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PAUL'S
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**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
JANUARY 11 2026, 9:30 AM**

As a courtesy to others, please silence your cell phone.

We ask your prayers for: The family of Nancy Bruck, Helen, David, Sherrie, Nancy, Pat, Sharon, Ken, Candace, Lori, Debi, Nevitt, James, Avery, Pamela, Connie, Linda, Anne, Kim, and Ella.

And for those serving in the Armed Forces and Diplomatic Corps of our Country:
David Craddock, John Sampson, Brett Griffin, Zachary Falter, and Isabel Steen Falter.

See list of Birthdays in the weekly email.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer—Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer—Church of the Epiphany, Urbana; and Budget Committee.

The Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God.

SERVING TODAY - 1/11/26 - 9:30AM		SERVING NEXT SUN. - 1/18/26 - 9:30AM	
Altar Guild	Barbara O'Hara Dana Cunningham	Altar Guild	Ellen Walters Paul T.
Reader	Laura Walters Mary Beth Coker	Reader	Mary Ellen Foster Charlie Campbell
Ushers	Margaret Sampson Diane Labrie	Ushers	Linda Miller Jeff Baldrige

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Movie Night - Thursday, January 22

The American President (1995) - Directed by Rob Reiner, starring Michael Douglas, Martin Sheen, Annette Bening, Michael J. Fox and Richard Dreyfuss is a love story within the political arena. It holds up today as well as it did 30 years ago. Join us for light dinner at 6:00 PM, movie at 6:30 and popcorn throughout.

PRELUDE: SCHMÜCKE DICH, O LIEBE SEELE (DECK THYSELF, MY SOUL, WITH GLADNESS)
J.S. Bach

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL: HYMN #616 Hail to the Lord's Anointed *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE, HYMN #135, verses 1 & 3 only

Salzburg

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**
Please be seated.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 42:1-9

A Reading from Isaiah

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.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed

until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
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:
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,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: PSALM 29 (*SPOKEN RESPONSIVELY BY ALL*)

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his 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 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.**

9 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 for evermore.**

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SECOND READING: ACTS 10:34-43

A Reading from Acts

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if able.

GOSPEL PROCESSION: HYMN #76 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry *Winchester New*

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:13-17

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” 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. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

THE REV. JEAN VARGO

SILENT REFLECTION

Please stand if able.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - From the book "*Hear Our Prayer*"

After each petition the people respond with "***Hear Our Prayer***".

Please stand or kneel if able.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC: HYMN #141 IN LEVAS

Shall We Gather at the River

Please stand if able.

HYMN #493, vs. 1-3, O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer for Advent, Christmas & Epiphany
(from Evangelical Lutheran Worship Augsburg Fortress 2006)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed our joy, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise to you, gracious God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will make all things new. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Please stand or kneel if able.

SANCTUS, Hymnal #S125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise made to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Our Lord Jesus Christ 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, Jesus 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."

With this bread and cup we remember your Word, Jesus Christ, dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in Christ's death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Blessing, praise and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER, BCP 364

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *BCP 364*

FRACTION ANTHEM: HYMNAL #37 FROM ENRICHING OUR MUSIC 1

A - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us

keep the feast. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION MUSIC: HYMN #339 Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness *Schmucke dich*

Please stand or kneel if able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

RECESSIONAL: HYMN #569 God the Omnipotent!

Russia

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: ALLEIN GOTT IN HER HÖH' SEI HER (ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH)

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WELCOME!

We're glad you're here today! Your presence with us is a blessing. We invite you to participate in worship, say the prayers, sing the songs, and introduce yourself. You'll find a visitor card in the pew rack in front of you. We're so excited to meet you.

WORSHIP TIMES

9:30 am - Worship Service with Hymns

Office hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday

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Junior Warden (*term expires 2026*)- Joe Cairo

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