

# **Holy Spirit Lutheran Church**

## **Baptism of Our Lord**

**January 11, 2026**

**Pastor Tom Kaye**



**We extend the warmest welcome** to all worshipping with us today. Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, you haven't been in a while, or you are here regularly; we are so glad you are here! If this is your first time with us, we ask that you sign our Friendship Book, so that we might pray with/for you, get to know you better, and check-in with you from time to time.

**Holy Communion is open to all.** In this church, we preach, teach, and confess that this is the table of Jesus, and it is Jesus who invites you to His table. You need not be a member of this church, or any other church; anyone who desires a deeper walk with Christ is invited. The ushers will direct you to proceed up the center aisle. You are invited to take an empty, individual cup from the silver tray near the baptismal font, and red wine, the blood of Christ, will be poured for you at the altar rail. You will also find red grape juice, the blood of Christ, in sealed individual cups in that same tray. As you come to the altar rail, you may stand or kneel as you are able, and the minister will place bread, the body of Christ, in your hand. If you are in need of a gluten free host, please let the minister know. If you prefer not to receive the Communion elements, Jesus still invites you into His Holy Communion; at the altar rail you may fold your arms, and the minister will pray with and bless you.

## **WELCOMING MUSIC**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

*Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

## **CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please rise, in body or spirit.*

P: We gather this day as we live each of our days, In the name of the Father, and of the <sup>☩</sup> Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our prayers and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*(A brief pause for reflection)*

P: Gracious and loving God,

C: **We know we do not always live as we ought:**

**We turn away from You, from our neighbor, and from our true selves. We know we dim Your light within us; with our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control. We know that You love us, that You do not abandon us, and that again and again You call us back to Yourself, back to love, back to grace. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the <sup>☩</sup> Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

**GATHERING HYMN: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed – LBW (Green) – 87, vers. 1, 3 & 4.***

## Hail to the Lord's Anointed



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



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



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,  
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
Be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
his king - dom still in - crea - sing, a king - dom with - out end.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN, Leonhart Schröter, 1540–1602

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

## 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,



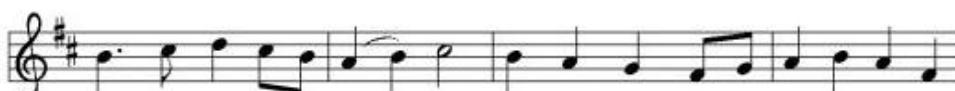
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



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

P: 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.

C: Amen

*Please be seated*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <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 upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup> 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, <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 idols. <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in

**the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**<sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**<sup>6</sup> The LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**<sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup> 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!”

**<sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup> O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## **SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality,<sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him.<sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.<sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:<sup>38</sup> 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.

<sup>39</sup> 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,<sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,<sup>41</sup> 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.<sup>42</sup> 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.<sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



C 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**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, 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 it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON**

*Please rise, in body or spirit, as we lift our hearts and voices together in song.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning – LBW (Green) – 84, vers. 1, 3 & 4.**

## Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
3 Shall we not yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.  
low lies his head - with the beasts of the stall;  
fra - gnance of E - dom and of - frings di - vine,  
vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;  
dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.

Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,  
Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,

guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.  
mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.  
myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?  
dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**A:** Lets us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed,  
**C: We believe in God, the Father almighty,**  
**creator of heaven and earth.**

**We 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.  
**We 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**A:** As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world.

Merciful God,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

**A:** Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs (*local water sources may be named*). Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation.

Merciful God,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

**A:** Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers. Merciful God,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

**A:** Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill (*especially*). Merciful God,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

**A:** Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound.

Merciful God,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace. Merciful God,

**R: Receive our prayer.**

A: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

**P:** The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C: And also, with you.**

**P:** Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

## **OFFERING**

*Here at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, there are many ways you are able to give. Our ushers will pass around an offering plate, in which you can place your weekly offering. If you are attending worship online or you simply wish to give online, you may do so by visiting our website, [hslcedersburgmd.org/give](http://hslcedersburgmd.org/give). We give thanks to God for the ways you continually offer your time, talent, and treasure for the sake of God and neighbor in Eldersburg.*

*Please rise, in body or spirit.*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

**C: We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You:  
We are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands. Lord  
use our lives, they are Yours. We are an offering; we are an offering.**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**C: We praise you, O God.**

P: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**C: We bless you, O God.**

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**C: We thank you, O God.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

P: Again, after supper, he 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.

P: Remembering his love for us, on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

**C: Amen, come Holy Spirit.**

P: All blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us, in the language of our hearts:

**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**

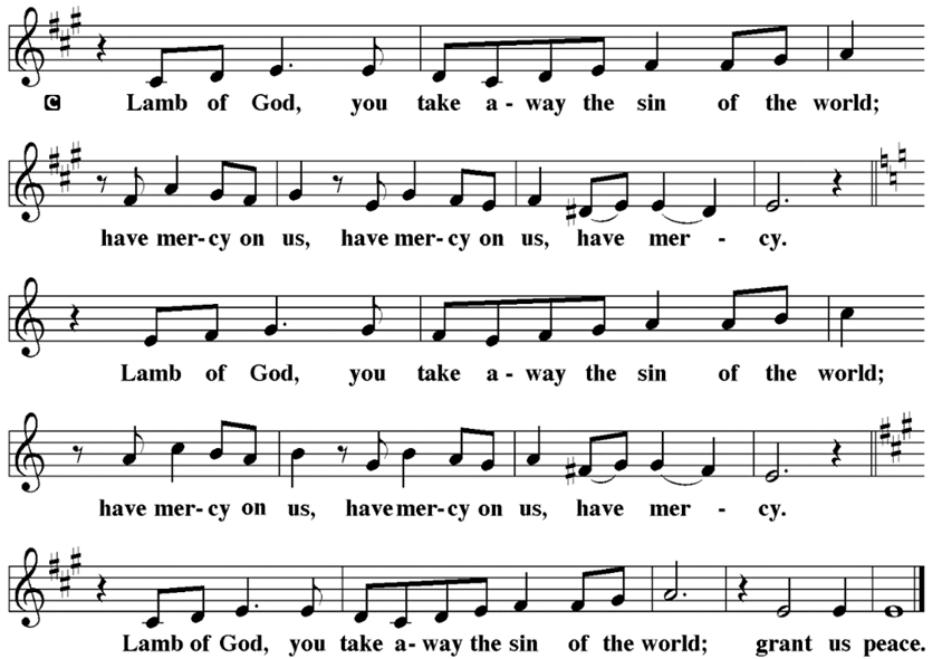
temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus invites you. Jesus welcomes you. All are invited. All are welcome. Come taste and see that the Lord is good! C: Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION HYMN



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (two sharps) and common time. The lyrics are as follows:

C Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. After all have communed, please rise, in body or spirit.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep us in God's grace, from now, and until life everlasting, C: Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood, you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives

may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: You are exactly who God created you to be. Created in Christ Jesus for good works. Created and called holy. Created and called beloved. Now go forth into the world in peace and be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one an evil thing for an evil thing. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Show Christ's love to everyone. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and forever. **C: Amen**

**SENDING HYMN: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise – LBW (Green) – 90, vers. 1, 3, & 4**

### Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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 pal - sied limbs and 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,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885  
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702, adapt.

## DISMISSAL

**A:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**A: Our purpose is to love God,**

**C: And bring people into a growing relationship with Jesus and his church.**

***We all serve as ministers in the mission of the church.*** From

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### **ACTIVITIES AT HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

Sunday (01/11) 9:30 am – Sunday School  
11:00 am – Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday (01/18) 9:30 am – Sunday School  
11:00 am –Worship w/Holy Communion

**Please contact Vicar Tom** via call/text at 443-841-9634, or by email at [HSLC.pastor@comcast.net](mailto:HSLC.pastor@comcast.net) if you would like to meet, have any questions, or for any pastoral emergencies.

### **Volunteers**

	<b>THIS WEEK (1-11-2026)</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK (1-18-2026)</b>
Greeters	TBD	TBD
Ushers	Luke F. Henry K.	Dave L. Luke F.
Acolyte	Maryann F.	Henry K.
Assisting Minister	Laura B.	Megan F.
Communion Assistant	Laura B.	John F.
Lector	Cara K.	Lily K.
Altar Care	Krissy K.	Lorraine M.