

# *Baptism of our Lord*

*January 12, 2025*



*Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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# Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you **welcome!***

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

*A reading from Revelation:*

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.  
(*Revelation 22:1-2*)

*Those who have celebrated a baptism this past year are invited to come forth, light their baptismal candle, and gather around the font.*

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism and those who have been baptized in these life-giving waters.

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God,  
for you created the waters of the earth:  
wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, might rivers.

You led your people through the sea  
and called them to life in covenant with you.  
Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan  
to begin his mission among us.

You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.  
Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism and how you  
have saved each of us, especially:

*Maya Rose Styron*  
*Arya Rose Herman*  
*Kylee Mae LaBlanc*  
*Clementine Jaye Seltzer*

*Jackson Daniel McCandless*  
*Ariestella Marie Genetti*  
*Jaxson Matthew Zarelli*

Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its  
need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and  
forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the  
Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** *Shall We Gather at the River* (ELW 423)

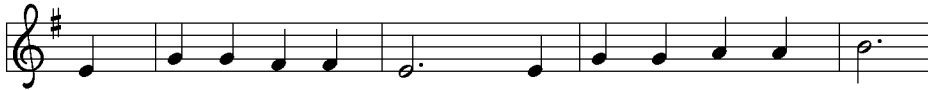
## GREETING

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth;  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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 43:1-7**

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from Isaiah.

*Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.*

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight,

and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up,"

and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—

<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made."

*The reading may be concluded:*

The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 29**

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 glo- ry 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. R**

<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. R**

<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. **R**

**SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17**

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from Acts.

*Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip.*

*Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.*

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they

might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*The reading may be concluded:*

The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.*

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."



<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> 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.”

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHOIR SELECTION**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *This Little Light of Mine* (ELW 677)

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery (*especially*). Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**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, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## **MEAL**

## **MUSICAL SELECTION**

## **OFFERING**

# Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

## *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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### **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.  
Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.  
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always.  
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy

...praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord 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.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

God feeds us with tender mercy.  
Come to the table.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God,

at this table you have refreshed us

with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service,

and send us out to embody your good news

of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray,

**Amen.**

## SENDING

## BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God

✠ bless you with joy,

anoint you with compassion,

and send you in love.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (ELW 543)**

**DISMISSAL**

The worship has ended, let the service begin.

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

**Thanks be to God.**

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***DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***January 12, 2025***

***The Altar Flowers*** are not sponsored today.

***The Bulletins*** are not sponsored today.

Flower and bulletin charts for **2025** are on the bulletin board above the stairs. You may either sign up on the charts or by calling the office at 610-377-4242. It is appreciated if you pay for your sponsorship by the end of the month that you have sponsored. **All weeks are open for the Memorial Bowl. It is very important for flower sponsors to return the cans and plastic gold bowls that they take the flowers home in. Thank you very much for your cooperation.**

***Office Hours:***

The office will be closed the week of Jan  
(610)377-4242

***The Week Ahead:***

Today	9:00AM	Baptism of our Lord Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School
Monday	10:00AM	Palmer House Hymn Sing
Wednesday	9:00AM	Morning Prayer
	6:30PM	Council
Thursday	9:30AM	Bible Study
	3:30PM	Community Food Pantry
	6:30PM	Choir
Sunday	9:00AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School



***HAPPY BIRTHDAY January 12 to January 18***

01/12 Kaylee Frable  
01/12 Claudia Pagotto  
01/13 Chase Passehl  
01/14 Kendyl Heckman  
01/15 Natalya Kessler

01/16 Amanda Biehl  
01/16 Justin Graver  
01/17 Sharon Kidd  
01/18 Deborah Szacska

**2025 Flower & Bulletin Chart:** The flower and bulletin charts for 2025 are on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs for anyone interested in sponsoring a date.

**Giant Gift Cards:** If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Kathy Steigerwalt. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

**Stained Glass Window Project:** Today there will be a presentation following worship on the proposed project for our stained-glass windows. This presentation will clarify what works need to be completed in order to preserve our stained-glass windows. The snow date for the presentation is January 19.

**Fundraising:** Pick up of perogies is January 15, 2025 from 2:00-6:00PM.

**Seeker Sessions:** Seeker session will be on January 19, 2025 at 12:00 at St John's for anyone interested.

**Town Hall Chew and Chat:** The Hazleton/Lehighon Mission District will be having a Chew and Chat on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:00 at Christ, Conyngham, 467 Main Street, Conyngham, PA 18219. Contact Rev Cindy White (570)788-1572 with any questions.

**Altar Guild:** We are in need of people willing to help with the altar guild. Responsibilities include setting up and cleaning up communion, refilling candles, updating the hymn boards, and changing paraments. Our goal is to form altar guild teams that will rotate on a monthly basis. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pr. Tony (610-377-4242 or [prdinklc@ptd.net](mailto:prdinklc@ptd.net)).

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End of year reports for the Congregational meeting are due by January 26, 2025.

***HOMEBOUND MEMBERS***

Tess Hinger	Debbie Meckel	Alice Scitney
Ruth Keck	Gordon Scherer	Debbie Strohl

***SICK/HOSPITALIZED/SPECIAL NEEDS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS***

Family of Sherwood	Joseph Gorman	Kenny Schleicher
Andrews	Sonny Hack	Lukas Schleicher
Eli Bowland	Stephen Hoffman	Todd Schleicher
Steve Bowman	Joe Kluk	Madalin Smale
Willard Doll	Deb Lilly	Sherry Smith
Lauren Dugan	Family of Larry Markell	Patti Walck
Candy Everett		Betty Weber

***WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS***

<b><u>Ministers:</u></b>	The Congregation
<b><u>Pastor:</u></b>	Reverend Anthony Pagotto
<b><u>Music Director:</u></b>	Bridgette Gorman
<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	Frey
<b><u>Acolytes:</u></b>	Bryn Schleicher
<b><u>Lector:</u></b>	Jan Schwartz
<b><u>Communion Assistants:</u></b>	Erica Pagotto
	Jan Schwartz


Worship Participants for January 19, 2025:

<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	Wetzel
<b><u>Acolytes:</u></b>	Derek Spitzer
<b><u>Lector:</u></b>	Brian Schell

## 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,  
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;




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.  
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*



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.

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 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

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# This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935  
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## Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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