

**The Baptism Of Our Lord
January 11, 2026
Heritage Lutheran Church
Apple Valley, MN
9:00 a.m.**



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1. Welcome

2. The Confession Of Sin

Pastor Dearly Beloved: We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

Congregation Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

Absolution

Pastor The almighty and most merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

3. Opening Hymn #412 “Come To Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows to you, to me, to all,
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.

2 Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.

3 Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, paralyzed, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; He that drinks shall thirst no more.

4 He that drinks shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.

4. Opening Versicles

Pastor O Lord, open my lips.

♪ **Congregation** And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

Pastor Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

♪ **Congregation** Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: Forevermore. Amen. Alleluia.

5. The Invitatory and Venite (*Psalm 95*)

Pastor Oh come, let us worship the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** For He is our Maker.

Oh, come let us sing to the Lord:

let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving:

and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all Gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth:

the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.

Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture

and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

6. Hymn #241 "He That Believes And Is Baptized"

1 He that believes and is baptized

Shall see the Lord's salvation;

Baptized into the death of Christ,

He is a new creation.

Through Christ's redemption he shall stand

Among the glorious heav'nly band

Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

2 With one accord, O God, we pray:

Grant us Thy Holy Spirit;

Look Thou on our infirmity

Through Jesus' blood and merit.

Grant us to grow in grace each day

By holy baptism that we may

Eternal life inherit.

7. Psalm 45:7-9 (read responsively by whole verse)

⁷ you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

⁸ your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

⁹ daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

8. Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 42:1-7*

¹ 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. ² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

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 on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ "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, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

9. The Epistle *Acts 10:34-38*

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

10. The Gospel *Matthew 3:13-17*

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, 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 thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ 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; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Pastor O Lord, have mercy upon us!

♪ **Congregation** Thanks be to You, O Lord!

11. Sermon Hymn #413 "Come Unto Me Ye Weary"

1 "Come unto Me, ye weary, And I will give you rest."

O blessed voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts oppressed!

It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace,

Of joy that hath no ending, Of love which cannot cease.

2 "Come unto Me, ye wand'rers, And I will give you light."

O loving voice of Jesus, Which comes to cheer the night!

Our hearts were filled with sadness, And we had lost our way;

But Thou hast brought us gladness And songs at break of day.

3 "Come unto Me, ye fainting, And I will give you life."
O cheering voice of Jesus, Which comes to aid our strife!
The Foe is stern and eager, The fight is fierce and long;
But Thou hast made us mighty And stronger than the strong.

4 "And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out."
O patient love of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy Of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

12. Sermon – “God’s Arms Wide Open” Acts 10:34-38

13. The Offering

14. Te Deum Hymn #43 “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

2 Hark! the glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

3 Lo, th'apostles' holy train
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.

4 Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee,
Though in essence only one;
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

5 King of glory, Thou, O Christ;
Son of God, yet born of Mary,
For us sinners sacrificed,
On the cross our sins didst carry;
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

6 From Thy high celestial home,
Judge of all, again returning,
We believe that Thou shalt come
On the dreadful Judgment morning
When Thy voice shall shake the earth
And the startled dead come forth.

7 Spare Thy people, Lord, we pray,
By a thousand snares surrounded;
Keep us without sin today,
Never let us be confounded.
Lo, I put my trust in Thee;
Never, Lord, abandon me.

15. Prayers

The Kyrie Sung by All

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer Sung by All

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.

The Collect

Pastor Let us pray: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

16. Benedicamus & Benediction

Pastor Let us bless the Lord!

♪ **Congregation** Thanks be to God!

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

17. Benediction Hymn #414 "Through Jesus' Blood And Merit"

1 Through Jesus' blood and merit I am at peace with God;
What, then, can daunt my spirit, However dark my road?
My courage shall not fail me, For God is on my side;
Though hell itself assail me, Its rage I may deride.

2 There's nothing that can sever Me from the love of God,
No want, no pain, whatever, No famine, peril, flood.
Though thousand foes surround me, For slaughter mark Thy sheep,
They never shall confound me, The vict'ry I shall reap.

3 Yea, neither life's temptation Nor death's so trying hour,
Nor angels of high station, Nor any other pow'r,
Nor things that now are present, Nor things that are to come,
Nor height, however pleasant, Nor depths of deepest gloom.

4 Nor any creature ever Shall from the love of God
This wretched sinner sever, For in my Savior's blood
This love its fountain taketh; He hears my faithful prayer
And nevermore forsaketh His own dear child and heir.

Announcements

Church Council – The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, January 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Altar Guild Meeting – The Altar Guild will meet after church today. If you would like to learn more about the Altar Guild, please plan to attend the meeting or speak to Hannah Anderson, Bonnie Kooy, or Sondra Frimanslund.

Women’s Bible Study – The Women’s Bible study group meets at church on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Ruth for more information.

Men’s Bible Study – Men’s Bible study meets on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

Choir – The Heritage Choir practices on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

Fellowship - Volunteers are always needed to provide fellowship food every Sunday. Please sign up on the volunteer board.

2026 Offering Envelopes are available on the table in the narthex.

Budget Update – We have updated the member-giving scorecard through the end of November. If you have any questions, please speak with church treasurer Phil Holz or church president Dave Paulsen.

<u>Member Giving Scorecard</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Target</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>
Member General Fund Giving	\$133,100	\$139,464	(\$6,364)	\$360,000
Estate Gift	\$42,200	\$0	\$42,200	\$0
School Deficit Reduction Giving Target	\$12,046	13,382	(\$1,336)	\$32,117
Hike for Heritage	\$18,301	\$0	\$18,301	\$0
Accrued Matching Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Member Giving	\$205,647	\$152,846	\$52,801	\$392,117



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