springs; **Bailey Hutton**, US Army in Fort Hood, Tx; **Jed Wiley**, US Army; **Colton Hughes**, US Navy; **Mitchell Parish**, US Army; **Matthew Russell**, US Marine Corp.; **Benjamin Reehl**, US Army; **D. Logan Miles**, US Marines, MSAU, Quantico, VA.

Happening this month:

January 4th 9:45 Bible Study
 10am Sunday School
 11am Worship Service

January 6th 8am Men's Bible Study
 1:30pm Ladies Bible Study
 3:00pm Linden Court Service
 5:30pm Dinner
 6:30 Worship Service

January 8th 1pm LWML Afternoon Circle

January 10th 9am Un-decorating the church

January 11th 9:45am Bible Study
 10am Board of Ed Meeting
 11am Worship Service- Communion
 LWML Officers Installation

January 12th 4pm LWML Ex. Board
 5pm LWML Evening Circle
 7pm Elder's Board Meeting

January 13th 8am Men's Bible Study
 10am Book Club
 1:30pm Ladies Bible Study
 5:30pm Dinner
 6:30 Worship Service

January 15th 1:30pm Book Club

January 18th 9:45am Bible Study
 10am Sunday School
 11am Worship Service-
 2pm Church Council

January 19th 5:30pm BOOM Meeting
 7pm Trustee Meeting

January 20th 8am Men's Bible Study
 1:30pm Ladies Bible Study
 5:30pm Dinner
 6:30 Worship Service



We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 10th at 9am., please come join us.

Tree of Love

Donations will go to 3 local food pantries:
Salvation Army
Grace Ministries
NP High School

- *Take an envelope off the tree,
- *Take out the candy cane and
- *Put your donation in the envelope in the box under the tree.



We will collect donations through the month of December

Thank you for donating to these very needed food pantries.

Thank you for all of your prayers, gifts, cards, goodies and Christmas blessings. It is an honor and privilege to help with your vacancy. God's peace in the New Year. Darla and Pastor John.

LWML Registration and Dues for 2026: Envelopes will be available on the LWML table for ladies wishing to join LWML in the coming year. Registration will continue through January, and new information booklets will be completed in February. Dues are \$3.00 plus \$7.50 for quarterly, if desired.

LWML MISSION OUTREACH: There is no question Jesus had plenty to do while here on earth, but he gave us a great example of putting first things first. One day Jesus spent until well after sundown healing people in Capernaum, yet He rose early the next morning and went alone to a place to pray privately to His Heavenly Father. Make it your priority each day to spend quiet time with God— (New Year's resolution?)

LWML Prayer Partners: If you did not attend the December LWML Quarterly Meeting, you missed a chance to choose a "Prayer Partner" for 2026. Contact Lisa Parish to participate.



"Knowing and Being Known in a New Year"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

God invites us to speak with Him in prayer and hear from Him in the Bible, to know Him and to love as we are loved. John 17:3

In Service to the Lord

Organist: Sherry Roehrs

Reader:

Elders: Rod Christmann, Jeff Boeka, Larry Wallace & Jim Parish

Ushers : Leroy Gellerman, Bob Lantis, Charles Boettcher & Allen Huff

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>1 Yr. Ago</u>
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Christmas Eve	218	215
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Christmas Day	38	13
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December 28 th	86	97
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Offering

General Fund	\$8,1047.25	\$ 6,494.00
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Synodical Mission	\$ 0.00	\$.00
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Sunday School	\$ 0.00	\$.00
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Dedicated Others	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,000.00
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Budgeted Expense Needed Monthly for 2026	\$ 39,115.22
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Year to Date Income ending December 2025	\$ 291,083.11
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Year to Date Expenses ending December 2025	\$ 280,717.39
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Bible Lesson for Sunday January 11th

Series A Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Romans 6:1- 11 Matthew 3:13-17

1-yr Series Joshua 3:1-17 or Isaiah 42:1-7 Psalm 85

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 3:13-17

*Pastor John follows Series A. Pastor Peterson follows the 1yr Series

Each Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church (BSLC) Member is:
Beautifully Saved to Lead to Christ

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ we take immense joy in welcoming you to our worship service today!

If you are a **visitor**, please complete the attendance form in your pew or fill out a Welcome Card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. **We are glad the Lord led you here today!**

We ask all attending **members** to complete the attendance form as it helps us track attendance for our computer records. There is an opportunity on the Welcome card to make us aware of your prayer request.

***Assisted listening devices are available for those who need them.**

**** A nursery is available for small children.**