



The Baptism of our Lord
Sunday, January 12, 2024 10:15am

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

Gathering Music Angels from the Realms/Emmanuel
Jesus Messiah
Sweet Jesus
Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Ringing of the Bell
Welcome

Invocation

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

Responsive Call to Worship

Today we celebrate a special baptism; the baptism of Jesus of Nazareth.
God says: Look! See my chosen servant, the One in whom I utterly delight;
I have placed my Spirit on him, he will bring true justice to the nations.

When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up, and Spirit came down like a dove; and there was a voice from heaven saying:

"This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am delighted."

The joy of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

(Sharing of joy/peace)

Gathering Song "Living Waters"

Responsive Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

It may be the hardest thing we will ever do, caught up in our self-righteousness, honing our pain.

The one who offended may not deserve forgiveness and we are not obliged to offer it. Why, then, should we forgive?

Because we have all caused pain.

Because we all miss the mark.

**Because we can deepen our souls if we forgive.
Because restoring even one relationship heals many hearts.
Because we would be forgiven ourselves.
Because drawing closer to one another builds our communities.
Because the alternative is endless bitterness.
Because the world we seek to create is a world filled with forgiveness.
Because we need not remain caught up in our self-righteousness and pain.**
It may be the hardest thing we will ever do.

Let us take the first step now.

We close our eyes and place our hands over them...

Lord God, forgive us for turning our eyes away from you.

Forgive us for being dissatisfied with the good things you have given.

Lord God, have mercy on us.

We place our hands on our lips...

Lord God, we are sorry for the things we have spoken which hurt or condemn. Open our lips so we can tell of your love.

Lord God, have mercy on us.

We open our hands and hold our palms out to God...

Lord God, forgive us for not doing the good you place before us. Help us to use our hands to serve you and others.

Lord God, have mercy on us.

We place our hands over our heart...

Lord God, create in us a clean heart. Forgive our self-centeredness and fill us with your Holy Spirit—to live for others.

Lord God, have mercy on us.

We lift our hands over our heads up to the sky...

We give you thanks gracious God for your faithful love to us, that in your mercy we receive complete forgiveness for our sins.

Amen.

Song "Change My Heart, O God" ELW 801

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.

2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.
3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
4 Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you,
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.
5 Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;
6 I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—
7 everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Acts 8:14-17

14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15 The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit 16 (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). 17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sunday School Children Sing

Children's Message

Baptism (p. 227)

The Apostles' Creed (p. 229)

Welcome to the Newly Baptized

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Setting 11



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Now we lis - ten to God's Word.

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All Creation Sings

Gospel Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

15 As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

21 Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message Pastor Dwaine Sutherland

Song of the Day

“Jesus, Name of Above All Names/There’s Something About That Name”

1. Je sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful Sav - ior,
 glo - ri - ous Lord. Em - man - u - el, God is with us,
 bless - ed Re - deem - er, Liv - ing Word. _____

6 Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus! There's just some - thing a -
 bout that name! Mas - ter! Sav - ior! Je - sus! Like a

13 fra - grance af - ter the rain. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je -
 sus! Let all heav - en and earth pro - claim, Kings and king - doms may

20 all pass a - way, But there's some - thing a - bout that name! _____

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Chord progression: D^b9, E^b, A^b/B^b, E^b, Gm/B^b, Gm7(♭5), C7, Cm7/F, F7, Fm7, B^b9, E^b, Gm/B^b, E^b9, A^b, G7sus, G7, C, C9, Cm7/F, F7, Fm7, B^b9, E^b

Prayers of the People “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” ELW 752

Offering Music “Emmanuel, God with Us”

Offertory Prayer

Together we pray,

We give gratefully for all that God has given us.

We measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give.

**Let us give generously, to bless your church, your people,
and your creation. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music "Jesus Loves Me" ELW 595

"Shall We Gather at the River" ELW 423

"I Am the Bread of Life" ELW 485

Post Communion Prayer

May this meal we have shared renew us and inspire us to join more joyfully
with you as you work for peace and justice in the world. **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song/Noisy Offering "This Little Light of Mine" ELW 677

Dismissal

Go in true peace; love and care for one another.

We will. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF:

James Thompson, Steven Swenson

Serving Sunday 10:15am

Preaching: Pastor Dwaine Sutherland
Presiding: Pastor Amy Juel
Acolytes: Jasmine & Raymond Opsal
Communion Assistants: Shawn Swenson, Logan Madsen, Aden Jacobson
Greeters: Dennis & Sharon Eastman, Carol Gilbertson
Lector: Lola Nelson
Office: Linda Broberg - 9:30 - 11:15am
Sound: Victoria Larsen
Video: David Sehloff

If you or a loved one would like a pastoral visit (ill, hospitalized, or just because), please contact:

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Our pastors are always willing to provide support in time of need.

Baptized this morning are: Cadance, Kepler, and Brodix, children of Alysa Wilson (Thram). Sponsor for the children is Sarah Dehne. Welcome into Calvary's family Cadance, Kepler, and Brodix!

Weekly Attendance - 194
YouTube - 136 households
General Offering - \$9,218.08



JANUARY 2025 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 4th	5:30pm Traditional Worship - Pastor Dwaine preaching
Sunday, January 5th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Pr. Amy preaching, Pr. Wayne presiding
Saturday, January 11th	5:30pm Traditional Worship - Pr. Wayne preaching
Sunday, January 12th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am YOUTH LED & NOISY OFFERING Pr. Dwaine preaching, Pr. Amy presiding
Saturday, January 18th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Amy preaching
Sunday, January 19th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band Pr. Wayne preaching, Pr. Amy presiding
Saturday, January 25th	5:30pm Traditional Worship - Pastor Dwaine preaching
Sunday, January 26th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band Pr. Amy preaching, Pr. Wayne presiding

NAME TAG

If you ordered a name tag, please stop by the office and pick it up. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS BEGINNING IN JANUARY

Is the Holy Spirit nudging you to get involved with Sunday School? Here's your chance! Our learners are in need of a teacher (or teaching team) in the **FIRST/SECOND** grade classroom and a part time teacher in the **FOURTH** grade classroom. Please contact Pastor Amy for more information!

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26th after 10:15am service. A light lunch will be served. We hope to see you there!

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU for all the Christmas love shown via words, gifts, hugs, etc. over the past weeks. Backatcha all! Naomi

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Thank you to everyone who showed up to take down the memorial tree and wrap the ornaments up for next year. Also, it was a privilege to honor so many with ornaments again this year.

Also, thank you again to **EVERYONE** who works hard to make our church special and welcoming during the holidays. Krista Willis

The Altar Guild would like to thank all the committee members and church members who helped with preparing for Communion at the many services this past year. We could not have done it without your help. You are all a Blessing to Calvary.

CREATION CARE

Next meeting of Creation Care will be on Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30pm in the Friendship Room.

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Join us on Sunday, January 19 at 9:00am in the Friendship Room.

GATHER BIBLE STUDY

Gather Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, January 15 at 10:00am in the Friendship Room.

HOME COMMUNION MEMBERS

Home Communion Members will meet on Thursday, January 16 at 11:30am in the Friendship Room. All members are encouraged to attend as we have not had a meeting for 2 years. Thank you!

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on Wednesday, January 15 at 8:30am at McMillans Restaurant.

AV INSTALLATION UPDATE

Our 2nd phase of the AV installation will start on Monday, January 13. Please bear with us during this transition during the next week and a half.

Also, we are looking for interested teenagers to adults to be involved in learning our new system. What an awesome experience this could be for ALL! Thank you so much for considering.

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

Thank you to all who have signed up to serve meals January 20, 21 & 23. **We now are in need of a grocery shopper to purchase groceries for that week using Family Promise funds. Groceries will need to be brought to Family Promise the morning of January 20th. Please call Joni Hanson 320-220-1324 if you are able to help out. Thank you!**

Dear Calvary Members,
As we continue to support and care for our church family, we have identified a need for volunteers to assist with driving our elderly members to worship services. Many of our senior members greatly value the opportunity to attend worship but face challenges with transportation. Your help can make a significant difference in their ability to participate in our community and experience the fellowship and spiritual nourishment that our services provide. We are seeking volunteers who are willing to offer their time and vehicle to drive elderly members to and from church on Sundays. If you are able to assist, please contact Pastor Dwaine to discuss your availability and any questions you may have. Thank you for considering this important ministry. Your generosity and kindness will be greatly appreciated by those in need. Blessings, Pastor Dwaine

SILENT BIBLE STUDY

Have you made a New Year's resolution to spend more time studying the Bible? Join us at Silent Bible Study in the Library on Wednesday, January 29th at 12:00 noon. Watch the calendar for more dates to follow.

Thank you to all for the many ways you have blessed me and my family throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. Your kind words, cards, and gifts are much appreciated. God's Blessings throughout 2025

Pastor Amy

Go in true peace; love and care for one another

It's not God alone who accompanies us from Sunday into our Monday worlds. Those who have been gathered in God's name and shaped into a community of faith continue to love, care for, and walk with one another. Throughout the week the members of the community stay in touch with one another through prayer, conversation, consolation, in gatherings for study, action, and service. Such activities flow out of Sunday worship and look forward to next Sunday's gathering.

God's word leads us into lives of prayer and proclamation. It is out of the word and promise of God that we can pray for one another and for the needs of the world. In prayer we name the honesty of both scripture and preaching- the pains and struggles of our world. We name names and sins, needs, and hopes. In our praying we remember that we are God's first answer to our own prayers. Prayer is not just spoken but lived. Christians are called by God to be workers in the kingdom, a presence of faith, peace, hope, love, and care.

God's word is a word to be shared. Although we tend to think of the pastor as the preacher- the one who bears responsibility for proclaiming the gospel in public worship - all the baptized share that responsibility. Lutherans have a reputation for not being very good at sharing their faith. Even in our area where there are SO MANY Lutheran Churches, there are many people who have not heard the good news of what God has done in Jesus Christ or who do not think that such good news is for them! They don't feel that peace, love, and care that we take for granted!

Jesus commanded his followers (us!) to make disciples of all nations, and that includes the people next door. How are they to hear without someone loving and caring for them enough to invite them (sometimes inviting them many times) to worship, to Bible Study, or into our homes for fellowship? And when they come, will they be welcomed, loved, and cared for so that they know that God's word is indeed *good news- that their lives will be changed in an encounter with Jesus Christ?*

They will be if you carry your faith from Sunday to Monday (and Tuesday, and Wednesday, etc.) remembering and living this dismissal message from our 10:15 service on January 12, "Go in true peace; love and care for one another"! Pastor Amy

2024 Financials December & YTD						
	December Actual	December Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 116,136.46	\$ 67,387.50	\$ 48,748.96	\$ 712,705.56	\$ 808,650.00	\$ (95,944.44)
Expenses	\$ 74,743.31	\$ 67,352.21	\$ 7,391.10	\$ 771,907.44	\$ 808,226.98	\$ (36,319.54)
Net Income	\$ 41,393.15	\$ 35.29	\$ 41,357.86	\$ (59,201.88)	\$ 423.02	\$ (59,624.90)

Sunday, January 12

8:00am Worship – P. Dwaine preach/P. Amy preside
9:00am Coffee Time
9:05am Sunday School
9:15am "Let's Talk" - P. Dwaine in Gathering Room
10:15am Worship - Youth Led/Noisy Offering/Baptisms
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
3:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3500 – Friendship Room
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

Monday, January 13

5:00pm Bell Choir
7:00pm Scouts BSA

Tuesday, January 14

12:00pm Finance Committee – Friendship Room
6:00pm Council Meeting – Friendship Room
6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3749 – Room 201
6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181

Wednesday, January 15

8:30am Hope Circle – McMillans
10:00am Gather Bible Study
5:15pm 6-9 Grade Confirmation – Hope for our City/Friendship Room

Thursday, January 16

9:30am Text Bible Study
11:30am Home Communion Servers Meet - Friendship Room
1:00pm Quilting
2:00pm Coffee with P. Dwaine at Lulu Beans
6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3656 - Koinonia Room

Saturday, January 18

5:30pm Chapel Service - P. Amy

Sunday, January 19

8:00am Worship - P. Wayne preach/P. Amy preside
9:00am Coffee Time with Council
9:05am Sunday School
9:15am "Let's Talk" - P. Dwaine in Gathering Room
10:15am Worship
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
4:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3515 – Room 201
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

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