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**And  
God  
said**

Genesis 1:3  
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Baptism of Our Lord  
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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

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## Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude:** “Baptized in Water”

Jason Krug

### **The Ten Commandments** *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

**<sup>1</sup>You shall have no other gods before me.**

**<sup>2</sup>You shall not take the name  
of the Lord your God in vain;  
for the Lord will not hold guiltless  
those who take his name in vain.**

**<sup>3</sup>Remember the Sabbath day  
to keep it holy.**

**<sup>4</sup>Honor your father  
and your mother,  
that your days may be long  
in the land which the Lord  
your God is giving you.**

**<sup>5</sup>You shall not kill.**

**<sup>6</sup>You shall not commit adultery.**

**<sup>7</sup>You shall not steal.**

**<sup>8</sup>You shall not bear false witness  
against your neighbor.**

**<sup>9</sup>You shall not covet  
your neighbor's house.**

**<sup>10</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,  
his workers, his livestock,  
or anything that is your neighbor's.**

## Confession and Absolution

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### Hymn: "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"

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## Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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

**And also with you.**



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

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*Leader:*

Glory be to God on high!

*Congregation:*

And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,

we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,

O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy  
 on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.  
 You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.  
 For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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*Leader:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit

Heavenly Father, in Jesus' baptism you declared him to be your beloved Son, and set him apart as your agent of grace for your creation. May we who are baptized into his life also be sent as agents of grace in your world—through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

*Please be seated.*

A - men.

## First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.  
<sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The word of the Lord.

## Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.  
<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his Name;**  
**worship the LORD in the beau- | ty 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 pow- | erful 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 ce- | dars of Lebanon;  
<sup>6</sup>**He makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,**  
**and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**  
<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice  
of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.  
<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD makes the | oak trees writhe**  
**and strips the | forests bare.**  
<sup>9</sup>And in the temple | of the LORD  
all are | crying, "Glory!"  
<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;**  
**the LORD sits enthroned as | King forevermore.**  
<sup>11</sup>The LORD shall give strength | to his people;  
the LORD shall give his people the bless- | ing of peace.

## Second Lesson: 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.

The word of the Lord.

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**Anthem:** “Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

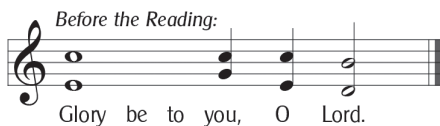
Men's Choir

**Gospel Acclamation** *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of Mark.



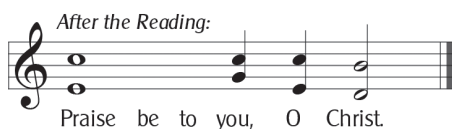
## Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.



## Apostles Creed

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**



He descended into hell.  
 On the third day he rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again 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

## Children's Chat

**Sermon:** "And God Said"

**Hymn:** "Shall We Gather at the River?"

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## Prayers of the Church

*Following each prayer:*  
 Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
 trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen**

## Exhortation

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## Preface and Sanctus

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*Leader*                      *Congregation*  
 The    Lord   be    with    you.    And    with    your    spir - it.



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit upon the chosen disciples as he had promised, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:



in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est

## The Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**<sup>I</sup>hallowed be thy name,**

<sup>2</sup>thy kingdom come,

<sup>3</sup>thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

**<sup>4</sup>Give us this day our daily bread;**

<sup>5</sup>and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

**<sup>6</sup>and lead us not into temptation,**

**<sup>7</sup>but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

## Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin  
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,  
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

## Distribution of Communion

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*Remain seated after the distribution.*

May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

## Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Nunc Dimittus

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Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,  
ac- | cording to | your | word.  
For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,  
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:  
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles  
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.  
Glory | be to the | Father,  
and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,  
As it | was in the be- | ginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

## Benedicamus

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Leader: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: Congregation:

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The musical notation for the Benedicamus consists of two staves. The first staff shows the Leader's part (treble clef, key of D major) and the Congregation's part (bass clef, key of D major). The second staff shows the Leader's part (treble clef, key of D major) and the Congregation's part (bass clef, key of D major). The lyrics are written below the notes.

## Postlude: "As with Gladness Men of Old" arr. Janet Linker

*We remain seated, worshipping silently during the postlude, standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross, now at the rear of the sanctuary.*

## Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Congregation:

A - men.

The musical notation for the Benediction consists of a single staff (treble clef, key of D major) with the lyrics "A - men." written below the notes.

# Forgiveness and Consequence

Find the 28 **bold** words from Genesis 3:21–24.

E F I L Y A M F D M H G C H Z  
V O S E N T X E E T A Q O S Q  
I S N I K S H A F L A D V O N  
L B M H Y T G J I F Z E E Y D  
F A K N O W W M W Y R L R D H  
L T Y L N W B R A X G S I I S  
A E C A G W K W W D W E N C L  
M D V I W A M T O O A D G S T  
I E K O Z N R L R P Y E S I D  
N M Y T R E O D Z C E N L R B  
G T W X V D N X E T V L O T Y  
E N H E Z G O D R N I L W S E  
X D R A U G S E T G L B F A V  
K O C A M B E D N U O R G E K  
F C H E R U B I M G B W J K H

And the **LORD God made coverings** of **animal skins** for **Adam** and for his **wife**, and **clothed** them. And the LORD God said, “Behold, the man is become as one of us, to **know good** and **evil**. And now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the **tree of life**, and **eat**, and **live forever** — therefore, the LORD God **sent** him from the **garden of Eden** to **till** the **ground** from which he was taken. So, he **drove** out the man, and he placed at the **east** of the garden of Eden the **cherubim**, and the **flaming sword** that turned every way, to **guard** the **way** to the tree of life.

*Unscramble the verse:*

Eht nam nad sih ewfi dhi eetemlvshs  
rfmo het csnepere fo hte rodl dog.

We thank everyone who sent cards and gave gifts this Christmas,  
and especially the thoughtfulness of the Sunday School.  
Susan and Mark Ryman

**Acolyte/Crucifer training class** will be held on **Sunday, January 28th, at 3pm**, for **all NEW Acolytes/Crucifers** (child must be in 4th grade or higher). Please contact Bethany Whisnant at 704-640-2402 if your child will be attending, if you need another day scheduled, or if you have any questions.

**Recent Prayer Needs**

- Paul Canup – Recovering from a fall
- Christine Maloney – Recovering from surgery at home
- George Reese – Recovering from surgery at home
- Jane Wilhelm – Recovering from a fall

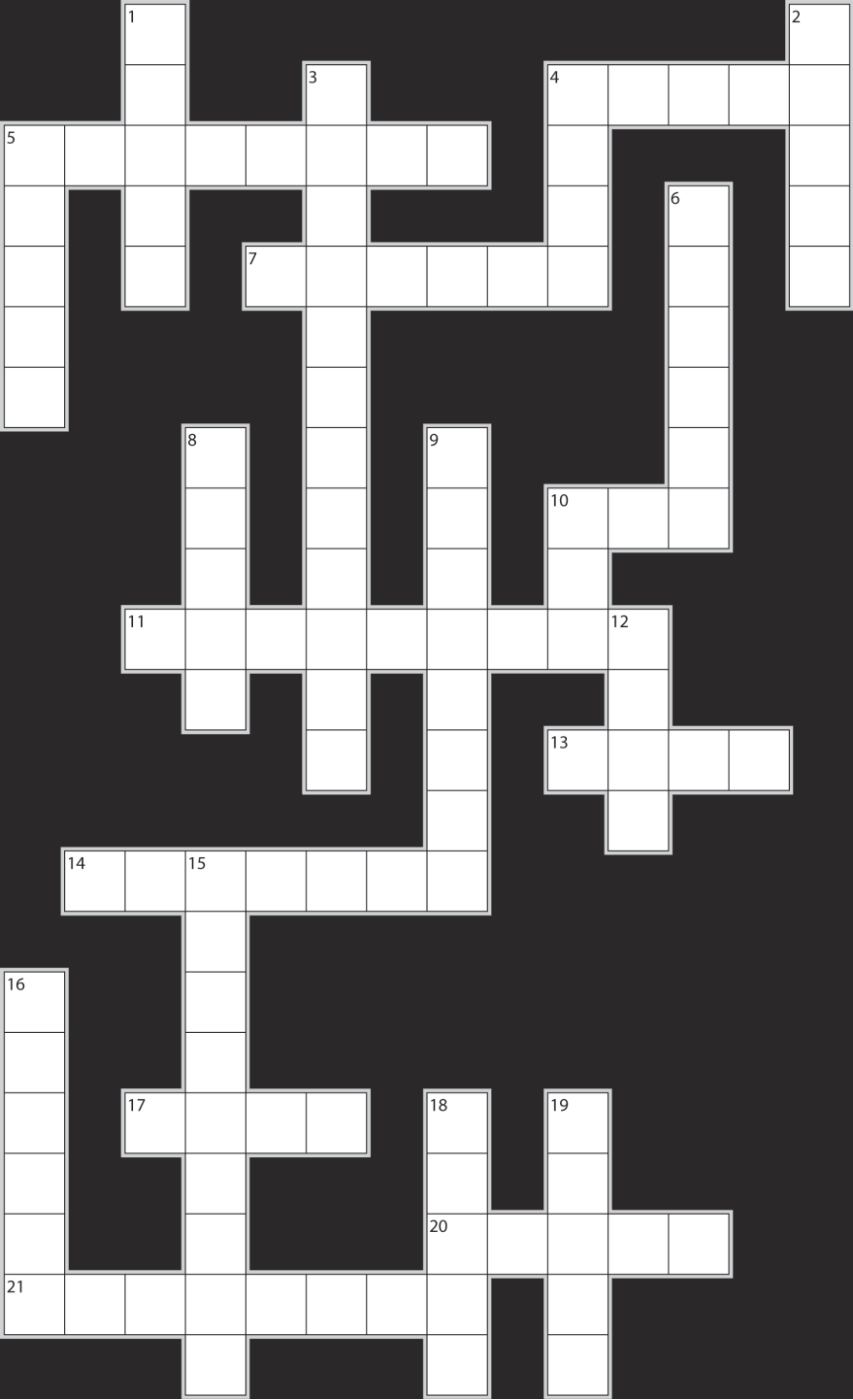
Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.



**Stewardship**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| General Fund Offering (12/31)                               | \$4,716 |
| Other Offering (12/31)                                      | \$1,820 |
| Sunday School Attendance (12/31)                            | 54      |
| Worship Attendance (12/31)                                  | 164     |
| Children’s Mission (4th quarter–Lutheran Military Veterans) |         |
| \$124 last Sunday; final for quarter: \$1,901               |         |

Children’s missions change collections for the  
first quarter of 2024 will go to the  
Department of Lutheran Studies at  
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte





# Baptism of Our Lord

*Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.*

*It may help with the Psalm if you use the English Standard Version instead of the old Psalter in the bulletin.*

## ACROSS

4. It breaks cedars, flashes flames, shakes the wilderness, etc.
5. It was over the face of the waters.
7. In baptism, we die and are...
10. God was delighted with him.
11. When God created the heavens and the earth
13. The Christ will baptize us with this Spirit.
14. John ate these bugs.
17. If we have died with Christ, we will also do this with him.
20. In the Lord's temple, all cry...
21. Ascribe to the Lord glory and...

## DOWN

1. God created light on this day.
2. He was baptized by John.
3. Because we have died a death like Christ's, we will also share in his...
4. In the beginning, the earth was...
5. If you have been baptized into Christ, you have been baptized into his...
6. John baptized in this river.
8. John baptized with this element.
9. The God of glory...
10. We must not live in it if we have died to it.
12. God saw that the light was...
15. Our old self was...
16. The voice of the Lord is over the...
18. The first thing God spoke into existence
19. The Lord is enthroned over this.

### **Sunday, January 7**

- Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am
- Christian Education Committee, conference room, 2pm
- Outreach Committee, 2pm
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell practice, 5pm
- Lutheran Women's Quarterly meeting, 5pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

### **Monday, January 8**

- Faith Academy afterschool program, 1pm
- Grace Ridenhour and Hama Lingle circles meet together for supper, Blue Bay, E. Innes, 6pm
- Melissa Lura Circle, 6pm (check with your circle chairperson)

### **Tuesday, January 9**

- Bible Study Classes, 10am and 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:45pm
- Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm

### **Wednesday, January 10**

- Homeschool meets, 8:30am – 3:30pm
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation class, 7:30pm

### **Friday, January 12**

- Girl Scouts sleepover, 7pm Friday until 1pm Saturday

### **Sunday, January 14**

- Worship and Music Committee, in the parlor following worship
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm





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**Next Sunday's Lessons:** 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

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