



## HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 4, 2026- 10am

### COME, SEE THE LAMB

As disciples we follow Jesus, the Lamb of God.

*Welcome to worship!*

*The ushers are ready to assist you in any way.*

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*Please help yourself to materials at the Family Worship Resource Table or the Child Comfort Corner at the sanctuary entrance.*

#### Confession

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

God of grace and mercy, We who have seen the signs of Jesus' presence in the world still fall into doubt and despair. We put our trust in ourselves and in the powers of the world, in material goods and in finite and fallible people. In our fear we act out against our neighbors, and hurt those most in need of our help. Restore our faith, O God. Forgive us for our failings and make us one with our beloved siblings throughout creation.

Beloved, your God hears and answers, and with love and tenderness washes away all your sins. Know that you are always whole, always loved, and always held, even in your doubts and failings. Go forth with joy in this knowledge. **Amen**

#### Hymn

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

Hymn 249

- 1 On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within, and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more; oh, let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.

5 All praise to you, eternal Son,  
whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

### Greeting

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.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, **God of all people, You called many by name, asking them to follow Jesus and obey. Call us by name, and help us to follow and obey. Amen.**

### Welcome and Greeting

#### Psalm 66:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; <sup>2</sup> sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise. <sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.  
<sup>4</sup> All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."  
<sup>5</sup> Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

Word of God, word of life.      **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Lesson

John 1:35-51

The gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said

to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

#### Hymn

#### *Pass It On*

It only takes a spark to get a fire going  
And soon all those around an warm up in its glowing  
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it  
You spread God's love to ev'ryone. You want to pass it on

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding  
The birds begin to sing the flowers start their blooming  
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it  
You want to sing it's fresh like spring. You want to pass it on

I wish for you my friend this happiness that I've found  
You can depend on God. It matters not where you're bound  
I'll shout it from the mountain top. I want my world to know  
The Lord of love has come to me. I want to pass it on.

### Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Ministry Announcements

**Prayers of Intercession**    **Response:** hear our prayer.

## LITURGY OF THE MEAL

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Offertory & Offering

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### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this  
heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the  
Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

### 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.** *sit*

### Communion

*All baptized believers of Christ as their Savior are invited to the table. Please approach the table as you are ready.*

*Children are invited to receive a blessing.*

*You may request gluten-free bread or grape juice by raising a finger to the communion server.*

### Blessing *stand*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn***Will You Come and Follow Me***Hymn 798**

- 1 "Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?"
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r  
in you and you in me?"
- 3 "Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?"
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?"
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

**Prayer after Communion**

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

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### Blessing & Dismissal

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace, together in Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude

**Chancel flowers today are given by the Wachtman Family** to the glory of God for the life and faith of Pastor Steve's father Donald C. Wachtman.

### Liturgical Ministers

**Preacher & Presiding Minister:** Pastor Steve Wachtman **Director of Equipping Ministers:** Laura Hudson  
**Minister of Music:** Joshua Brodbeck **Director of Faith Formation:** Noelle Fox

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