

Baptism of Our Lord
January 11, 2026

WELCOME VISITORS

We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave the service today. Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.

Children are always welcome in church,

If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery for those age 4 and younger located on the second floor in the education wing. First door on the right.

Large print bulletins and hearing devices for today's worship are available, please feel free to ask an usher if interested.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

January 11 – January 18

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| Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Baptism of Our Lord Worship |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Youth and Parent Meeting and Pizza |
| Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Council Meeting |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Scouts |
| Tuesday | 6:30 p.m. | Scouts |
| Wednesday | 9:30 a.m. | LWR Quilting |
| Thursday | 6:15 p.m. | Rose Ringers |
| | 7:15 p.m. | Choir |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Cumberland Valley Music Discussion |
| Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Worship with Holy Communion |

GATHERING

WELCOME & PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the \dagger Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains Collyns and all of our lives,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

MEDALLION PRESENTATION

Collyns Jo Plasterer

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Text: James Montgomery Music: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN, Leonhart Schroter

1 Hail to the Lord's anoint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;

Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.

You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to
Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,
To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -

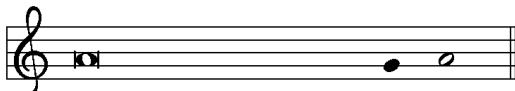
free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and
light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are
go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from
cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a

rule in eq - ui - ty.
pre - cious in - your - sight.
hill to val - ley - flow.
king - dom with - out - end.

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.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



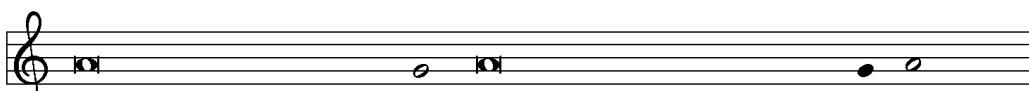
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



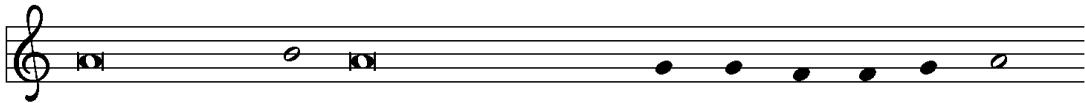
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.

Please be seated.



WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

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.**

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
 aspire 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.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

The Gospel according to St Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

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.

Please be seated

SERMON

Silence follows the sermon for reflection.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Text: Charles Coffin Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'r's that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Please be seated.

INSTALLATION OF 2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following people have been elected by the congregation to the congregation council of First Lutheran Church.

We give thanks for their willingness to serve.

Please come forward as your name is read.

President: Mike Ross

Vice President: Gary Kennedy

Secretary: Marianne Kennedy

Treasurer: Sally Herritt

Jeff Dorand

Lori Palmer

Mary Beth McGraw Warne

Gerry Wilson

Pastor Jane Nicholson

Deacon Freda Dorand

In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

- You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.
- You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.
- You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.
- You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been *elected*?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Those being installed face the assembly.

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation.

Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

Amen.

OUR RESPONSE

GATHERING OF GIFTS

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Online giving is available at felcc.org or by scanning this QR code.



SPECIAL MUSIC

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER

**God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.**

**Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

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.**

PRAVERS OF INTERCESSION

**Merciful God,
receive our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Jesus, as you taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Text: Christopher Wordsworth Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,

an - them be to thee ad-dressed,
an - them be to thee ad-dressed,
an - them be to thee ad-dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Brooklynne (1/27), Vaughn Erickson (2/6), **Nancy Fricke** (2/01), **Rick Gates** (1/14), **Barbie Vinson** (1/27), **Connie Wilkins** (1/29)



Continuing Prayers: **Joanne Caskey, Pat Dent, June Diehl, Mark Hammer, Charles Kampmeyer, Dalton Paul, Julie Paul**

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold, **Hunter Boock**

ATTENDANCE January 4 52 in person 9 online

YOUTH PLANNING Following Worship today there will be a pizza lunch and meeting to discuss what we would have an interest in doing with the young people in the future. Topics of conversation will include: the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis and Youth Fundraising.



LADIE'S BREAKFAST will be on Wednesday, January 21 at Bob Evans. Please join us. There is a men's table, too!

CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 25 following worship. This meeting will provide us with the opportunity to review the highlights of the past year and approve a ministry spending plan for 2026. We hope you will be able to join us.

HATS, SCARVES, AND MITTENS We hang items on our fence that will help our neighbors stay warm. Volunteer to hang items on the fence on January 17-19. Contact: Mary Beth Warne at 717-372-8282.

LITTLE DAISY'S CLOSET collection box is located in Memorial Hall. All clean items are accepted!

ST. SERAPHIM Soup Kitchen needs your help. Since they provide soup, hotdogs, sandwiches, crackers, drinks and a sweet bite for folks who need a meal on Thursdays and Saturdays, the Orthodox Church is asking for donations of canned soups. No tomato please. There is a bin in Memorial Hall for donations.

SCAN (Student Clothing Assistance Network) Working with the social workers of the school district, SCAN volunteers fill emergency requests for clothing and school supplies. When a request is received, it is assigned to volunteers to acquire the necessary items, either through purchase or donation. When requests are received the need is urgent. The children involved are in crisis situations—domestic upheaval, homelessness, unexpected relocations. Please contact Tim or Mary: 717-264-4759, 717-491-0611, tim@gotwald.org, mary@gotwald.org
Thank you for considering.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

| | <u>January 11</u> | <u>January 18</u> | <u>January 25</u> |
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| Lector: | Rose Wilson | Ralph Burdick | Gerry Wilson |
| Communion Assistants: | | Tim Gotwald Becky Hoover Kristy Nienstedt | |
| Greeters: | Bev Rebok Peggy Stout | Bev Rebok Peggy Stout | Bev Rebok Peggy Stout |
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Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We welcome visitors this morning.

Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps.
at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

Our Mission

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus,
burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

Sunday Schedule

Donuts and Coffee at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School for All Ages at 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 10:45 a.m.

also on Facebook at First Evangelical Lutheran Church
and on our webpage at www.FELCC.org

ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus,
and to worship with us.