

# The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord

## HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II



*“Baptism of Christ” by Andrea del Verrocchio, ca. 1475*

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**  
**10:00 am**



**Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We are glad you joined us today!**

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you here. We welcome everyone to join and participate fully in worship. The bulletin should contain all you need to participate in worship. Text the congregation reads aloud is **printed in bold**. This symbol ☩ denotes the appropriate time to make the sign of the cross upon yourself, if it is your custom.

Mask-wearing is optional. The rear pews are designated for socially-distanced seating for those who wish. Please sanitize your hands as you enter and immediately before Communion.

## THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

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The feast of the Epiphany falls on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January each year, following the 12 days of Christmas. This festival appears to have developed in the early part of the 4<sup>th</sup> century and its name comes from a Greek word meaning “appearance” or “manifestation” since Epiphany is associated with the manifestation of Christ to the world.

The season following the Epiphany is of variable length because it continues until the beginning of Lent. The first Sunday after the Epiphany is special because it commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. The last Sunday after the Epiphany (the Sunday before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday) is also special as we celebrate the Transfiguration. For those two Sundays, the liturgical color will be white. For the other four, we will be in green, the color of life and growth.

The Gospel appointed on Epiphany (which is rarely a Sunday, so we don’t often hear it) is the well-known story of the magi following a star to worship the newborn Jesus in Bethlehem. So we will keep our decorative glass stars over the choir pews and organ to remind us where we are in the calendar. We will also be using Eucharistic Prayer C, with its references to space, galaxies, and planets.



*Please note that this service is being livestreamed and recorded.  
Videos may be found on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website.*

**Prelude**

*Improvisation on “On Jordan’s Banks”  
Richard Spantikow*

# The Word of God

## Processional Hymn • Hymnal '82 #76

*All are invited to stand and sing.*

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

## Opening Acclamation

*The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p.299*

*Celebrant*

✠Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit; that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# Gloria • Hymnal '82 #S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## The Collect of the Day

BCP p.213

*Celebrant*           The Lord be with you.  
*People*               And also with you.  
*Celebrant*           Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### The First Lesson • *A reading from the Book of Isaiah*

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is 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.  
He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
    or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
    and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
    he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed  
    until he has established justice in the earth;  
    and the coastlands wait for his teaching.”  
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 upon it  
    and spirit to those who walk in it:  
“I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
    I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
    a light to the nations,  
    to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
    from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the Lord, that is my name;  
    my glory I give to no other,  
    nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
    and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
    I tell you of them.”

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## The Psalm

Psalm 29

*The choir will chant the Psalm*

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, “Glory!”
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## The Second Lesson • *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and the other Gentiles]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised

him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn • Hymnal '82 #120

*The sinless one to Jordan came*



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,  
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,  
 3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,  
 4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun  
 5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,  
 6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;  
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare  
 3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,  
 4 to heal and save a race un - done!  
 5 go forth with you a world to win:  
 6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,  
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come  
 3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed  
 4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes  
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power  
 6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.  
 2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.  
 3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.  
 4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.  
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.  
 6 that with you died, and with you rose.

## The Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

*Deacon*

✠The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” 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. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

*Deacon*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

Deacon Bill Rimkus

## The Baptismal Covenant

BCP p.304

*Celebrant*

Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*

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

*Celebrant*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People*

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 to the dead. 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.

*Celebrant*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People*

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

*Celebrant*

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please be seated.*

# The Holy Communion

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## Offertory Anthem

*Wade in the water*  
African American Spiritual

## The Doxology • Hymnal '82 #380 (verse 3 only)

*All are invited to stand and sing as the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP p.370

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.



Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### Sanctus & Benedictus • Hymnal '82 #S-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*Celebrant and People*

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Lord God of our Mothers: God of Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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*Celebrant and People*

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Agnus Dei • Hymnal '82 #S-165**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is sung*



*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*We are receiving both bread and wine at Communion. Please sanitize your hands prior to coming forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. There are two options for receiving the consecrated wine. If you wish to drink from the chalice, please go the left side of the altar rail. If you prefer to receive it in a single-use compostable cup (to drink or intinct), please pick one up from the table and go to the right side of the altar rail. The cup can then be discarded on the table in the sacristy to be reverently rinsed out. If you are sick, we ask that you please refrain from using the chalice and either get a single-use cup instead or rest assured that the fullness of Communion is received in either just bread alone or wine alone. If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are invited to cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing, which will be delivered without touch.*

## Communion Hymn • Hymnal '82 #294

*Baptized in Water*

1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit,  
 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit,  
 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit,  
 cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:  
 dead in the tomb with Christ our King:  
 marked with the sign of Christ our King:  
 heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his prom - ise,  
 one with his ris - ing, freed and for - giv - en,  
 born of one Fa - ther, we are his chil - dren,  
 faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

## Prayer after Communion

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*All are invited to stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

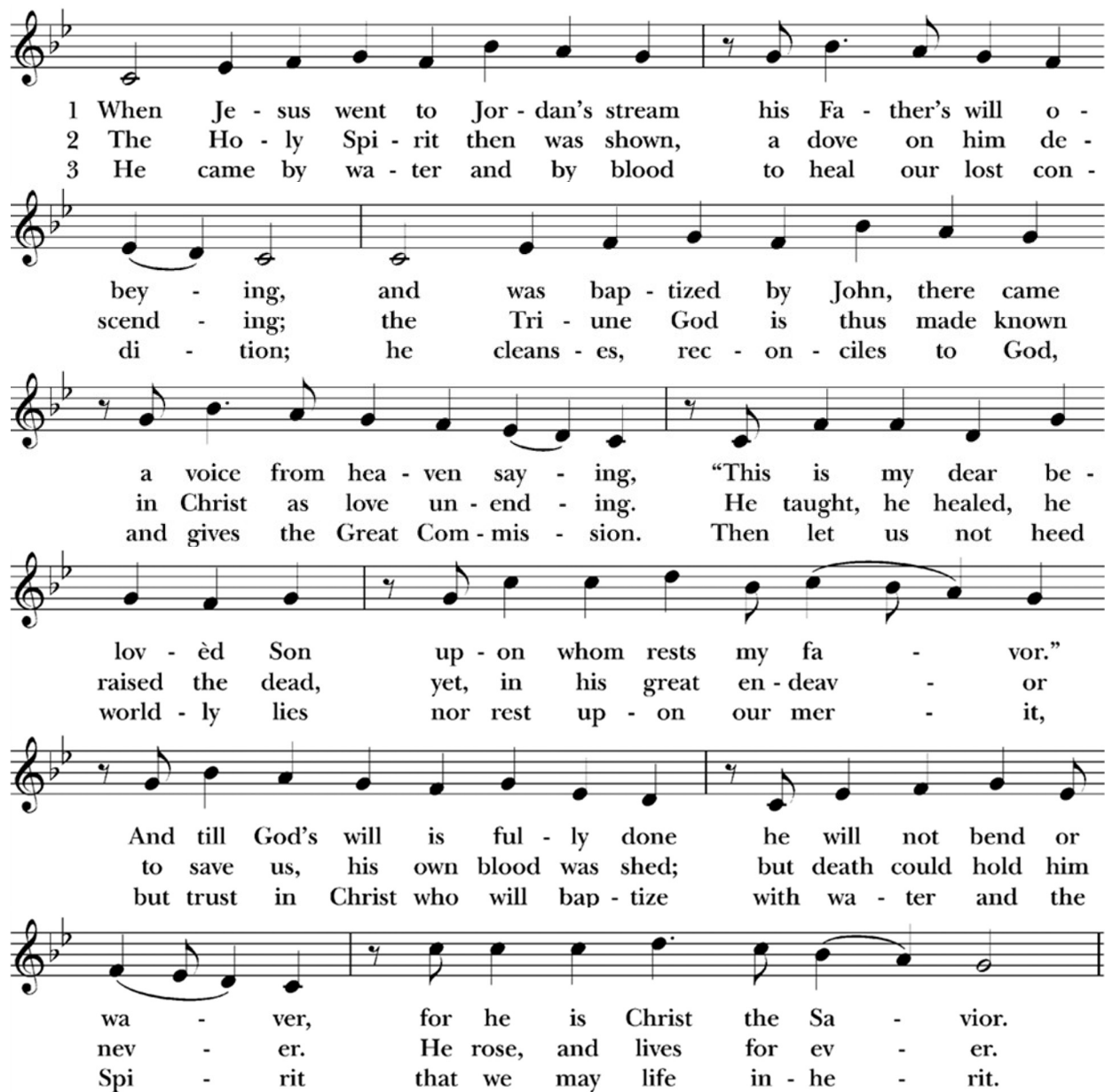
*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing ✠

### Closing Hymn • Hymnal '82 139

*When Jesus went to Jordan's stream*



1 When Je - sus went to Jor - dan's stream his Fa - ther's will o -  
2 The Ho - ly Spi - rit then was shown, a dove on him de -  
3 He came by wa - ter and by blood to heal our lost con -

bey - ing, and was bap - tized by John, there came  
scend - ing; the Tri - une God is thus made known  
di - tion; he cleans - es, rec - on - ciles to God,

a voice from hea - ven say - ing, "This is my dear be -  
in Christ as love un - end - ing. He taught, he healed, he  
and gives the Great Com - mis - sion. Then let us not heed

lov - ed Son up - on whom rests my fa - vor."  
raised the dead, yet, in his great en - deav - or  
world - ly lies nor rest up - on our mer - it,

And till God's will is ful - ly done he will not bend or  
to save us, his own blood was shed; but death could hold him  
but trust in Christ who will bap - tize with wa - ter and the

wa - ver, for he is Christ the Sa - vior.  
nev - er. He rose, and lives for ev - er.  
Spi - rit that we may life in - he - rit.

## The Dismissal

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*Deacon*  
*People*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Improvisation on "Baptized in Water"*  
*Richard Spantikow*

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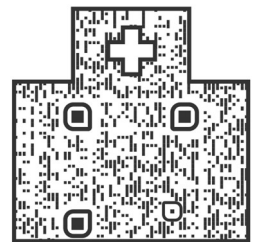
## THE SUNDAY TIMES

### **Today, Sunday, January 11th**

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)
- 11:15am, Coffee Hour

### **Sunday, January 18th with Seek & Find**

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music) **with Children's Church**
- 11:15am, Coffee Hour



**Birthdays:** Bonnie Kintigh, William Parker, Angelo DiGangi

**In our prayers:** Carrie, Chris, Tracy, Janice, Steve, Robert, Michael, Claire, Jeanine, Jeff, Kurt, Mike & Renee

**For the repose of the soul:** Bob Hayes

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Flu season considerations:** Flu season is in full swing and hitting the Chicagoland area hard. If you are sick, please stay home. Our 10am live stream is available for just such circumstances. Also, if you aren't feeling well, we ask that you please refrain from using the chalice and either get a single-use cup instead or rest assured that the fullness of Communion is received in either just bread alone or wine alone.

**Calling New Vestry Nominees!** Are you interested in joining our Vestry? We will be looking for a couple of new members to serve alongside existing members. If you are interested, please let Rev. Dave or either warden know. Our Annual Meeting is on **Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** after the one service at 9:00am. Please save the date!

**Annual Reports are due!** Please submit all reports to the office no later than January 20<sup>th</sup>!

**Guitarra Azul – Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>:** This is Guitarra Azul's third visit here, and it is a lovely experience. The smooth sound of the Latin-infused Jazz is intoxicating and will have us dancing in the aisles. All proceeds go to our Casavant Pipe Organ fund. The LTHS Latin Dance team will open the show for us once again. Thank you for supporting this, and other events here. Tickets are available through our website events page.



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### Weekly Worship Schedule

Tuesdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
Thursdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
	at 8:00pm	Compline (online)
Sundays	at 8:00am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (without music)
	at 10:00am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)

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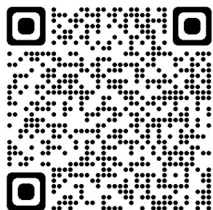
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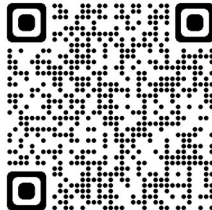
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