



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sunday, January 11, 2026
Baptism of Our Lord
Pastor Kevin Compton - Leads Worship



The Baptism of Christ c. 1535/1540
Paris Bordone, Artist, Venetian, 1500 - 1571

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PRELUDE Let All Things Now Living - Green Book #557

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (Please rise in body or in spirit.)

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 have 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.

HYMN Songs of Thankfulness and Praise - Green Book #90

THE GREETING (Pastor)

The peace 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 (Pastor)

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. (Please be seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Psalm 29 (Assistant)

Please read from the 29th Psalm responsively.

¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

³The 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.**

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the Lord
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the
forests bare. 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.**

¹¹O Lord, give strength to your people;
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Acts 10:34-43 (Assistant)

The Second Reading is from Acts, the 10th chapter.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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.

⁴²He 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. ⁴³All 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.**

(Please rise in body or in spirit)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please rise in body or in spirit)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes on both staves.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17 (Pastor)

Gospel is from St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.

¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**
(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Kevin Compton

THE MESSAGE Pastor Kevin Compton

SONG OF THE DAY You are My All in All Dennis Jernigan | CCLI License #1083898

You are my strength, When I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek, You are my all in all
Seeking, You as a precious jewel
Lord to give up I'd be a fool, You are my all in all

Chorus Jesus Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin, My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name, You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up,
When I am dry You fill my cup, You are my all in all **Chorus**
(Please rise in body or in spirit)

CREED (Assistant):

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith, sharing together
the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
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 into hell.
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.
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. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Assistant)

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the
whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

(Allow a brief silence.)

Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill. We pray especially for those on our prayer list, those on the bulletin board ornaments, those recovering from surgery and medical procedures, and all those whom we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

(allow for brief silence...)

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you all!

And also with you!

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

(Please be seated)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

SONG Sanctuary (4x) 3rd verse acapella CCLI License No. 108389

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true:
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. (4x)

(Please rise in body or in spirit.)

SONG Offering (Shortened)

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love;
There is no shadow in Your presence;
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne.
Before the Holy One of Heaven;
It's only by Your blood and it's only thro' Your mercy, Lord, I come

I bring an offering of worship to my King;
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing;
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due;
O Lord, I bring an offering to You.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.

Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ, who overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.



And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

Instructions for Communing: All are invited. Follow the usher's directions.
You will receive a piece of bread and a cup of wine from the communion servant.
Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

Blessings are available in lieu of communion or for any young person who has not yet received communion instruction.

SONG All I Need is You Dan Adler CCLI License #1083898

1 All I need is You Jesus, all I need is You.
You are the source of all I need, All I need is You.

2 All I want is You, Jesus, all I want is You.
You are the source of all I need, All I want is You.

3 My only hope is You, Lord, my only hope is You.
You are the source of all I need, My only hope is You.

Repeat Verse 1

SONG Breathe On Me, Breath of God - Green Book #488

SONG All Who Are Thirsty Brenton Brown and Glenn Robertson Copyright 1998
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All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life,
Let the pain and the sorrow, be washed away
In the waves of His mercy, as deep cries out to deep - We sing

 Come Lord Jesus come, Come Lord Jesus come.

All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life,
Let the pain and the sorrow, be washed away
In the waves of His mercy, as deep cries out to deep - We sing

 Come Lord Jesus come, Come Lord Jesus come.
 Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit come

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Please rise in body or in spirit.)

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

 God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

THE 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CONGREGATION

SONG Days of Elijah Robin Mark | CCLI# 1083898

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of Your Servant, Moses,
righteousness being restored;
And though these are days of great trials,
of famine and darkness and sword;
We are the voice in the desert crying
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Chorus: Behold, He comes, riding on the clouds,
shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of your servant, David,
rebuilding a temple of praise; And these are the days of the harvest,
the fields are as white in the world;
And we are the laborers in your vineyard,
declaring the Word of the Lord.

Chorus

Bridge: There is no god like Jehovah (4x) HEY! **Chorus 2x**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE Days of Elijah

We Remember in Prayer:

Joyce Allebach - Fidelis (Sonny) Cabral - Heather Cammann - Justin Cogan -
Pastor Kevin Compton - Nancy Esterly - Mary Lynn Gluck - Barbara Green -
Rose Greenawald - The Gunden Family - Dave Hamblin - Janet Hill - Sue &
Tom Lang - Frances Lechner - Melissa Leinback - Gary Mammele -
Becky McIntosh - Tully Meehan - Sally Mixer - Tricia Parker - Peggy - Juliet
Pennay - Mike Picket - Justin Redfield - Peter Reigner - Doris Renninger -
Alan Richard - Donna Rodenberger - Ronald Rodenberger - Gladys Sands -
Margarita Serbia - Linda Shagg - John Sheeran - The Stever Family &
Lorelai Stever - Beth Ann Thomas - Arlene Vandenburg - Ryan Weaver -
Larry Weiss - Dave Woodward - Rick Yocum & Family - Janet Zylinski

We remember in prayer Rick Wall, who went to his eternal rest on January 1, 2026. Please pray for his companion, Susan Gilbert. A funeral will be held January 9th at Huff & Lakjer Funeral home in Lansdale. Visitation begins at 10AM. The service follows at 11AM. He will be laid to rest at St. Paul's

We remember in prayer Dorothy Hershey, who went to her eternal rest on January 4, 2026. A funeral will be held on January 14, 2026 at Mann Slonaker Funeral Home. Visitation begins at 10AM. The service follows at 11AM. She will be laid to rest at St. Paul's following the service.

Thank You our to worship assistant Sandy Bergey; our ushers, Debbie Gryshuk & Katie Robbins; our musician, Amy McPherson; and Laura Foreman for streaming. Thanks to our flower sponsors and all who help with worship.

Announcements & Events

Today is Fellowship Sunday following worship. All are welcome to join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to our gracious host, Alice Hager.

Please take your 2026 Giving Envelopes books home They are in the narthex in boxes alphabetically. We save a lot on every book we don't have to mail. If you live near or are friends with someone whose book is still here, we would be grateful if you would take it to them. We will mail the remaining copies next week.

Join us for Taize Worship at NewGoshenhoppen UCC on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 6PM.

The Church Council meets on January 18, 2026 following worship.

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event The Reformation Sister Congregations in the Upper Perkiomen Valley are hosting this event along with Rise Against Hunger on Sunday, January 25 at St. Paul's-Red Hill. We are glad to report that we have enough helpers! Thanks for signing up.

Girl Scout Cookies will be available for purchase at St. Paul's following worship on the 25th of January. Be sure to bring some money along to get your cookies. We are supporting the Girl Scouts who meet here at St. Paul's!

February 1, 2026 is Scout Sunday! Join us for worship as our Scouts help with leading the service.