

Hymns:

Gathering—*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

ELW 311

Hymn of the Day—*Shall We Gather at the River*

ELW 423

Sending—*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

ELW 310

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

¹ 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.

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

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

⁵ 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:

⁶ 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,

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

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

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

Psalm: Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴ **The voice of the LORD is a powerful 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 **the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸ **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹ 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!"

¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹ O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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

The most beautiful flower of all...the blossom of hope for those in need! In lieu of flowers today, the Hanlands offer a basket of much-needed non-perishable foods and a monetary donation to "God's Helping Hand" to the glory of God and in honor of our grandchildren, Charlotte and Graham Skinner.

The 2026 Ministry Directory may be picked up from the basket on the table in the Cameron Hall. Please take no more than you need

SERVERS	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<i>Greeters</i>	.... <i>Theresa Garner</i>	<i>Steve & Beverly Nivens</i>
<i>Lector</i>	.... <i>Pam Hanfland</i>	<i>Marie Lybrand</i>
<i>Worship</i>	.... <i>Beverly Nivens</i>	<i>Marie Lybrand</i>
<u>JANUARY</u>		
<i>Ushers</i>	.... <i>Steve Nivens</i> *Need Volunteer	<i>Gail Marcum</i> <i>Steve Nivens</i>
<i>Tellers</i>	.... <i>Linda Griffith & Melba Murphy</i>	<i>*Need Volunteers</i>
<i>Offering Pickup</i>	.... <i>Linda Griffith</i>	<i>Gail Marcum</i>
<i>Property</i>	.... <i>Steve Nivens</i>	<i>Steve Nivens</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	.... <i>Steve & Beverly Nivens</i>	<i>Gail Marcum & Marie Lybrand</i>

OFFERING	Last Sunday	Total for January
General	\$3,425.00	\$3,425.00
Online General	\$ 658.76	\$ 658.76
Total	\$4,083.76	\$4,083.76
Building Maint. & Prop. Imp.	\$ 695.00	\$ 695.00
Online BMPI	\$ 92.26	\$ 92.26
Total	\$ 787.26	\$ 787.26

God's Helping Hands current needs are: fruit cups, Vienna sausages, noodles, cream of mushroom, cream of chicken, and cream of potato soups, jello, cooking oil (no olive oil), crackers, cookies, canned tomatoes, canned beans, and Macaroni & Cheese. Please place donations in the designated container in the Cameron Hallway.

Those on our **Prayer list** below have special prayer needs at this time. We keep the entire congregation in our prayers at all times, but sometimes special prayers are needed. If your name is on the list or you have added someone's name and they no longer need to be on the list, please contact the church office so the name can be removed. Names on the prayer list are left on for two months, but may be extended upon request.

*Gary Black
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Katie Doble
Dolores Hopkins
Don Horton
Anne Moye
Steve Rucker
Herman & Elizabeth Shealy
Marie Shealy (National Health Care)
Jane & DeLeon Wallace*

<i>Sunday (January 11)</i>	9:15 am 10:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 11:45 am	Adult Sunday School Choir Practice Youth Sunday School Holy Communion/Installation Council Meeting
Monday	6:00 pm	Lydia Circle
Wednesday	10: 30 am	Bible Study
<i>Sunday (January 18)</i>	9:15 am 10:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 3:00 pm,	Adult Sunday School Choir Practice Youth Sunday School Holy Communion WELCA Exec. Meeting