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The Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026

Welcome to God's house! Please allow us to keep in touch with you by signing the register in the foyer/narthex. Thank you!

Altar Flowers are placed today in thanksgiving to God for calling Rev. Robert Belknap to serve at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Slidell.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus our Savior, in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

The Apostle Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 set forth, *"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."*

If you are concerned about having a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper, we urge you to speak with pastor. Questions and answers that may aid your understanding of and preparation for Holy Communion are on pages 329-330 in the pew hymnal.

Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

Introit

Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

Pastor: Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

People: my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

Pastor: I will tell of the decree:

People: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Pastor: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

People: and the ends of the earth your possession.

Pastor: You shall break them with a rod of iron

People: and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Pastor: Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

People: be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Pastor: Serve the Lord with fear,

People: and rejoice with trembling,

Pastor: for his wrath is quickly kindled.

People: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

People: and to the Holy Spirit;

Pastor: as it was in the beginning,

People: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

People: my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

Collect of The Day

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen (Sung)

Divine Service

Third Setting

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People: hear our prayer.
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35. Closing Hymn # 600

Grace's Mission

Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness, Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching and Fellowship

Old Testament

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Behold 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.

²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged
 till he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his law.

⁵Thus 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 on it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶“I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
 I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
 a light for the nations,
 ⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the Lord; that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to carved idols.

⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
 I tell you of them.”

Epistle

Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

Matthew 3:13–17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, 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 thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Better Is One Day - Matt Redman

**How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty;
My soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence;
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.**

(Chorus)

**Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts,
Than thousands elsewhere.**

(Repeat Chorus)

**One thing I ask, and would seek: To see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.
One thing I ask, and would seek: To see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.**

(Chorus)

**Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts,
Than thousands elsewhere.**

(Repeat Chorus)

**My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God,
Your Spirit's water for my soul;
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me,
Lord draw me near to You, Lord draw me near to You.**

**Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts,
Than thousands elsewhere.**

(Repeat)

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If you're among the last to leave the church building at any time, please be sure *all* doors are locked *and* closed completely. Also, please make sure all thermostats are returned to vacant-building settings.

This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee & LWML Baked Goods
	10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
Monday	6:00 p.m. Bible Study
Wednesday	1:00 p.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship 6:45 p.m. Prayer & Praise
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee & Youth Biscuits 10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 12:00 p.m. BOD Meeting

For the week January 11 -17, 2026

Baptismal Anniversaries

01/14 Kaeden Shroyer

01/15 Donna Von Burgsdorff

01/16 Bonnie Dupre

In the palm of God's Hands...

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Juanita Blanchard.

BATTLING CANCER: Charlene Shroyer.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Betty Hummel, Connie Oswalt, Donna Bass, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Elroy Ledet, Frank Alessio, Harla Lemmerman, James Hillman, Jackie Webb, Jim Lemmerman,

John Partain, John Wegner, Kim Cape, Marilyn Beach, Mike Wallace, Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.

MOURNING A LOSS: The family of Tommy Hebert.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Karoline and Khyler Anthony, Nikki and baby Boudreux and Sierra and baby Thalheim.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY: Haize Shroyer, Jason Reid-O'Neill, Jaxx Dardar, Julia Shroyer, Kyle Turcott, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Noah Scheufens.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alyssah Kinsella, Jonathan Dahl, Nicholas Scott, Niyah Shroyer, Victoria (Shroyer) Alcantara and Victoria Thalheim.

