

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Holstein, IA January 11, 2026 9:00 A.M.
Baptism of Our Lord

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you.

Turn us to seek your face.

Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

The former things passed away, and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Service of Holy Baptism for Lillian Rivera

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WORDIsaiah 42:1-9

¹ 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. ² He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ 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: ⁶ 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, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ 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.Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

(read responsively)

¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.

² May he judge your people with righteousness
and your poor with justice.

³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

⁵ May he live while the sun endures
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

¹¹ May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.

¹² For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.

¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy
and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ 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.

Gospel Alleluia

ALLELUIA

Larry Olson

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia, I am the light of the world.

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia, I am the light of the world.

Those who fol - low me will not walk in dark - ness.

Those who fol - low me will have the light of life.

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Matthew 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Lamb Presentation to the 3 year olds

Children's Message

Message Vicar Millie Anderson

Hymn of the Day

Wade In The Water

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Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Children's Offering / Offering

Offering Prayer

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**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, forever and ever.**
Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

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.

Closing Song

We Are a Chosen People of God

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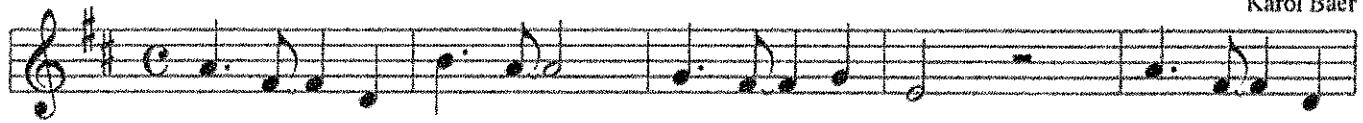
Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

WE ARE A CHOSEN PEOPLE OF GOD

David Lee Brown
Larry Olson
Karol Baer



We are a cho - sen peo - ple of God; called in - to



light and gath - ered in love; re - deemed and held by



the ho - ly one. We are a



chos - en peo - ple of God.

Look a - round you and see
Look a - round you and see
Look a - round you and see

peo - ple in your neigh - borhood;
the bles - sing s giv - en us;
not all is go - ing right.



end-less var - i - e - ty;
earth sky and sea;
In this mys - ter - y;

God has cre - a - ted good.
they're all placed in our trust.
we're called to be a light.



We're a part of it all,

chos - en and called.

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*Welcome family, friends, and sponsors as we
celebrate the baptism of
Lillian Louise Rivera*

Daughter of Rodrigo & Alexis Rivera

*Sponsors: Abby Nierling and
Sarah Stamp-Benberg*



Worship Participants

Ministers:	All the members
Vicar:	Emily Anderson
DYME:	Jim & Kris Kistenmacher
Organist:	Sharen Borchers
Pianist:	Kris Kistenmacher
Lector:	Gary Jensen
Deacons:	Susan Endrulat and Reuben De La O
Greeters:	Leo & Terri Schimmer
Acolytes:	Emmett Modrell and Graham Boling
Sound & Video:	Kelby & Joy Wulf
Coffee Hosts:	Bonnie & Dave Stevenson
	Val & Justin Georg

St. Paul Church Calendar

SUNDAY, January 11 ~ Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 AM Worship / Baptism / Lamb Presentation
10:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 AM Sunday School

TUESDAY, January 13

6:30 PM Painting Through Liturgy with Vicar Millie
7:00 PM Trustees meeting

WEDNESDAY, January 14

5:00 PM LOGOS ~ *"Frosty the Snowman"*

THURSDAY, January

7:00 PM Congregation Council meeting

SUNDAY, January 18

9:00 AM Worship / Holy Communion
10:00 AM Coffee and fellowship
10:00 AM Sunday School

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