

10:00 AM

Baptism of the Lord

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

*<sup>11</sup> Do not withhold your mercy from me, Lord; may your love and faithfulness always protect me.*

Psalm 40:11

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 9)

L: I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;

P: I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

L: I will be glad and rejoice in you;

P: I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMNS

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

No. 33

“All Glory Be to Christ”

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You call us to grow in wisdom and faith, to listen for Your voice, and to seek You above all else. Yet we confess that we often lose our way. We rush ahead in our own understanding, searching everywhere except where You are already at work. Forgive us when we grow impatient with Your timing, and when we forget that our lives belong to You. Restore in us a desire to trust You and to follow You more faithfully. Meet us in our need and help us grow in wisdom and grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Silent Confession)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God!

\*CONFESSION RESPONSE:

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*OFFERING RESPONSE:

“Doxology”

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 19:16-23

ANTHEM

“Marching to Zion”

By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 12:18-29

SERMON

“The Mountain of Joy”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*HYMN

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

No. 344

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

\*Those who are able please stand.



Ushers: Trustees

Welcome Desk: BJ McKean & Emily Tarr

Liturgist: Barry Coley

Greeters: Cindy Musko

Fellowship Hour: Katie Schultz

Childcare: Pam Greb

<i><b><u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u></b></i>		
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>12 PM</b>	<b>Deacon Retreat</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>1 PM</b>	<b>Quilting</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Conversation</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group Lock-In</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Grief Fellowship Hour</b>

**DEACON RETREAT-** Will be today from 12-2 PM in Parker Hall. Lunch will be provided.

**CHURCH DE-DECORATING-** For anyone who can help, the deacons and trustees will be taking down the Christmas decorations today after worship. Thank you!

**HOME COMMUNION-** We are looking for any current or former Elders who are interested in helping serve home communion quarterly. Please see Tim Rausch for more details.

**TWO SERVICES-** We will begin two services starting Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, service times will be 8:45 AM and 11 AM with Sunday School from 10-10:45 AM. More information can be found in the newsletter or on our website.

**CLUB 35-** Will be having a bowling party on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2:30 PM at Family Bowlaway. Please see Pastor Mike or Laura to sign up.

**YOUTH GROUP LOCK IN-** Will be held at the church on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, pick up will be at 9 AM January 17<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for chaperones to help with the event. Please see Pastor Mike if you are willing to help.

**THANK YOU-** There are no words to fully capture the joy and humility I felt during this past Sunday's ordination and installation service. Seeing so many of you there to witness this milestone meant the world to me and my family. We are truly overwhelmed by the incredible outpouring of love we received. Thank you for the beautiful robe and stoles; I will wear them with deep gratitude, mindful of the hands and hearts that gifted them. Most of all, thank you for your unwavering support as I sought God's call to ordination over the past four years of schooling. We are so blessed to serve alongside you. With love and gratitude, Pastor Mike & Family

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