



GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

GROWING IN OUR SAVIOR

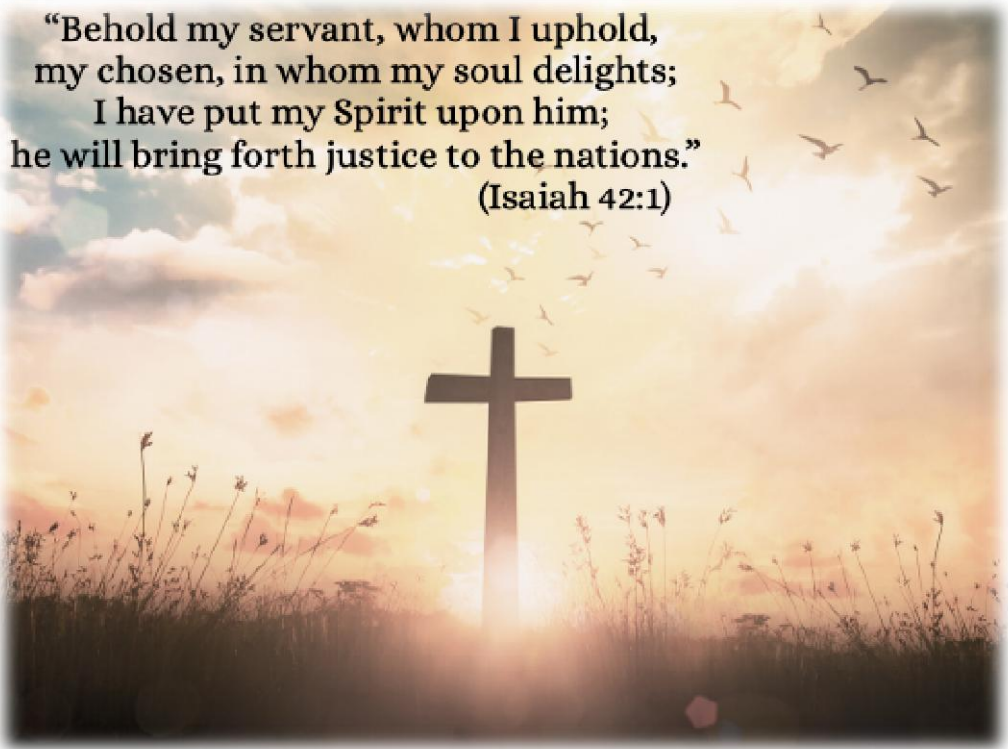
GOING OUT TO SHARE HIS LOVE

JANUARY 11, 2026

10:00AM

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

**“Behold 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.”  
(Isaiah 42:1)**



## Opening Song

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

**C Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Sharing in the Peace

*(People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).)*

## Worship Songs

<sup>1</sup>Behold 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 aloud or lift up his voice,  
 or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
 and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
 till he has established justice in the earth;  
 and the coastlands wait for his law.  
<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 on it  
 and spirit to those who walk in it:  
<sup>6</sup>"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
 I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
 I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
 a light for 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 carved idols.  
<sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
 and new things I now declare;  
 before they spring forth  
 I tell you of them."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

*<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

*<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13–17

*<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, 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 thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Sermon

Vicar Mark Chaffee

Prayer of the Church

## Offering

### Offertory

#### **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (LSB 805)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### **Lord's Prayer**

#### **The Words of Our Lord**

C Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **Pax Domini**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

### **Distribution**

**Communion Hymns:** Brown 400, LSB 405, Brown 369

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.  
C We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.  
C Amen.

Closing Hymn

739 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;  
2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
When my life is al - most gone,  
And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.  
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.  
At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.  
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.  
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

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Dismissal

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
C Thanks be to God.

### Announcements

Preparing for Holy Communion: The Bible teaches us that we need to examine ourselves before coming to the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11: (I Cor11:23-31). Please examine yourself with these four questions. 1. Are you sorry for your sins? (I John 1:8) 2. Do you believe that Jesus is your Savior who forgives all your sins? (I Timothy 1:15) 3. Are you determined to live a holy life? (Ephesians 2:10) 4. Do you believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, thus you receive all four elements? (Matthew 26:26-28)

**Nominees:** The following people have agreed to be nominated for positions on the Church Council: for Council Secretary and Trustee: Greg Schoonmaker for Council Financial Officer and Trustee: Jeremy Noble for Council Member-at-Large: Joe Lenge and Mikel Irmer (two candidates for one open position). Look for more information about these candidates next week. Elections will be held at the January 25th Voters Assembly.

**The Decorations Committee** extends a heartfelt thank you to the many helping hands that made light work of cleaning, decorating and beautifying our sanctuary with poinsettias and other spaces this Christmas season. We so appreciate your time and teamwork! Truly, we gathered and worshipped in a warm, welcoming and festively decorated building. What a blessing! We sure enjoyed it and hope you did, too!

**Night To Shine**, a prom for people with disabilities, will be held at Our Savior's on February 13th. . All volunteers who will be at Night To Shine are expected to attend a training session. We still need NTS volunteers, especially buddies to accompany our NTS guests. Sign up on line through our church website ([oslalbany.org](http://oslalbany.org)). You may also provide financial support for Night to Shine by sponsoring one or more of our guests at \$60/guest. Donate through our church website or by using a special offering envelope and marking it "Night To Shine." One generous donor has offered to match any sponsorship gifts up to \$1000.

**Grief Share:** If you need help dealing with grief, consider participating in Grief Share, a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through these thirteen sessions, you will discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. The Grief Share group will meet on Sunday afternoons, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the church office conference room. Contact Cathy Kilpatrick

**Resolutions:** In January and February gyms are filled with people who have resolved to get in shape, but their numbers decline significantly as the year progresses. Here are a few suggested resolutions designed to help us get in spiritual shape. With God's help, may we keep these resolutions throughout this new year.

**1)Grow in the Word:** Read God's Word daily and participate in a group Bible study: Sunday morning Bible Class meets in the Fellowship Room at 9 a.m. This class is beginning a five session study of the book of Numbers, an account of God's guidance and provision for His people on route to the Promised Land. A Women's Bible Class led by Cheryl Pangburn meets in the parsonage on Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. and a Men's Bible Fellowship meets in the Fellowship Room on Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m. Both of these Bible study groups are currently discussing the spiritual disciplines that are foundational to discipleship. Consider participating in these opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship

**2)Grow in Prayer:** In addition to times of prayer throughout the day, join others in Prayer Gatherings led by our Elders and held in the Prayer Chapel, 7-8 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month. If you are unable to come in person, you may participate via Zoom on a link provided by Vicar Mark

**3)Grow in Service:** Use your God-given gifts to serve others: sing in the choir, assist with ushering, help with the coffee hour and fellowship meals, teach or assist with Sunday School and Bible Class, volunteer to help with Night To Shine. Call Linda in the church office for the names of people to contact in these areas of service.

**Hey Parents and Guardians!** Are you looking for something fun for your children to do during February break? How about signing them up for *an Epic Australian Adventure Vacation Bible Camp at Bethlehem Lutheran Church?* February 17-20, 2026 (Tuesday thru Friday) Open to Children in Preschool (age 4) thru 5th Grade. Choose from the Enrichment Program from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, the Epic Australian Vacation Bible Camp from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, or have them stay all day from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. They need to bring a lunch for the all-day program. Then enjoy a celebration for families on Friday from 4:15 pm to 5:00 pm.

How much does this cost? \$20 per child for either half day program. \$35 per child for four full days of fun! How do I sign up? Registration will be available online starting January 1, 2026 at [blcdelmar.com/sonshine](http://blcdelmar.com/sonshine)



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**Pastor Patrick Singh** is serving as part time vacancy pastor at Our Savior's, providing pastoral care and leadership in cooperation with Vicar Mark. You may contact Pastor Singh by email: [patrick204642003@yahoo.com](mailto:patrick204642003@yahoo.com) or by cell phone (917/254-2597) if you wish to talk or schedule a time to meet with him.

### **PRAYER NEEDS**

**Healing:** Christine Baird, Barbara Bruso, Fred Dignon, Kathy Hawley, Phyllis Lubiniecki, Barbara MacGowan, Patty Marshall, Jennifer Noble, George Swint, Eric Unright, Dave Wolcott, Al & Helen Walck, Joan & Walter Weis, Lori & Peter Whitehouse, Tim Zuelsdorf

**Daughters of Sarah Rehab:** Al Walck -

**Homebound:** Inge Glidden

-in **Assisted Living:** Christine Baird, Lynn Currier, Marga Hildenbrandt, Lois O'Brien

### **Servers:**

**Organist:** Pam Reynolds, Tom Aery

**Reader:** Greg Schoonmaker

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