

St. Luke Lutheran Church ELCA  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

# The Eve of the Festival of the Baptism of Our Lord

Saturday, January 10 5:00 P.M.  
(in-person)



*“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.*

*<sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”- Matthew 3:16-17*

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**Welcome to worship here** at St. Luke Lutheran Church ELCA. We gather around the story of Jesus! We are glad you have joined us to worship our Lord in this Service of Word and Meal. If you are visiting, longing to be a part of a community, want to join, are searching for faith, need a good-news-shaped word, or seek healing and peace, we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the Entry Narthex, complete the goldenrod "Connections" page, give us your contact information and the opportunity to respond and welcome and get to know you. Please return to worship with us again. Read our weekly announcements on the white GPS page. If you are in need of assistance or have questions of any kind, please speak with an usher, a Staff member, a Council member or Pastor Brad Brauer, our Interim Pastor. This is Christ's Church. Here the scriptures are opened and preached. Here is Christ's Welcome Table of grace and mercy. There is a place for you here. Join us in Jesus' mission.

**The Festival of the Baptism of Jesus . . .** John needed to be baptized by Jesus. But Jesus perseveres. Jesus is baptized and begins to fulfill all righteousness. We are the baptized. It can be said of us that we are the loved, forgiven, washed sons and daughters of God who have been given a whole brand of new life. Washed, redeemed, forgiven, declared right. Saved through the water. All the old images apply: drowned and raised; hard new birth; washed and forgiven; clothed with the garments of love; enlightened with the Spirit; received/adopted; carried from death to life; grafted into the tree of faith. Let us celebrate Jesus' Baptism and its implications for our daily lives. May God hold each of us in mercy and commission us to be servants and little Christs to the neighbor. Come to the waters! Listen, listen, and you shall live.

**Please join us to receive HOLY COMMUNION:** At St. Luke, all Christians who desire to receive Christ's presence and blessing, in, with and under the forms of bread and wine in the Holy Communion Meal are welcome to do so, regardless of your age or denomination. If you or your children are not yet baptized into the Christian faith, please contact the pastor who would love to help you begin to receive this sacrament of grace and belonging and learn about its meanings. By hearing these words of our Lord Jesus Christ spoken, and by receiving ordinary bread and ordinary wine (or grape juice), we believe the Holy Spirit unites us with the Jesus of the past and the Christ of faith and with each other, even those whom physical distance and health concerns separate. Jesus Christ humbles himself to become fully present in his real body and blood, given to each of us, and all of us together. This Meal is for you. All are welcome here! Friend and stranger. All are welcome at the banquet of the Savior! Come up the center aisle to the Pastor or Assisting Minister and receive the bread into your open, flat palm/hand, go left or right and receive/or take the cup of wine/juice from the server at Table. If you desire only a blessing, please do come and receive the sign of the Cross and a word of blessing and prayer. Cross your arms to indicate you are not communing but wish a simple blessing. Everyone, young and old, is encouraged to share in this Holy Communion Meal. These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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.**



*Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -*  
 Lord, . . have mer-cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



*so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -*  
 mer-cy. Lord, . . have mer-cy on



*dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.*  
 us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer-cy.



*Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -*  
 Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .



*so - tros. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -*  
 mer - cy. Christ, . . have mer - cy on



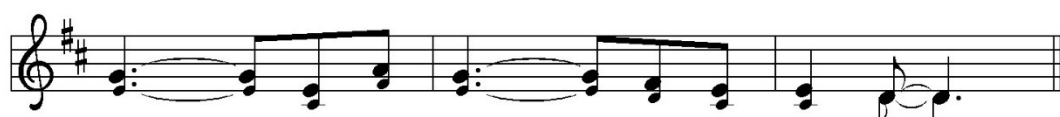
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*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*  
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*  
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



*Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.*  
 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.



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 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.

### Pastoral Greeting

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and communion and gifts of the Holy Spirit be with you all:

**And also with you!**

### Prayer of the Day

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your Beloved Son and anointed him with your 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 for our work and ministries, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

# WORD

## First Reading

## Isaiah 42:1-9

*God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.*

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> He will not cry out or lift up his voice  
or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice and righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth,  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup> 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:

<sup>6</sup> *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,*

<sup>7</sup> *to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.*

<sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)*

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,

**ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;

**worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

**the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**

<sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;

**the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;

**the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

<sup>6</sup> the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD

bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;**

**the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup> The 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!"**

<sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;

**the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup> O LORD, give strength to your people;

**give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.**

## **Second Reading**

## **Acts 10:34-48**

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." <sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> The Hebrew believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup> for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup> So he ordered Cornelius and his family and all the Gentile believers to be baptized into the name of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Acclamation

**ELW Setting 7**

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,*

*a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!*  
*al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!*

## Gospel

**Matthew 3:13-17**

A reading from the holy gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

<sup>13</sup> Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

# All God's Children Message

"What's Baptism Got to Do With It?"

## Sermon Message

Pastor Brad Brauer

"The Meaning of Jesus' Baptism and Yours"

## Hymn of the Day ELW 423, vs 1-2

## Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899  
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

## Profession of Faith by the Assembly

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.  
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Response:**

**I renounce them.**

*The whole Assembly of believers responds to the Grace of Baptism and Renews its covenant by professing their faith.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

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

*A brief silence. Each prayer bid ends with . . . . Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

*(The Prayers today end with a Collect Prayer for the communal Affirmation of Baptism.)*

Response after the final petition: **Amen.**

## **Peace**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Then the assembly is seated.*

*Offertory Invitation:*

Ascribe to the LORD, the honor due God's name.

Bring offerings and come into God's courts with praise and thanksgiving.

## **Offerings are Received**

*We are invited to give joyfully our tithes and offerings to join in God's unceasing mission to and through this Church, **St. Luke Lutheran Church ELCA, Albuquerque, NM**. Place your offerings in the basket outside of the sanctuary entry doors. You may also send gifts and offerings directly to St. Luke via mail or contribute via our online giving resources on our church website <http://stlukeabq.org/>. You are also invited to give, in addition, to our **Bucket of Change** recipient and its ministry. The **Bucket of Change recipient for January is: New Mexico Dream Center**, which provides compassionate services to the underserved and marginalized people of Albuquerque. This population includes youth experiencing homelessness, survivors of sex trafficking, trafficked minor children and trafficked immigrants.*



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?  
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?  
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?  
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.  
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## People's 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.**

## MEAL of HOLY COMMUNION

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Epiphany Season

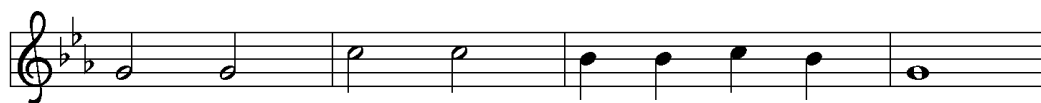
*(This eucharistic prayer is based on the 1599 Epiphany hymn, *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*. Honored as the Queen of Chorales and translated as "O Morning Star, how fair and bright!" (Evangelical Lutheran Worship 308), it was written and composed by Philipp Nicolai. We will speak the prayer rather than sing it.)*

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. For today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and, when he appeared in our mortal nature, you made us new by the glory of his immortal nature. And so, with the Church on earth and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, singing together:



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el  
earth. . . . . Blest is he who comes in the



nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el  
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -  
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . . .



di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.  
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

Almighty Lord, Heavenly Father, . . .  
we praise your shining light, your glowing grace.  
From before the earth's foundations were laid,  
you loved us and promised us life, life now, abundant, and forever.  
Within the shadow of the earth's deep sadness,  
we laud your great and glorious might.  
Despite our tears and sin,  
we sing of the gladness of your mercy.

Father, we praise You for your Son, our Morning Star.  
Christ is our diamond bright, our treasure dear.  
He is our living Savior who has ransomed us in love.  
He keeps us yours and fails us never—  
today, tomorrow, and every day.

On the night before his great saving deed on the Cross,

*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.*

With joy we tell our story:

**Alleluia!**

We call for your Spirit upon us and this meal.  
Refresh our souls with this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of your Son.  
Nourish us as branches of your tree,  
and enlighten us with your undying flame.

We sing out to the Father, we ring our praises to the Son, we exult in the Spirit.  
Transport us in our yearning,  
and be for us the end and the beginning,  
our purest pleasure, our victorious crown, our never-ending love.  
And so we pray and praise You:

**Amen and Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

*The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.*

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

## Lamb of God

## ELW Setting 7



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros,                      ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us,                      have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros,                      ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us,                      have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz,                      da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace,                      grant us your peace.

## The Distribution of Communion



*You are invited to move up the center aisle and receive bread (gluten-free bread is also available) from the pastor or assistant. Go left or right. Take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the tray held by the assistant. After receiving it, please walk back by the side aisle where you can place your empty disposable cup in the basket. All are welcome. If you desire only a blessing, please do come and stand before the Pastor or minister with crossed arms to receive a blessing prayer and sign*

*of the Cross. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, and his blessing, strengthen you, keep us all in that One True Faith, and bring us all to everlasting life. Depart from the Lord's Table in peace and joy.

**Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

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.**

## Blessing

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise: the Father, the Son (our Lord Jesus Christ) ✝ and the Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**





### **Participating in Today's Worship**

Interim Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Brad Brauer

Sacristy Care: Shirley Smith

Reader: Pam Mares

Pianist: Danielle Cordova

Vocalist: Nicholas Lopez

Sound: Ray Prudhomme

Ushers: Pam Mares, Shirley Smith

Nursery Care: Precious Goodhart

Sacristy Candle for January: Given by Jerry & Judy Aaker, "thankful to God for our marriage."

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***“From the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I . . .” – Psalm 61:1-2***

**Let us offer our prayers for the wideness of God’s mercy for the whole world —**

**For the church universal, its bishops, for the newly baptized and confirmands, and for all the faithful, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel**

† ELCA Missionary Carolyn Schneider in Guyana

† Blessing upon Presiding Bishop Yehiel

Curry, Synod Bishop Meghan Aelabouni and the work of the Rockies Synod and its ministries, for the ministries of the ELCA in Jordan and the Holy Land and for her bishops and clergy seeking peace together with the Rabbis of Israel

**For the well-being of your creation, that we may be good stewards of all your gifts and share generously with all who are in need, for an increase of peace and justice in the world,**

† Healing for our country and unity for God’s people

† *Garry Dexter & family*, Jean Lunt, Paul Chamberlin, Michael & Dasha, Kayla & family, Artemis, Terry Obago, Steve’s family, Arden, Irene, Natalie and Vanessa; Brandon & Chris & Peter & Rogene, Janie, Callie Coughenour, Kurt Coughenour, Russ Glauner.

**For the nations and those in authority, rulers, legislators, and judges, . . .**

† School children in Nigeria; detained pastors and church leaders in East Asia

† The youth, those living in unsafe environment, those who are starving, those without families or homes, those who are deprived of good education - that they would hear and accept the good news of Jesus

† Israel, Gaza and the larger Middle East and in Ukraine; for Oksana’s family in Ukraine, for safety and an end to war and terror

† This community; for peace and security for all peoples, for this assembly here at St. Luke Church, for our growth in faith and service for the poor, oppressed

† Bucket of Change recipient for January: New Mexico Dream Center; it’s mission is to provide a 360° strategic approach to address human trafficking in New Mexico through prevention activities, outreach to victims, services for survivors, and a support system for clients in their self-determination.

**For the sick and infirm of body, mind, and spirit, those who live with incurable diseases, AIDS, malaria, last stage cancer, and polio**

† *Aleta*, Royal Harrison, Maribel A, William S (request sent via website), Virginia Moreno, Beatrice, Darryl Hooper, Judy, Mickey, Jena, Rusty, Bonnie Paine (& husband Bob), Debbie (& sister Diane), Fern Knudsen on hospice, Lola, for mental health and care; Jean Klinke

† For the hospitalized and recovering, especially those who will have surgery: *Carolyn*, Mike R, Socorro Morales, Noëlle Jaderborg, little James; Nancy Blizzard; Wallace; Magdalena Barba (& family), Linsay Gear, Gina & Kevin Wilson, Roy (& family), Ruth & Bruce, Ginny, Frank Johnson, Dorela & John Cole, Andy H, Steve, Joe, Aleta, Donna who was in hospital, Pastor Zach Cook, Rebecca Horton’s husband, Tina, Felisa, Pastor Brad’s niece, Renae Brauer of Denver, following Chemotherapy and surgery; Don, Daleen Olson, Myra Lynch; the Martinson families of Texas and Wisconsin in their grief and loss at the deaths of 2 grandmothers in the week before Christmas.

**For the hungry and homeless on our streets and neighborhoods, for the mentally ill especially, for the lonely**

† Amy, Juvanna, and Frankie, and others we pass by unable to help them sufficiently

**For the congregation and its needs, and for its special concerns,**

† The Call Committee and the Church Council

† St. Luke Preschool and the children and families

† Interim Pastor Brad, church committees/ministries, & staff

† DW & Deborah Stephenson, Andy H, Joyce, Nancy Granert, Forrest Blech, Sandy Bowers, Bob & Sherri Domres, Chrystal Vaughan, Karin Duda, Dorela Cole, Lorna Hill, Brenda Sanchez, Polly Brodbeck, Melda Burns, Leah Coughenour, Dottie Donohoe, Kay Dunbar, Lucille Few, Marie Lenard, Marv Plugge, Loretta Roe, Liz Wills (needs ride to church)

† For aging parents, whose caregivers we become.

**We remember our loved ones who now are at rest and all the saints in our lives most dear to us** who have lived out the faith and taught us by their great examples; we give thanks for our time with them, and, as we believe Jesus died and rose again, we look forward to uniting with them in eternal life with Him. We pray for comfort and peace for their families.

† For the family of Marshall Shore: wife Rebecca Shore, their children Eliana & Evan, his parents Clare Castiglia & Larry Shore, siblings, upon his sudden & unexpected death on Dec. 22, 2025

† Family of Ann Madaras

**Into your mercy we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting always in your mercy and love for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please submit your prayer requests to PrayerChain@StLukeABQ.org or contact the church office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.*