



Sunday, January 11, 2026

First Sunday after Epiphany / Jesus' Baptism

Service Theme

JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE ANOINTED ONE

“Christ” is not the family name of Jesus. It is a title. The Greek word “Christ” and the Hebrew word “Messiah” both mean the same thing: “The Anointed One.” Anointing was the practice of pouring liquid over the head of someone to signify selection for some special task. When the Lord had someone anointed, he also poured his Spirit over them. Anointed by the Holy Spirit, Jesus is revealed as the Son of God. When we are baptized, we are also revealed as children of God, connected to the death and resurrection of Christ.

384 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

CW 384



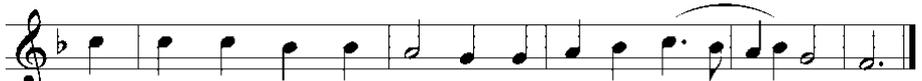
1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 Kings shall bow down be - fore him and gold and in - cense bring;
 4 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong,
 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing.
 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light
 To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend,
 The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.
 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 his name shall stand for - ev - er—that name to us is Love.

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The Service *Setting Three (page 188)*

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 189

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

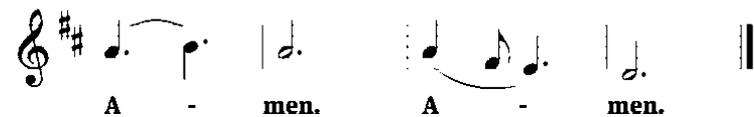
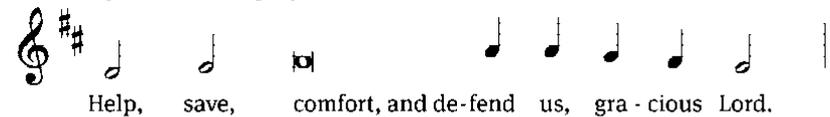
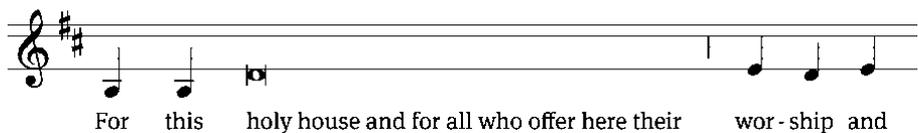
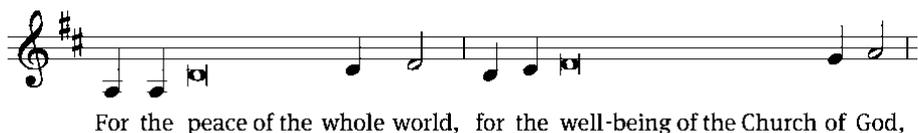
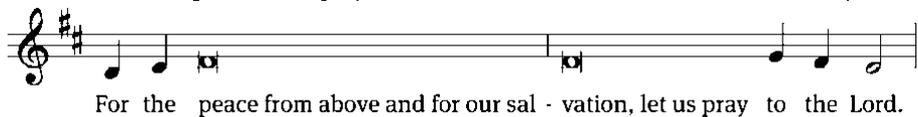
Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190



Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Glory to God in the Highest'. It consists of ten staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the'.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1–7

The Lord promises to put his Spirit on the Messiah.

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight.

I am placing my Spirit on him.

He will announce a just verdict for the nations.

²He will not cry out. He will not raise his voice.

He will not make his voice heard in the street.

³A bent reed he will not break,

and a dimly burning wick he will not snuff out.

He will faithfully bring forth a just verdict.

⁴He will not burn out, and he will not be broken,
until he establishes justice on the earth.

The coastlands will wait for his law.

⁵This is what the true God says,

the LORD who creates the heavens and stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth and everything that it produces,
who gives breath to the people on it
and life to those who walk on it.

⁶I am the LORD.

I have called you in righteousness.

I will hold on to your hand, and I will guard you.

I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people,
 to be a light for the nations,
⁷to open the eyes of the blind,
 to bring the prisoners out from the dungeon,
 and to bring those who sit in darkness out of prison.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

45A A Noble Theme Inspires My Heart *Psalm 45A sts. 1, 4*



*1 A no - ble theme in - spires my heart and mind
 *4 With oil of joy he has a - noint - ed you,



as I re - cite my vers - es for the king;
 with pleas - ant fra - grance all your robes a - bound.



my tongue is like a skill - ful writ - er's pen.
 From pal - ac - es a - dorned with i - vo - ry,



Of you, most ex - cel - lent of men, I sing.
 stringed in - stru - ments de - light you with their sound.



With heav'n - ly grace your lips have been re - freshed, since
 A - mong your wom - en roy - al daugh - ters stand, the



God for - ev - er - more has made you blest.
 king's own bride in gold at your right hand.

Second Reading

Acts 10:34–38

The Holy Spirit was poured out onto Peter’s listeners as he told them how God anointed Jesus.

³⁴Then Peter began to speak: “Now I really am beginning to understand that God does not show favoritism, ³⁵but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶He sent his word to the people of Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

³⁷“You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached. ³⁸God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the Devil, because God was with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 1:11



Refrain



Tone



Gospel

Matthew 3:13–17

In the waters of the Jordan River, Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to be baptized by John at the Jordan. ¹⁴But John tried to stop him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?”

¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, because it is proper for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John let him.

¹⁶After Jesus was baptized, he immediately went up out of the water. Suddenly, the heavens were opened for him! He saw the Spirit of God, descending like a dove and landing on him, ¹⁷and a voice out of the heavens said, “This is my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

377 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

CW 377



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, the Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— the Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood and John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, the God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised— to stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, the Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: “This is my Son,” was



Light from Light, the Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will and all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, de - scend - ed on him from a - bove.
his de - cree, “the one I love, who pleas - es me.”

- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
anointed Christ in glorious sight
as God's own choice, from Adam's fall
to save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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Sermon

Matthew 3:13–17

Even Jesus was baptized!

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

679 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

CW 679



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing to this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it, gave my
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus'
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion, I am
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness to in -
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing: e - ven



full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures man - y?
 cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con - science seize me
 not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the font I've trav - eled,
 her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and ash - es
 there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its rais - ing,



I have one worth more than an - y that brought me sal -
 since my bap - tism did re - lease me in a dear for -
 all your might has come un - rav - eled, and, a - gainst your
 faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free, last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, sprink - ling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine to make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

Installation of Members Who Participate in the Public Ministry

Dear friends,

In Holy Baptism, our Lord Jesus Christ set you free from sin and death and made you members of his body, the church. Through Word and sacrament, the Holy Spirit has nurtured your faith and increased your love.

You have now been appointed to serve our Lord on behalf of this congregation. The Lord has entrusted you with responsibilities that you are to carry out according to his Word. St. Paul wrote concerning service in the church: “We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.”

St. Paul spoke to all who serve the Savior: “It is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.” The Lord has promised to be with you and give you the gifts you will need to carry out the work entrusted to you.

As servants of Jesus Christ and workers in this congregation, you are to set aside time for study of the Scriptures so that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are to strive to be an example of Christian faith and life so that others may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

So that the congregation may be assured of your willingness to serve, I ask you in the presence of God and this congregation:

Will you diligently and faithfully carry out the work entrusted to you, according to the ability which God gives you? If so, answer: I will, and I ask God to help me.

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Installation

I install you as [*called position*] at Divine Word Evangelical Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord pour out on you his Holy Spirit for the work you have been called to do that you may faithfully carry out all your duties and responsibilities with the Word of God as your confidence and guide.

The minister speaks to the congregation:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, I urge you to regard these fellow believers as servants of Jesus Christ and God's gifts to his church. Pray for them and support them in their service so that believers may be strengthened in faith and many others may come to know the Savior and the eternal hope he gives.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you bless your church through the willing work and special gifts of so many people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit to the servants we are installing today that they may carry out their duties with diligence, wisdom, and humility. Encourage them to seek guidance from your Word and lead them to pray for your direction. Help them to be good examples to others and support the work of the gospel ministry in this congregation. Keep them in your care and encourage them by your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The minister says to those being installed:

The Lord bless you and make your service a blessing to others.

The minister may thank those who have served in the past:

We sincerely thank those who in the past *year(s)* have served the Lord and his people with their time and abilities. May the Lord graciously bless you and those you have served.

Those being installed may return to their places.

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

**The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.
Amen.**

379 Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert

CW 379



1 Christ, your foot - prints through the des - ert led to Jor - dan's
2 Christ, you heard the stir - ring sum - mons as by Jor - dan's
3 Son of God, the road from Jor - dan led at last to
4 God, in Bap - tism you have made us one with Christ, our



flow - ing stream; there you heard the her - ald cry - ing
bank you stood; bathed, though sin - less, with your peo - ple
Cal - v'ry's hill. There up - on the cross for - sak - en,
ris - en Lord, freed us, claimed us, cleansed, for - giv - en



Is - rael's old, pro - phet - ic dream: "He is com - ing! He is
in the riv - er's cleans - ing flood. High a - bove, the heav - ens
you ful - filled the Fa - ther's will. Lamb of God, we see you
thro' the wa - ter and the Word. Help us hear your ur - gent



com - ing! He will cleanse the earth with flame! Sin - ners,
o - pened; came the Spir - it as a dove; spoke a
dy - ing, sin - less, yet for sin - ners slain. But where
sum - mons, call - ing us to serve you now. Send us



plunge be - neath the wa - ters! Wash a - way your guilt and shame!"
voice be - yond all hear - ing: "See my Son, the One I love!"
death rose up to tri - umph, you be - gan your glo - rious reign!
forth, your sons and daugh - ters, with the cross up - on our brow.

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Announcements

Church Cleaners

January 18 - Andrew / January 25 - Peter

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

- Su (11) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**
10:30 am Worship
11:45 am Coffee Hour
12:00 pm Divine Sisters Meeting
- Tu (13) 1:00 pm Online Pastor's Circuit Meeting
- We (14) 10:30 am Communicating Christ
5:30 pm Youth Confirmation
7:00 pm Communicating Christ
- Fr (16) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- Su (18) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**
10:30 am Worship with Communion
11:45 am Coffee Hour
12:00 pm Evangelism Meeting
3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore
- Tu (20) 7:00 pm Elder's Meeting
- We (21) 10:30 am Communicating Christ
5:30 pm Youth Meeting
7:00 pm Communicating Christ
- Th (22) 9:30 am WELS Senior Fellowship at DW
- Fr (23) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm Friday Fellowship
- Su (25) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**
10:30 am Worship
11:45 am Coffee Hour



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