November 29, 2026

Welcome

The Hymn of Invocation

344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand
And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face
Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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In the name of the Father,
The Creator of all things seen and unseen.

In the name of the Son,
The Redeemer of the world, Emmanuel, God with us.

In the name of the Holy Spirit,
The One who calls us to faith and helps us live as God's children.

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us,
Not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy.

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace,
We might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

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

Hymn of Confession……sung to: *On Jordan's Bank*

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
And make us rise to fall no more;
Oh, let your face upon us shine And fill the world with love divine.

Our God saves us not because of things we have done, but because of what Jesus has done for us. Through His incarnation, holy life, sacrificial death and glorious resurrection God draws us to Himself. It is my joyful duty to announce the full forgiveness of all our sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Hymn of Praise.....sung to: *On Jordan's Bank*
All praise to you, eternal Son, Whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore, And holy Spirit, evermore.

Prayer

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make us ready to celebrate the first coming of your only-begotten Son in ways which honor You and bless our neighbor. Help us so that our lives reflect your values that we may long to worship You wholeheartedly at the second coming of Your Son our Savior Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Old Testament **Psalm 90:12**

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Epistle **Ephesians 5:8-10, 15-16**

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse.....sung to: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*
Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

The Gospel **Luke 3:2-11 (excerpts)**

...the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah, in the desert. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God's salvation.' "

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "...produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

"What should we do then?" the crowd asked.

John answered, "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same."

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

Object Lesson

Hymn of the Day

Let it Be Said of Us

1 Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,
that with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given,
that we fought the good fight, that we finished the course,
Knowing within us the pow'r of the risen Lord. *Chorus*

2 Let it be said of us: We were marked by forgiveness,
we were known by our love and delighted in meekness,
we were ruled by His peace, heeding unity's call,
Joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all. *Chorus*

Chorus Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,
by mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song
'til the likeness of Jesus be thru us made known.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

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Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

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.

The Prayers *[If you need information to send a card or call to someone for whom we prayed, please contact Pastor John.]*

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus
And for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayer:

Lord in Your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

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.

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Offertory……sung to: *What Child is This* vs 3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!

Preface……..sung to: *O Come, All You Faithful*

The Lord be with you.
And with you, His servant.

Oh, come, let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.
With hearts uplifted
Thanks to Him we render:
With joy we come before Him,
In gratefulness implore Him,
With thankful hearts adore Him evermore!

Thanks and praise be to You, our Father, almighty Creator, merciful Lord, God of promise and fulfillment. Of old Your faithful people waited for the day of Your appearing, manifest when the time had fully come and You sent Jesus, Your Son. Having seen His glory, we now wait for the day of consummation when He will come again as King. And so, with the church on earth and all the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus……sung to: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!
Heaven and earth cannot contain All the glory of Your name!
Hail, hosanna, God most high! Blest is He who now draws nigh
In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing:
Hail, hosanna! Praises due Be forever, Lord, to You!

Through Jesus Christ, your beloved we give you thanks, heavenly Father for the love with which you loved the world, for the salvation you prepared for us through Jesus Christ, for the Holy Spirit sent into our hearts and into our midst, that we may receive and share our living Lord with living faith.
Amen.

Jesus' Directions for Communion

The Peace

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

Agnus Dei……..sung to: *From Heaven Above*

O Lamb of God, You take away The sin of all; now hear us pray.
And grant us from our sins release: Have mercy on us.
Grant us peace!

Distribution of Communion

[If your body does not tolerate alcohol,
the back row of the individual cups are grape juice.]

The Distribution Hymns

332 Savior of the Nations, Come

1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

3 Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne.

4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.

7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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783 Take My Life and Let It Be

1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring;
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise
Your joyful songs of praise.

2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings;
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise
Your grateful hymns of praise.

3 How blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is He
Who comes to set His people free.
To God the Spirit raise
Your happy shouts of praise.

4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov'reign enter in
And new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise
For word and deed and grace!

5 Redeemer, come and open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine;
Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame
We offer to Thy name.

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The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the faith to life everlasting. Go in peace.
Amen.

Thanksgiving & Nunc Dimitis……..sung to: *From Heaven Above*

Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure
And steadfast love fore'er endure!
Our eyes have seen, our ears have heard,
And we have tasted of His word.

As His own servants we depart
With His salvation in our heart.
His saving power He has made known;
His love through all the earth is shown.

Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this good gift and we ask that, by your mercy, you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in a fervent love for one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Benediction……sung to: *O Come, All You Faithful*

The Lord bless and keep you,
Look with love upon you,
Be gracious, and cause His face to shine with peace!
Glory to Father, Son and Holy Spirit!
The Savior close beside us,
God's love from harm to hide us,
The Spirit's power to guide us evermore!

The Final Hymn

338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2 Born Thy people to deliver;
Born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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Server Schedule

	11/29	12/6	12/13
Altar Flowers	Ehlers	Spachts	Prossers
Altar Guild	Nancy K	Monike/Inge	Ron/Barb
Counters	John Da/Vicki	John Di/Wayne	Adria/Michelle
	8:30	8:30	8:30
Elder	Edwin	Herold	Bill
Reader	Nanette	Amy	Bob
PowerPoint	Lisa	Wanda	Rob
Organ	Linda	Linda	Linda
Audio	Steve	Steve	Steve
Visuals	Benjamin	Preston	Amy
Acolyte	Amelia	Gavin	Amelia
	10:30	10:30	10:30
Elder	Erik	Gordon	Mike
Reader	Delka	Cole	Royce
PowerPoint	Vicki	Cindy	Cole
Audio	Conor	Lilia	Conor
Visuals	Conor	Donovan	Conor

Altar flowers today are donated by Gordon and Lisa Ehler with the thankful anticipation of another Advent season.

Birthdays this Week

11/30 Ginger Dyer
11/30 Conner Springsteen
12/01 Paula Boehrs
12/02 Aaron Kilian

Anniversaries this Week

11/30 John & Kirsten Danile
12/03 Jeff & Teresa Stamp