



LITURGY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE BAPTISM OF JESUS/NAMING

JANUARY 11, 2026



OUR MISSION

Christ has called us together to do God's Work.

Trinity Lutheran Church at Rosemont
is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of
race, creed, age, national origin,
cultural background, sexual orientation, class,
physical or mental ability.

HYMN SING

WELCOME

Lector Good Morning. My name is Joe Bleier.

A warm welcome is extended to all. Especially those who are gathering at BT@R for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together. Today we observe the Baptism of Our Lord. Everything you need to follow along with the worship service can be found in your bulletin. Please join us for fellowship following the gathering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR AND CARE CANDLES

GATHERING WORDS

Leader Come people of God, turn your hearts and minds to the light of Christ. Let us be ready to welcome the events and the people who may become turning points in our lives.

Assembly We welcome with eyes and hearts open, ready to see God present in our winter world; in the people we meet and in the things we do.

RECONCILIATION

Pastor In this time of quiet I invite you to reflect on life this holiday season. Bring into the presence of God, in this place, the joys and burdens you carry with you this morning. If you need forgiveness, seek it in the renewing love of God. If you need healing, or courage, or wisdom, seek it in the peace of God. Jesus says, “Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you” (Luke 11:9)

Silence

Leader We pray together,

Assembly Gracious God, give us the wisdom to hold to what we need, grace to let go of those things that we can do without, and a vision of your breadth, height, and depth that will challenge our smallness of heart, and bring us humbly together. Amen.

Pastor Spirit of God hold us, + Spirit of God move us, Spirit of God burn within us, so that we may light up the world with your love.

GATHERING HYMN Hymnal 423

Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

Pastor Let us pray; May our eyes be wide open to see the glory of life in all its forms. May our hearts be open to experience life in the glory of diversity. May our minds be filled with light and hope as we walk the ways that bring fullness of life to all.

Assembly Amen. May it be so!

HYMN OF PRAISE

We Will Glorify

1 We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will
2 Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will
3 He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, he is
4 Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le -

glo - ri - fy the Lamb; we will glo - ri - fy the
bow be - fore his throne; we will wor - ship him in
Lord of all who live; he is Lord a - bove the
lu - jah to the Lamb; hal - le - lu - jah to the

Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.
righ - teous - ness, we will wor - ship him a - lone.
u - ni - verse, all praise to him we give.
Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Text: Twila Paris

Music: Twila Paris; arr. David Allen

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The assembly may be seated for the readings.

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:1-2

Lector A reading from Isaiah

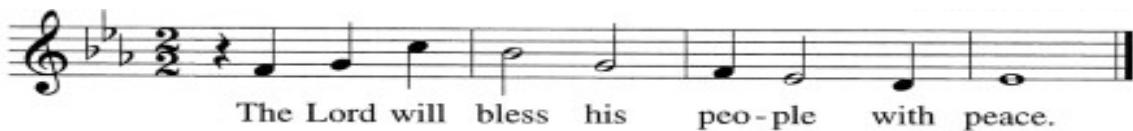
¹But now thus says the LORD,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When 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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 29 Michel Guimont



1 O give the Lord, you children of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord, resplendent and holy. **R**

2 The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendor. **R**

3 The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood,
the Lord sits as king for ever. **R**

A READING FROM THE WORLD AROUND US

Lector A reading from the world around us: *Quest* by Kathy Fuson Hurt.

Once I lived in a two-dimensional world.

Things were long and wide - but flat.

My narrow vision did not include depth.

Depth came, but only when I opened my own depths
plunged into their darkness

thrashed about in them

learned them

loved them.

My depths restored, the world regained its missing depths
which, like mine, demanded exploration
struggle, understanding, love.

Now a fourth dimension rises in life.

Things are long, wide, deep - and rich.

This expanded vision includes meaning.

Meaning comes, but only by grace

given unexpectedly

undeservedly

breaking into a lost life.

Through grace, life acquires meaning
which appears as a fourth dimension
which is God.

The assembly stands as able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Birth of a Boy-Child (Tune: *Away in a Manger*)

The birth of a boy-child, the growth of a man:
his mother's enigma; a part of God's plan?
Uncertain, now standing a part of the crowd;
the still of the water foreshadows a shroud.

The death of an old life, the birth of a new,
as values are challenged, past choices askew.
Fierce currents of feeling, encounters of love,
a man by a river, a voice and a dove.

That voice stills the crowd at the slow river's rim:
'My son, my beloved, now listen to him.'
The birth of a boy-child, the growth of a man:
his mother's enigma; a part of God's plan? *(Andrew Pratt)*

GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17

Pastor Reading from the Holy Gospel + as written to us by Matthew.
Assembly Glory to you O God.

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, 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 it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Pastor This is Good News from the Lord.
Assembly Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated for the Sermon.

THE SERMON

The assembly stands as able.

HYMN OF THE DAY Hymnal 459 Assembly sings sections indicated *All*.

Wade in the Water

Refrain

All

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the wa - ter.

Leader

All

1 See that host all dressed in white,
2 See that band all dressed in red,
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
4 If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the

wa - ter; the lead - er looks like the Is - ra - 'lite,
looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led,
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com-ing on me,
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream,

All

Refrain

God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - - ter.

The assembly may sit or kneel for prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING *The offering plates are at the front and back entrances.*

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

THE OFFERTORY HYMN Sing stanza 4 only.

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning



1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
3 Shall we not yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
fra - grance of E - dom and of f'rings di - vine,
vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;
dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorm - ing,
an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,
Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorm - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.
mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior is of all.
myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?
dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader Let us pray. We are grateful for our life and the courage we are given to live it. Let our gratitude for life be expressed in our generosity. Let our faith be expressed in good causes. Let our belief in the future find full expression in our daily attitude of mind.

Assembly Amen. May it be so!

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Assembly Blessed be God forever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor God's hope is in us.
 Lift up your hearts.

Assembly We lift them up to God.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the God of peace.

Assembly It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Pastor All honor and praise be yours always and everywhere, creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son: for at this time, we celebrate your revelation in our midst. In the coming of the Magi, Jesus was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism he was revealed as your Son, sent among us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore, with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Again, after supper,
He took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people
For the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Pastor We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

Assembly **God here among us,
Light in the midst of us,
Bring us to light and life.**

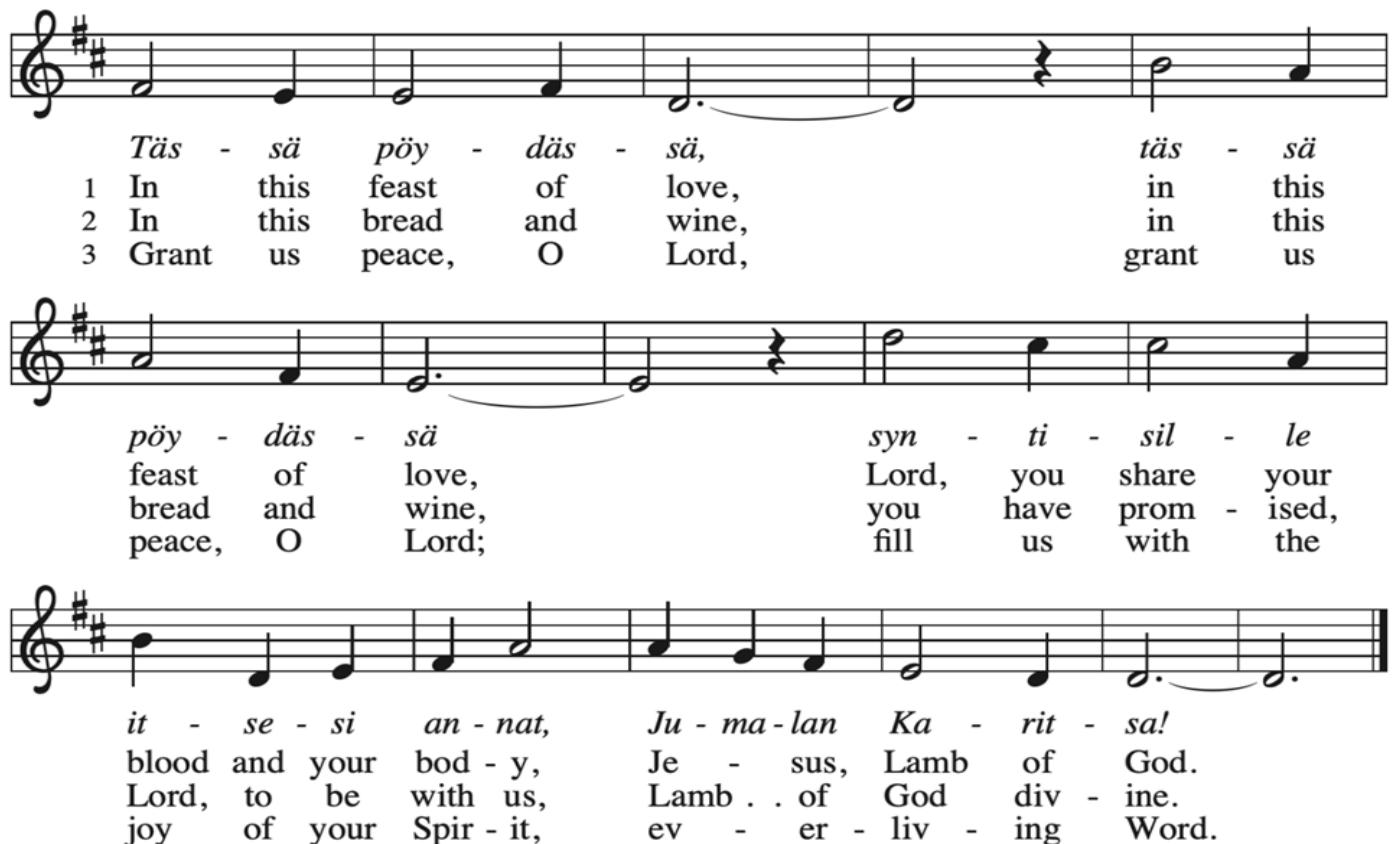
THE INVITATION

Pastor Come to this table of grace. Here there are no barriers, no requirements, no tests of worthiness. No matter your faith, your doubts, or your background – All are welcome, all are loved, all are fed. Come, taste and see the goodness of God.

ALL ARE INVITED TO SHARE BREAD AND WINE

All are welcome to come and receive the bread and wine. There are gluten free wafers; ask the Pastor or Communion Assistants to provide one to you. A chalice of wine will be offered to you - simply touch the wafer to the wine. If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come forward simply let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

In This Feast of Love



The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The lyrics are in both English and Finnish, with the Finnish words in italics. The lyrics are as follows:

1. *Täs - sä* *pöy - däs* - *sä,* *täs - sä*
1. In this feast of love, in this
2. In bread and wine, in this
3. Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

pöy - däs - sä *syn - ti - sil - le*
feast of love, Lord, you share your
bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
peace, O Lord; fill us with the

it - se - si *an - nat,* *Ju - ma - lan* *Ka - rit - sa!*
blood and your body, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
Lord, to be with us, Lamb of God divides.
joy of your Spirit, ever - living Word.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Crashing Waters at Creation, Hymnal 455

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized, Hymnal 304

The assembly may stand as they are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assembly stands as they are able for the prayer, final hymn and blessing.

Leader God of abundant love and unexpected gifts, we delight in your presence amongst us. We are glad we can gather around your table as friends sharing the bread of life and wine of blessing. In this holiday season we will look for you in the smile of strangers, we will honor you in the life of those we love, we will be people of God and the Body of Christ wherever we are.

Assembly **Amen.**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

PARTING WORDS

Leader Let us take on this week's life
with renewed hope and imagination...
With faith to face our challenges,
With love that casts out fear,
With hope to trust tomorrow,

Assembly **We accept this day as the gift it is:
a reason for rejoicing.**

The Altar Candles and Care Candle are extinguished.

SENDING HYMN Hymnal 310

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - them be to thee ad-dressed,
an - them be to thee ad-dressed,
an - them be to thee ad-dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

God in flesh made man - i - fest.

WORDS OF BLESSING

Pastor May the God you see in the colors of creation
arouse in you a sense of awe and wonder.

May the God who is a sacred presence be real to you.

May the God who is a source of inspiration and courage
keep calling you forward.

May your God go with you, and bless you.

Assembly Amen. May it be so!

Thank you for worshiping with us at BT@R today.
We are grateful for your presence and pray that you were blessed
by the service.



FELLOWSHIP

Morning coffee and tea are now served.

You are invited upstairs to Laros Hall to share in this time of fellowship.

You are invited to keep this copy of the liturgy and take it home with you
to share with another member of your family, or with a friend



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SOMETHING TO PONDER: My friends, we have arrived. We are here, in this new year. We have crossed the boundary of time, into the next year, with all its resolutions and plans and schedules ahead of us. Let us pause, for just this moment, before we move boldly onward. Let us pause to hear the breathing of those around us, to feel their presence in this room. To know their presence in our lives. Let us pause to feel the spirit of life and love that ties us to each other, that winds its way through our very bones and settles in our hearts. Before we march forward, armed with resolutions that will shortly be forgotten in the day-to-day of living, let us notice what it is that remains every year, every day. What exists beyond schedules and months, beyond time. It welcomes us to life, not just at the start of the year, but every day.



Till We Meet Again

January 11, 2025 - Worship 9:30am

Church Triumphant

Ernest Bohar entered the Church Triumphant on Thursday, January 1st. Please keep Ernest's family and friends in your prayers. Read Ernest's obituary on the Cantelmi Long Funeral Home website.

Thank You Note

Dear friends,

Thank you very much for the beautiful, white poinsettia which Karen Favinger so very kindly delivered to me. It brightens my living room and reminds me of dear friends. Thank you to the Christian Service group for the thoughtful and kind Christmas card signed by so many kind people. It was very nice to receive.

Thank you to Karen Favinger for her faithful monthly visits. I look forward to each one. Your remembrances of me are a blessing. Thank you for your kindness now and throughout the year.

Peace and love,
Jane Shollenberger

Book Club

See bulletin board for complete list.

Join us in Laros Hall at 7pm.

January 20th: *Remarkably Bright Creatures*
by Shelby Van Pelt

February 17th: *The Conclave*
by Robert Harris

March 17th: *Lightning in a Mason Jar*
by Katherine Mann

Today's Worship Ministers

January 11, 2026

Acolyte – Jimmy Bleier

Altar Guild – Ron & Sandy Horwath,
Joan Erb

Assisting Minister – Sandy Butch

Coffee Hour Hosts: Kathy Remaly,
Jody Fliter, Mary Mann, Kathy Pecuch,
Carol Lopez

Communion Assistants – Kenda Riley,
Dagny Danga-Storm

Counters – Diane Case, Cheryl Achey,
Mickey Curry

Flower Delivery – Christine Horoschock

Greeters – Mary Bender, Kevin Remaly

Key Attendant – Barry Sterner

Lector – Joe Bleier

Ushers – Rich Romig, Joan Erb

January 18, 2026

Acolyte – Joan Erb

Altar Guild – Dolores Kennedy, Pat Little,
Mary Bender, Donna Mackaravitz

Assisting Minister – Karen Favinger

Coffee Hour Hosts: Sandy Butch,
Karen Schoch, Carolyn Galle, Karen
Favinger, Louise Fielding

Communion Assistants – Gayle Nemeth,
Joni Schmidt

Counters – Donna Machin, Tom Starrett,
Bill Schellhaas

Flower Delivery – Christine Horoschock

Greeters – George & Linda Baltz

Key Attendant – Barry Sterner

Lector – Nancy Kostas

Ushers – Stephanie Gergar, Ron Leposa
01/04/2025 Offering: \$5,479

Attendance: 93

This Week at BT@R

Sunday, January 11th: Baptism of Our Lord

9:30am Worship

11:00am Congregational Council Meeting (Community Service Room)

Monday, January 12th:

10:00am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Laros Hall)

7:00pm Dart Team Home

Wednesday, January 14th:

9:00am Christian Service Women (Community Service Room)

Sunday, January 18th:

9:30am Worship

10:45am Social Activities Committee Meeting (Nave)

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