

**Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
**(LCMS)**  
**321 N 10th, Beatrice, NE 68310**  
**Sunday, January 11**  
**The Baptism of Our Lord**



Hymns and order of worship Divine Service Setting 1 are in the Lutheran Service Book, page 151 in the front section of the hymnal. (J denotes responses that are to be sung.)

## CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

### **Opening Hymn 395: *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright***

#### **Invocation** (page 151 in the front of the hymnal)

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

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

#### *Silence for reflection*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. 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.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

#### **Introit: Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a**

P: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

**C: I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me,**

**“You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

P: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

**C: You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**

P: Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**C: Serve the Lord with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling,**

P: for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

**Kyrie** page 152-153

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect** pg 156

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: 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.**

*Be seated*

### **First Reading: Isaiah 42:1–9**

<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.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem by the School Children: “Lord, Be Glorified”**

## Second Reading: 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

### ♪ Alleluia and Verse

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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

<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 Thee, O Christ.**

### **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 there 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.

*Be seated*

### **Hymn of the Day 405: To Jordan's River Came Our Lord**

### **Sermon: “Righteousness Fulfilled For Us”**

*Please stand*

### **Prayer of the Church**

Congregation responds “**hear our prayer**” after each petition.

“**Amen**” after final petition.

*Be seated*

### **Offering**

*Please stand*

### **♪ Offertory**

**C: What shall I render to the Lord  
for all his benefits to me.**

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation  
and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now  
in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT page 160

Preface

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 unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary..... praising You and saying:

♪ Sanctus

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might;  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth....

C: Amen.

The Words of Our Lord page 162

P: 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."

### **Proclamation of Christ**

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion. Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **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.**

### **Pax Domini page 163**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

### **♪ Agnus Dei**

**C: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

*Be seated*

## **Distribution**

**Hymn 404: *Jesus Once with Sinners Numbered***

**Hymn 739: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand***

**Hymn 599: *O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near***

*Please stand*

**♪Thank the Lord** pg 164

**C: Thank the Lord and sing His praise;  
tell ev'ry one what He has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.**

**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## **Post-Communion Collect**

**P: Let us pray....**

**C: Amen.**

## **Benediction**

**P: The Lord bless you and keep you.**

**The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.**

**The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.**

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Departing Hymn 594: *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It***

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### **Serving Today:**

Elder: Matt Helmke

Pastor: Jim Haynes

Organist: Bev Duensing

Reader: Bob Frerking

Acolytes: Allison & Paige Helmke

Greeters: Bob & Vicki Frerking

**Today's radio broadcast and bulletin are** sponsored in memory of Victor and Leona Adam by their daughter, Joann Scruggs.

**Sponsorships of radio broadcasts** are now \$125, beginning January 1, 2026 (this includes bulletin sponsorship). Call the church office to schedule. We will still have children's bulletins but no longer need sponsorships for those. If you have already sponsored a date in 2026 and paid for that date, you will not be charged the extra \$25.

**Available Sundays in 2026** are Feb 8, 22; April 26; May 17, 24, 31; July 12, 19, 26; August 2, 9, 23, 30; Sept 20; October 4, 11, 25, Nov 29, and Dec 13, 27.

**Thank you to Pastor Jim Haynes** for being here with us this morning! He is a previous pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Lincoln.

**Confirmation Classes** will resume January 14 at 6:30 p.m..

\***Church office hours** vary. Please leave a message at 402-228-1540 or email [stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com).

\***For immediate assistance**, contact Church Chair Rod Aden: 402- 239-5305 or Head Elder Chuck Baker: 714-232-2794.

\***To reserve school gym or church**, call Wayne Oestreich (402-440-5054).

\***Large print hymnals** are in the back pew and near the elevator.

\***Busy Bags** for kids are in the narthex under the bulletin board.

**Welcome!** We're glad you're here and hope to see you again soon! Please sign the guest book at the entrance of the church. If you do not have a church home, are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, or interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's, please speak to the Pastor, Elder, Usher, or the church office.

**Communion Guidance:** Visitors wanting to commune should speak to the pastor or an elder prior to the service. Our summary of faith is available on our webpage and in print in the pews to help you determine if you share in our confession of faith. LCMS members and those from congregations in fellowship with LCMS are always welcome to participate in communion.

**Pastor Karl Hollibaugh**, our Interim Pastor, is out of the office until January 28.

**Please remember with prayers, cards, texts, or calls, our sisters- and brothers-in-Christ who are hospitalized or ill at home:** Mary Scheve, Angie Fossler, Mike Holthus, Cheri McConnell, Cindy Weise (all with cancer); Pat Nave; Merle Kuhlman, Michelle Baker (surgery); and Olivia Hatzenbuehler and William Kelley (military). \*\*Please contact the church by Thursday morning with additions or corrections to this prayer list.

***Birthdays this week:*** (if yours is missing, let us know!)

Jan 11 Emily Thavenet

12 Jarrod Brand, Ryan Loseman, Adam Riekenberg

13 Rhonda Rickers

14 Cooper Huls

15 Kevin Ankersen, Larry Kolman

16 Ashton Sandman

17 Randy Workman

***Anniversaries this week:*** (if yours is missing, let us know!)

Jan 15 Mark & Linda Engler

***Happening this week:***

Sunday, Jan 11      8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week

9:00 am Divine Service

10:15 am Children's Sunday School

No Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, Jan 13      6:30 pm Church Council meets

Wednesday, Jan 14 6:30 pm Confirmation Class

Saturday, Jan 17      10:00 am Altar Guild meets

Sunday, Jan 18      8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week

9:00 am Divine Service

10:15 am Children's Sunday School

No Adult Bible Study

There is **no Adult Bible Study** today or next Sunday due to prior commitments by our substitute pastors.

**Installation** of new Church Board and Committee members will be January 25. Please plan to attend worship that day if you are newly elected.

**Confirmation Class Pictures wanted!** We are looking for group pictures of the confirmation classes of 2010, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2022, 2023, and 2024 for the display in the basement. If you have any of these, please contact the church office so we can make a 5 x7 copy of the picture and return yours to you. Please name those in the picture. Thank you!

Please save **Russ's Register Receipts** (through March), **Our Family and Best Choice UPC** codes. They can be put in the box in the narthex. Our current Russ's receipts total is \$200,087.07.

The church will not be taking group subscriptions for the LCMS magazine ***Lutheran Witness*** in 2026. Current subscriptions will end with the May 2026 issue. Members who wish to subscribe to ***Lutheran Witness***, either by hardcopy or digital subscription, may place their order through Concordia Publishing House directly by calling the Magazine Department at 1-800-325-3040 and pressing option 2. You will have the option to pay by debit or credit card. You may also place an order at [cph.org](http://cph.org) or by emailing [lwsubscriptions@cph.org](mailto:lwsubscriptions@cph.org).

**School's Ongoing Scrip Card Fundraiser:** Order pre-paid shopping cards through St. Paul's Lutheran School "Script Card" Program and our school automatically gets money in return at no extra cost to you! Please contact the school office to order for your own use or for gifts.

**Chapel offerings** at school for the month of January go to Lutheran Hour Ministries. During the months of November and December, we collected \$239.69 for the local Coat Closet. Chapel is held each Wednesday morning at 8:20 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

**Youth Group (Middle and High School age)** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at school, 5-7 pm, for a meal, Bible Study, and some fun activities! Questions? Contact leaders Joanna Gellerman-Long (425-591-5318) or Jessica Leseberg (402-230-0988).

Holy Cross Lutheran Church invites you to attend their annual soup luncheon on Sunday, February 1, 2026, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Chili, chicken noodle soup, and vegetable beef soup will be served, as well as desserts and a beverage. Free will offering.

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