



**We are Baptized**

**January 11, 2026**



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**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back-corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

**Serving the Lord and Serving Us:**

**Pastor: Rev. Gary Wong**

# We Come into the Presence of God

## MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

*This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.*

## OPENING HYMN: 16, On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin And fur -  
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref -  
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, And lift  
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, Whose ad -



es that the Lord is nigh; Come, then, and lis - ten,  
nished for a guest with - in, And let us all our  
uge and our great re - ward. With - out your grace we  
us up to fall no more. Oh, make your face on  
vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Good news a - bout the King of kings.  
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
us to shine, And fill the world with love di - vine.  
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, st. 1-3, alt.; composite, st. 4-5.  
Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (LM) Latin melody, 15th century, adapt.

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

**Minister:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**Congregation:** **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him." The score consists of six lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The first line of music starts with a C-clef and a sharp sign for the key signature. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Be seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

#### Isaiah 42:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom I delight.  
I am placing my Spirit on him.  
He will announce a just verdict<sup>[b]</sup> for the nations.

<sup>2</sup>He will not cry out.  
He will not raise his voice.  
He will not make his voice heard in the street.

<sup>3</sup>A bent reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not snuff out.  
He will faithfully bring forth a just verdict.

<sup>4</sup>He will not burn out, and he will not be broken  
until he establishes justice on the earth.  
The coastlands will wait for his law.<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>5</sup>This is what the true God says,  
the Lord who creates the heavens and stretches them out,  
who spreads out the earth  
and everything that it produces,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
and life to those who walk on it.

<sup>6</sup> I am the Lord.  
I have called you in righteousness.  
I will hold on to your hand,  
and I will guard you.  
I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people,  
to be a light for the nations,  
<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes of the blind,  
to bring the prisoners out from the dungeon,  
and to bring those who sit in darkness out of prison.

## **PSALM OF THE DAY: 45**

*Read Responsively*

M: Great are the works of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C: Great are the works of the Lord.**

M: My heart is stirred by a noble theme

**C: as I recite my verses for the King.**

M: You are the most excellent of men

**C: and your lips have been anointed with grace.**

M: Gird your sword upon your side, O Mighty One;

**C: clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.**

M: In your majesty ride forth victoriously;

**C: let your right hand display awesome deeds.**

M: Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever

**C: a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.**

M: You love righteousness and hate wickedness;

**C: therefore God has anointed you with the oil of joy.**

M: I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;  
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

**C: Praise the Lord, O my soul.**

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.**

## SECOND LESSON

### Acts 10:34-38

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak: "Now I really am beginning to understand that God does not show favoritism, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>He sent his word to the people of Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

<sup>37</sup>"You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached. <sup>38</sup>God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the Devil, because God was with him.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia. (*Mark 1:11b*)

*Stand*

## GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

### Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

<sup>15</sup>The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might be the Christ. <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But someone mightier 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. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." ...

... <sup>21</sup>When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. While he was praying, heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you."

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be Seated*

HYMN OF THE DAY: 89, To Jordan's river Came Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The  
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The  
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And  
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came  
 5 The Fa - ther's word, the Spir - it's flight A -



Christ, whom heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The  
 Son of God in flesh dis - guised— To  
 John bap - tized the Lamb of God, The  
 God's own voice with words pro - found: "This  
 point - ed Christ in glo - rious sight As



God from God, the Light from Light, The  
 stand be - neath the Fa - ther's will And  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, De -  
 is my Son," was his de - cree, "The  
 God's own choice, from A - dam's fall To



Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
 all his prom - is - es ful - fill.  
 scend - ed on him from a - bove.  
 one I love, who pleas - es me."  
 save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!  
 This man in Christ, our substitute!  
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

Text: James P. Tiefel, b. 1949. © 1993 James P. Tiefel. All rights reserved. Used by permission.  
 Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

SERMON

Lesson: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
 Theme: "We are Baptized"

Stand

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe 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 is seated 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*

## **OFFERING**

*Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in your pew.*

*The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.*

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

**C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

**C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

M: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

**C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

**C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

*Special prayers*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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 forever. Amen.**

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

*Be Seated*

## CLOSING HYMN: 294, Baptized into Your Name Most Holy



1 Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O  
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To  
3 My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your  
4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re -



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a  
be hence - forth your child and heir. My faith - ful  
prom - ise sure - ly will en - dure. Oh, cast me  
ceive it all, O Lord, from me. Let me con -



place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your saints, your  
Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of all your  
not a - way for - ev - er If words and deeds be -  
fess my faith sin - cere - ly And help me your own



cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to  
sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort  
come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -  
child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or



sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.  
filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.  
own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

Text: Johann J. Rambach, 1693–1735, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (KÖNIG) (98 98 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

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### Looking for volunteers to help provide snacks for our Sunday School and Fellowship Hour!

If you're able to bless our community with simple treats, please sign up on the sheet posted on the Sunday School bulletin board located in the large fellowship and adult Sunday School room. Your contributions help make our time together even more welcoming and enjoyable—thank you for supporting our fellowship!

**The Trinity Book Club will meet on Saturday, February 7, at 9:30 am** at Cuppi Coffee in Dumfries to discuss *A Heart Adrift* by Laura Frantz. Come join us!

### Offering Envelopes

If any new member or regular attendee would like to have envelopes for their offering for the 2026 calendar year, please contact the Financial Secretary, Daniel King; the Treasurer, Jim Strock; or Council President, Steve Proksch.

### Sunday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:45am

#### Wine and Word Bible Study – Jan. 15th

The Wine and Word Bible Study is **studying the book of EXODUS** and meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine (or other drink of choice) and a small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or [dawn.f.knox@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

### Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Steven Douglas. If you have any questions or are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email [worship@trinityofwoodbridge.org](mailto:worship@trinityofwoodbridge.org). You can also scan this code to sign up:



**Trinity's Little Free Library** is one of our church's most effective tools for reaching out to our neighborhood. Many families in the area around Trinity regularly visit our LFL for books and shelf-stable food items, especially those who are experiencing food scarcity. Particularly useful are canned or boxed foods that do not require additional ingredients besides water to prepare. Books are always welcome, too, of course! If the shelves happen to be full, there is a donation bin for overflow items in the Fellowship Hall beside the door to the hallway.

### **Small Choir**

Trinity's choir sings about once a month during worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let Bev Ohlendorf know.

### **Lord's Supper Available to All Members**

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at [revgwong@gmail.com](mailto:revgwong@gmail.com) with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work.



## **The Best Christmas Gift: God's Family**

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20251231/>

**But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.**

**Galatians 4:4-7**

Most people love Christmas! It's the time between Thanksgiving and New Year's full of cookies and candy canes, treats and traditions, music and magic. Christmas means family. And most importantly, Christmas means Jesus.

But here's the thing—you only fully understand what that truly means when you think what Christmas without Jesus looks like. How would that change the phrase "Christmas means family"?

People love Christmas because it gives them something to look forward to. It's fun! It makes them feel happy. But we also know life isn't perfect. There are lots of times we see sin and sadness in the world. Christmas reminds us that we don't just need fun—we need to belong to God's family.

Through Jesus, you belong to God's family!

Jesus didn't come just to make a few weeks of Christmas cheer. He came to save people from sin and death. He bought you for his family. And in God's family, you can talk to your heavenly Father anytime—asking for help, peace, and love.

So, when you are afraid of what's going on in the world, when you feel burdened by your sins, you can call out "Abba, Father"—and your heavenly Father will hear your cry for help because you are his child!

Christmas means you belong to God's family. As part of this family, you get to wear Christmas clothes! Mom and Dad make sure you have nice clothes to wear for a service. Did they tell you to keep them clean for a nice picture? Christmas gives you something even better: Jesus gives you holy white robes of heaven! That means you get to live as someone who belongs to God's family.

Christmas means Jesus. And because of Jesus, Christmas means family—God's family.

### **Questions to Consider:**

- What are some blessings of belonging to God's family?
- How can you show thanks to your heavenly Father for these blessings?
- Why did Jesus have to be born "under the law"?
- How did Jesus keep the law as your perfect brother?
- What do you think it means to be an "heir of God through Christ"?
- How can knowing you belong to God's family help you be a more caring member of your family?

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**to glorify God**

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



Trinity Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.