

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JANUARY 11, 2026, 10:15 a.m.

All page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Service music, marked with an 'S', may be found in the front portion of the hymnal.

PRELUDE: L' Epiphanie

Alexis Chauvet

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 116: "I come," the great Redeemer cries

This Endris Nyght

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

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.

THE FIRST LESSON

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 (sung by all)



1. Ascribe to the | LORD · you | gods *
 ascibe 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 | glo·ry | thunders *
 the LORD is u|pon · the | mighty | waters.
4. The voice of the LORD is a | power·ful | 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 | Ka'y'desh.
8. The voice of the LORD makes the^e | oak · trees | writhe *
 and | strips · the | forests | bare.
9. (2nd part) And in the | temple · of the | LORD *
 - | all · are | cry·ing | Glory!
10. The LORD sits enthroned above · the | flood *
 the LORD sits enthroned as | King · for | evermore.
11. The LORD shall give | strength · to his | people *
 the LORD shall give his | people · the | blessing · of | peace.

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

PETER began to speak to them: “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.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 121: Christ, when for us you were baptized

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

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

People **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Noah Van Niel

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Finn Alexander Evans, Connor Robert Little, Emmett Luke Windley

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks the following questions:

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT (*please stand*)

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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 cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People I will, with God's help.

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

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Celebrant Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth:

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.** (*please be seated*)

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

N. I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

N. you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE (*please stand*)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: The Baptism of Jesus

Peter Hallock

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.

[Jesus was on this day baptised in the Jordan.]

When Jesus Christ baptised was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace;
 the Father's voice was heard in the place.

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

[This is my son, in whom I am pleased.]

There were Three Persons and one Lord,

the Son baptised with on accord, the Father said this blessed word:

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man,

and were baptised in from Jordan, at our last end, we pray thee, say then:

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS: Hymnal S 128

William Mathias

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues...

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM: Hymnal S 165

William Mathias

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Communion at Christ & St. Luke's:

- At the indication of the usher, please move to the center aisle and proceed up the altar rail. Move to the open spot filling in from the center of the rail to the wall.
- Kneel as you are able and place one hand over the other, palms up, to receive the bread.
- To sip from a chalice to receive the wine, consume the bread leaving your palms empty.
- To intinct (dip) your wafer into the wine, hold it between your thumb and forefinger.
- Once the chalices have passed, exit out the side and back down the side aisles to your pew.

Gluten free wafers are available, simply let the priest know you require one. If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine but would like a blessing, gently cross your arms across your chest.

A standing station is also available in front of the pulpit.

COMMUNION ANTHEMS:

O Jesus Christ our Lord most dear

Richard Dirksen

O Jesus Christ, our Lord most dear,
As Thou wast once an infant here
So give this child of Thine, we pray,
Thy grace and blessing day by day.

*O holy Jesus, Lord divine,
We pray Thee guard this child of Thine.*

As in Thy heav'nly kingdom, Lord,
Thy messengers obey Thy word,
Send forth the succor of Thy might
To shield this child both day and night.
And all his life, let angels keep
Him safe from harm, awake, asleep;
May he not bear the cross in vain,
But with Thy saints a crown attain.

The Lord is my light

Peter Hallock

The Lord is my light, the refuge of my life and my salvation;
Of whom then shall I be afraid?

If I take the wings of the morning, or go up into heaven,
In the shadow of your wings I will rejoice and bless your holy Name;
And I will sing of your Glory, O Lord my strength,
As long as I live.

-Psalms 27:1, 139:8, 63:4,7

COMMUNION HYMN 294: Baptized in water

Point Loma

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*please stand*)

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Celebrant Let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 296: We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Engleberg

THE DISMISSAL

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Intrada

Grayston Ives

WE INVITE YOUR PRAYERS

If you would like to be added to the Prayer List, please contact a member of clergy or BJ Taylor, Facilitator for Pastoral and Congregational Care (taylorasc@aol.com).

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of the Central American Region.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Emmanuel, Jenkins Bridge and St. John's, Hopewell.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Peggy Jo Arnold, Leah Avery, Suileman Bereny, Hector Galecia, Sarah Harrison, Nancy Hoffman, Elmer Morales-Torres, Joyce Neighbours, Ray Norton, Autumn Vandehei, Ann Voight, and Rick Voight. We pray for all who are deployed, especially Michael Ortiz. We pray for the people of Ukraine and for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land.

Repose of the Soul: Renee Good.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: Carter Bernert, David Black, David Durica, Marilyn Gindroz, Valerie Harrington, Frank Kirchner, Wayne Lundie, Ceil McCoid, Mary Helen McCoy, Leon Parham, Allen Shaffer, William Swan, Jake Tobin, and Marie Ward.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Mary Baldridge, Ron Baldridge, Ryker Bellamy, Marian Butler-Shaw, Brittany Clark, Ellen Coffman, Joseph Graif, Calvin Horsley, Dean Kershaw, James Kilavey, Henley Lanphere, Wesley Lupo, Mavis Stapleford, Christine Szeligowski, Auris Torres, and Carl Welch.

Upcoming Birthdays: Jan. 12-18

Denise Brown, Sandra Ewell, Janet Grant, Lachlan McClellan, Betty Ann Patrick, Dinah Reynolds, and Nicky Welch.

Upcoming Anniversaries: Jan. 12-18

Christie Lollar & Richard Savage and Safron & Ronnie Tong.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Hugh Warren, Jr. by Robert Warren.*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

Midday Music resumes with Messiaen! – Friday, January 16, 12:00 p.m.

Organist Daniel Stipe plays Olivier Messiaen's *La Nativité du Seigneur*, a nine-movement work reflecting on the themes of Christmastide. This hour-long work will combine the beautiful colors of our organ with Messiaen's post-Impressionistic harmonic language. Daniel Stipe is an incredible organist and serves at All Saints Episcopal Church in Richmond. Fun fact: Our Director of Music Kevin Kwan and Mr. Stipe shared a "Rising Stars" recital at the AGO National Convention in Chicago two decades ago. And now look at the pair of them, shining bright! This is a free-will offering.

FORMATION

Adult Formation with Rabbi Michael Panitz – Begins Today, January 11, 9:15 a.m., Lloyd Hall

The season of Epiphany is a season of divine encounter when we come face to face with manifestations of God in our life, in our world, and in ways that change the way we live, and thus, the world in which we live. For our Adult Formation class in this season we welcome back Rabbi Michael Panitz who will lead us through a number of Jewish resources at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays for the next five weeks, that explore this idea of Epiphany and encounter, and the subsequent engagement it brings forth.

Sunday Childcare, Children's Formation, and Children's Chapel Schedule

- 9:00 a.m. - *Children up to 3 years old* gather in the blue room in the Parish House at the end of the hallway before the stairs for childcare if their parents are attending adult formation or sing in the choir.
- 9:00 a.m. - *Children's Formation for children 3-8 years old* gather in the meeting room (the gold room) for what was formerly known as "Sunday School." We will explore scripture and the traditions of the Episcopal church through stories, music, and art response.
- 9:00 a.m. - *Children's Formation for children 9-12 years old* gather in Lower Lloyd for discussion of scripture, the Episcopal Church, and Christ & St. Luke's. Participants are invited to join their families for the 10:15 a.m. service.
- 9:00 a.m. - *Formation for youth ages 12-16* gather in the Mezzanine office, up the parish house stairs.
- 10:15 a.m. - *All children through 8 years old* participate in developmentally appropriate worship during Children's Chapel in their respective rooms. Older children will be brought into church to rejoin their families at the Peace. If you would like your child under 3 to join you at the Peace, please come to the Children's Room at that time to sign them out.

CSL Youth Meets Today, January 11, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

All middle and high school students are invited to come for dinner and fellowship. Our gatherings this evening and January 25 will allow time for planning for Youth Sunday which is on Sunday, February 1. All youth that would like to participate should be in attendance!

Queer Theology Discussion Group – Today, January 11, 11:45 a.m. in the parlor room

This month we will be focusing on the second lectionary reading, Acts 10:34-43, and how Jesus's outreach to all people applies to LGBTQ* inclusion in the Christian church.

Women of Wisdom – Tuesday, January 13, 3:00 p.m., the gold room

Women of Wisdom will meet on Tuesday, January 13th for fellowship and discussion of the first half of Richard Rohr's new book, "The Tears of Things." Please come, even if you haven't had a chance to read the book.

Rector's Book Club – Friday, January 23, 4:00 p.m., the gold room

The depths of winter offer no better opportunity to curl up with a good book and then have a generative discussion about it with your fellow parishioners. This month we'll be reading **“Being Disciples”** by **Rowan Williams**. The former Archbishop of Canterbury offers a short — you could probably read the book in two days at a push — but theologically hefty look at what it means to live as a follower of Christ in the modern world.

FAITH IN ACTION

Gospel Gang Socks & Gloves Collection – through January & February

The Gospel Gang (ages 9-12) are collecting socks & gloves for guests of the Norfolk Winter Shelter. Please consider bringing new and unused adult sized socks and/or gloves to CSL during the months of January & February. You'll find the Gospel Gang's donation basket in the tower. These will be packaged with additional necessities and distributed when CSL assists the Norfolk Winter Shelter in March.

Save the Date - Norfolk Winter Shelter: March 8-15

The Norfolk Winter Shelter has begun! This important ecumenical ministry helps provide emergency shelter for those experiencing homelessness during the coldest months of the year. ***CSL is teaming up with Freemason Baptist to host a week of the NWS from March 8 – 15.*** Please keep an eye out for the volunteer registration form, which will open soon.

Elizabeth River Project Tour – Tuesday, January 13, 5:00 p.m., The Ryan Resilience Lab

You're invited to join Caring for Creation on a guided tour of the Elizabeth River Project's Ryan Resilience Lab, located at 4610 Colley Avenue, highlighting innovative resilience and restoration work happening right here in our neighborhood. We hope you'll join us for this inspiring opportunity to learn more about creation care and our parish's ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship. Reach out to Brad Robinson (robinson.bradley.g@gmail.com) with questions.

FELLOWSHIP

Prayer Guild – Thursday, January 15, 6:45 p.m., the Parlor Room

We are a small group of parishioners who meet to write prayers in support of the parish community. No prior writing experience is necessary. During the months of January and February, we will be writing prayers for Lent. If you'd like to join us, or would like more information, contact Barb Kersey (barbkersey59@gmail.com).

Seasoned Spirits – Tuesday, January 20, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., The Green Onion

This group was begun by parishioners who wanted to make deeper connections with other members of their church family who are passing through the middle decades of life (40 and over). ***We meet on the third Tuesday each month at the Green Onion at 1603 Colley Avenue, Norfolk.*** Food and drink available for purchase. For additional information contact Jo Ann Short (jo.ann.short21@gmail.com).

New Art Guild exhibit – Now showing thru' early March

The Arts Guild invites you to visit the art hall opposite the Gold Room and enjoy the “Stitched Arts” winter exhibit featuring the work of four artists, Corey Shrонтz, Taryn Lamp, Chris O’Keefe, and Heidi Anderson. We hope you will take a moment to pause and appreciate the work of these talented artists!