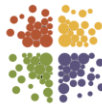




## **Baptism of Our Lord**

January 12, 2025

**9:15 am Worship Service**



**St. Luke**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Gathering in Worship

*Rise and Shine*  
*You Are the Light*

Austin Davis, Mitch Wong and Jessica Soccorsi  
Joshua Blakesley

Welcome

### Message

Scripture Reading    Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Community Prayers – *Holy, Holy, Holy*

John Bacchus Dykes

### Offering

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Arr. By Mark Hayes

### Holy Communion

Words of Remembrance  
The Meal  
*Awake My Soul*

Brooke Ligertwood

### Sending

Table Talk

Craig Christiansen, Stewardship Committee Chair

Blessing

*Your Love Is Alive*

Pat Barret, Ben Smith, Daniel Bashta and Jason Upton

## Thank you for joining us in worship!

If you are new or visiting today, welcome! We invite you to fill out our visitor card located in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate. We are glad you are here.

Hearing assistance is available – please see an usher.

### **Baptism of Our Lord**

**Presider:** Pastor Patti Welch, **Preacher:** Pastor Beth Brashear

**Director of Music:** Steven Schaefer

**Music:** Modern Worship Team

**Readers:** Sue Ramus, Vernon Johnson, Walt Brickwedel

**Greeters:** Ellen Rapkoch, Jon Erickson

**Ushers:** Mar Joe Beattie, Christophe Senah, Tami Zeidlhack,  
Sandra Cann, Tom Ludwig, Craig Christensen, Kirsten Kyllingstad

*Today's altar flowers are given by the Ramus family in celebration of Calla Snowden's birthday!*

## Worship

**In Holy Communion**, Christ enters our lives anew: all who hunger to grow in connection with God are welcome to partake. **Communion is via intinction only:** Ushers will invite you forward via the center aisle to receive Communion wafer.

Wine (red) and grape juice (clear) are in the chalices (cups) held by the Communion Assistants.

**Please bring your wafer to the chalices and dip it into the wine or grape juice before consuming your wafer.**

- Gluten-free wafers are available: simply ask a pastor.
- If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

**St. Luke's Nursery:** The nursery is offers care to children ages birth – 5 years every Sunday during the second service (10:15-11:45am).

**Education Hour - Youth/Parents:** CLASS LOCATIONS: Children's Church 9:15, Library; Children's Hour 10:30, Room 109

Fellowship Hall; MSM 10:30, Lower Shalom; SLY 10:30, Vermont House; Parents Group 10:30, Upper Shalom.

**Prayers for the Departed:** **Jane Gott;** **Tim Spofford** (Cathy Spofford's brother-in-law); **Fred Schobert** (Matthew Schobert's father); **Jordan Benson** (brother of Dale Benson); **Cynthia Uffens** (Joan Peters' sister); **Ruth Swigart** (Scott Swigart's mother); **Sue Linke** (Andrew Watson's mother); **Clyde Brown** (Frazer family friend); **Lorna Beckley;** **Kathy Baker** (Ron Hudson's sister, sister-in-law of Marilyn Hudson).

**Prayer List:** **Alice Mills** (broken wrist); **Barbara Nesbitt** (recovering from fall); **Pat Wilder** (recovering from fall); **Fay Brown** (hip replacement surgery); **Sue Thilo** (Becky Tuttle's mother, broken wrist); **Brad Werth** (brother-in-law Kendall and Keith Cunningham-Parmeter); **Stephanie Rehm** (grandmother of Pepper Rehm); **Meri Alrick;** **Steve Blake** (Diane Allen's son, car accident, multiple injuries); **Mei** (Yuen Chan's mother, broken back and hip); **Fai** (Yuen Chan's brother, post heart attack, undergoing procedures to have stents being put in); **Lawrence Carasco** (healing after heart surgery); **Tammy Mercier;** **Susan G. Knodell Humprey;** **Fraser Rasmussen** (ongoing cancer); **Gloria Miniszewski;** **Georgann Dustan** (gallbladder surgery); **Sybil Tremper** (lymphoma); **Barb Dahlgren** (surgery); **Carter West** (neurological disease); **Dee Mills;** **Jeremy Eckhardt** and those incarcerated.

## Connect

**St. Luke Youth Music:** (Hosanna Choir) begins weekly rehearsals after second service Sunday, 11:30 am-12pm, upstairs in the Children's Music Room. Parents welcome to drop off or stay and watch! Students in grades 1-5 welcome!

Rehearsals include singing, games, and music theory with Steven.

**Women's Gather Bible Study Groups:** Jan. 12 at 6:30pm in the church library; Jan. 13 at 9:30am in the church library and at 2pm at members' homes. Contact Judy Christensen for location.

**FAB Coffee Hour:** Fifty And Beyond fellowship group meets Wednesday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come watch the 1996 movie, "The Spitfire Grill" about a young woman just out of prison finding spiritual redemption working at a cafe in Maine. For more information please contact Marsh Swantz at dls-mls@hotmail.com

**Table Talk:** Theologian in Residence, Rev. Mark Brocker will lead January's Table Talk Saturday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am in the Conference Room and Wednesday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on Zoom.

**St. Luke's Annual Meeting/One Service:** We will have one service Sunday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am. Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> is our annual meeting at 10:30am. As a courtesy to all children's education volunteers including nursery volunteers, we are hiring Julia Hernandez (KinderPrep) to provide childcare for the annual meeting from 10:30am until the end of the meeting. This way all St. Luke members can attend the meeting. Julia will meet families in the nursery. Children's Ministry will provide a healthy snack for that morning.

**Middle School Ministries:** St. Luke's Middle School Ministries joins Bilal Mosque Sunday School on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>! Would you like to know more about Islam? Are you interested in accompanying our students on a wonderful, interfaith engagement? Let Pr. Beth know: [pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com](mailto:pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com)

## Serve

**Spiritual Gifts:** Do you know what your spiritual gifts are and how to apply them in your service to God and others? You are invited to take part in a customized Spiritual Gifts class. The Spiritual Gifts course has been developed by the Stewardship team, and we held a successful pilot class last May. Now it's your opportunity! We'd like to invite 8-10 St. Luke members to our Winter class series running Sundays Feb 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 9:00 to 10:30am. (This allows you to attend the 10:30 Sunday service.) Scan the QR code to sign up. For more information please contact Craig Christensen at [cchristensen1@msn.com](mailto:cchristensen1@msn.com)



**Middle School Ministries Overnight Chaperone:** Do you want to give our children the opportunity to bond with God and with one another in a safe space? Do you have a camping mattress and a sense of humor? We are in need of 2 adult volunteers to spend the night with our Middle Schoolers here at St. Luke from Saturday Night, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> into Sunday morning, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>. Please see Pastor Beth or email her at [pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com](mailto:pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com) if you are interested and available, or if you would like more information.



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Prelude

*Siciliano*

Domenico Scarlatti Arr. Lani Smith

### Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Table Talk

Craig Christiansen, Stewardship Chair

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Red Hymnal pg. 97

Gathering Hymn

*Shall We Gather at the River*

Red Hymnal no. 423

Greeting

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

Kyrie

Red Hymnal pg. 203

Gloria

Red Hymnal pg. 204

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Word

First Reading            Isaiah 43:1-7  
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading        Acts 8:14-17  
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation Red Hymnal pg. 205

Gospel Reading        Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Sermon Hymn            *Take Me to the Water* Purple Hymnal no. 957

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of the People  
God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

Peace  
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## Meal

Offertory                Face to Face Steven Scott Tune by Grnt Colfax Tullar

Offering Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful, **you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving Dialogue

Preface

Red Hymnal pg. 206

Holy, Holy, Holy

Red Hymnal pg. 207

Words of Institution

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymns

*Wade in the Water*

Red Hymnal no. 459

*Baptized and Set Free*

Red Hymnal no. 453

Post-Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, almighty God, **that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Purple Hymnal no. 942

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*Allegro*

Johann Christian Kittel