

SUNDAY- JANUARY 11TH, 2026 -9:00 AM

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB

A family in faith, reaching out to share in God's love with all people

WELCOMING WORD

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.



WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!

Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ's love, we welcome you.

MINISTERS
PASTOR

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH
KAREN HOFSTAD



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 11, 2026 | Baptism of Our Lord | 9:00 AM

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / C = Congregation)

PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #310 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*
(vs.1,2,4)

+CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

L: 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.

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L: Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: 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.

L: 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.

C: Amen.

GREETING

+KYRIE pg. 147

+HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 148 *"Glory to God in the Highest..."*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: 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.

C: Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS *Do Justice*
The River is Here

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 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.

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."

+ACCLAMATION pg. 151

(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

+L: The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 3.

+C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

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."

+L: The Gospel of the Lord.

+C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM *Like a Dove*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Karen Hofstad

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+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #304 *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

+APOSTLES' CREED pg. 105

+THE PRAYERS pg. 152

SHARING OF THE PEACE

BENEVOLENCE

OFFERING PRAISE TEAM *Good, Good Father*

+OFFERTORY #182 - *Let the Vineyards...*

+ OFFERING PRAYER

L: God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet you continue to 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.

C: Amen.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 154 (right hand column)

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #800 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*
(vs. 1,3,4)

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: Thanks be to God.

"I am God's child, deserving of love and respect, and God will use me to change the world."

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2026

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, Psalm 106:1-12, A Confession of Israel's Sins

Tuesday, 1 John 5:13-21, Epilogue

Wednesday, Numbers 27:1-11, The Daughters of Zelophehad

Thursday, Psalm 36:5-10, Human Wickedness and Divine Goodness

Friday, 1 Corinthians 7:1-7, Directions concerning Marriage

Saturday, Jeremiah 4:1-4, A Call to Repentance

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

"and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'" -Luke 3:22

In baptism, God claims Jesus Christ in saying, "You are my Son." While most of us do not remember our baptisms, there are similarities between the baptism of Christ and the ones we experience. The Holy Spirit is present, we are washed clean, and claimed by God the Father and the rest of the church.

- What do you think it means for one to be baptized by the Holy Spirit? (Luke 3:16)
- What does it look like for one to live out their baptism?
- Who are those that receive the Holy Spirit and what might this mean? (Acts 8:16-17)

PRAY: May the Holy Spirit move in us that we may live out our baptism and baptismal promises in our daily life. Remind us that we have been claimed by our God Most High and remain with us always, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

BLESS: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

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