

# **All Saints Lutheran Church**

Everyone is Welcome here! Seriously, Everyone!

## **Second Sunday of Christmas**

January 4, 2026 at 9:30 am

Wales, WI

# Welcome to Baptism of Our Lord Sunday!

Sunday, January 4, 2026

**Congregational Responses will be in Bold.**

**Prelude**

Judy Knoernschild

**Welcome and Prayer Requests**

**Opening Hymn     “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”     Hymn #533 v. 1,2,5**

**Greeting**

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

C: **And also with you.**

**Kyrie**

P: In peace, in peace.

*Assistant:*

*Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy - cy.

*to Verses*

P: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all. . .

*Assistant:*

*Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy - cy.

*to Verses*

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word...

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

*to Verses*

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*

God. A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,

all of cre - a - tion sings for joy

to the God of life and love and

free-dom: praise and glo-ry for ev-  
er - more!

**Verse 1**

*Congregation or Congregation I:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and uni-nited us to be one great people of  
God.

*to Refrain*

**Refrain**

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cele-bration,  
all of crea-tion sings for joy to the God of life and love and

free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev - -  
 er - - more!

REFRAIN 4

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich-es, wis - dom and  
 might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
 for ev - er.

*to Refrain*

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
 all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
 to the God of life and love and  
 free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev - -  
 er - - more!

### Verse 3

*Congregation:*



3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us people of God; to make  
all things new.

### Refrain

*Congregation:*



Now the feast and cele - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom; praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er and more!



## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## THE WORD OF THE LORD

### First Reading:      **Jeremiah 31:7-14**

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.”<sup>8</sup> See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor together; a great company, they shall return here.<sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back; I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path where they shall not stumble, for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock.”<sup>11</sup> For the LORD has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.<sup>12</sup> They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.<sup>13</sup> Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow.<sup>14</sup> I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

**Gospel Verse**

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

**Gospel:**

John 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

<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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Children's Message**

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**"Christ Be Our Light"**

**Hymn #715 vs 1, 2,5**

### **Apostles Creed**

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

**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, 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. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

*Each prayer petition will end with:*

P: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*We encourage you to share God's peace however you are comfortable.*

*Handshakes, high-5's, fist bumps, peace signs, and waves are all appropriate.*

## Offering

The offering is an act of worship. We offer a portion of what God has blessed us with for the purpose of doing God's work in the world through the church. You can donate via collection plate, by scanning the QR Code, or Texting to Give at 262-233-1776.



## Offering Music

Judy Knoernschild

## Offering Response      "As the Grains of Wheat"

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The top staff begins with a treble clef and the bottom staff with a bass clef. The lyrics "As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were" are written below the top staff, and "gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;" are written below the bottom staff. The music consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you.

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst

may we share the pres - ence of your love.

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;

so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be

gath-ered in - to one in you.

2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;

so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be

gath-ered in - to one in you.

### Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. God of Glory,,

C: Great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

### Communion      “The Great Thanksgiving”

*Presider:*

The Lord be with you.

*Congregation:*

And al-so with you.

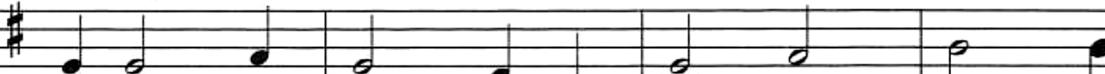
*Presider:*

Lift up your hearts.

*Congregation:*

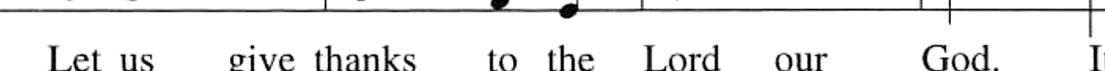
We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Congregation:*



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you O God through Jesus Christ who is your light made manifest to all the nations, and so with the church on earth all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.....

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
 Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est!

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

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

*This is a table of grace where all are welcome! Please come forward to receive Holy Communion. For those of you who are with us online, please find some sort of bread and wine/juice at home to use and share during Communion. Feel free to say to one another, "The body and blood of Christ given and shed for you."*

### Communion Hymn      "Lamb of God"

*Congregation:*      *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of      the  
you break the chains of ha - ted      and  
you are the way of jus - tice      and  
you are the way of mer - cy      and

*Congregation:*



world:      have mer - cy on us.      mer - cy on us.  
fear:  
peace:  
love.

### Final Stanza

*Congregation or Assistant:*



mer - cy      on      us.      Lamb of God,      you

*Congregation:*



take a - way the sins of      the world:      grant      us peace.  
grant      us peace.      grant      us      peace.

**Communion Hymn**

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Hymn #671 vs 1-5

**Communion Hymn**

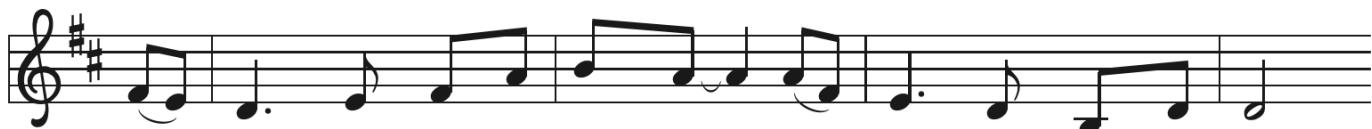
“O God Whose Word Well Planted”

ACS #975

## O God, Whose Word Well-Planted



1 O God, whose word well-plant-ed yields fruit a hun-dred-fold,  
2 O God of seed and har-vest, of sun and soil and rain,  
3 O God, your fi-nal har-vest of his-t’ry’s an- cient field



we praise your grac-es grant-ed to those who sowed of old,  
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant-ing be in vain.  
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit-ness scat-tered good seed up - on the soil  
Send show - ers of your Spir-it, bright sun - shine of your grace,  
Op - pres - sion’s blight will van - ish, fair free - dom’s fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.  
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.  
and love and joy will flour-ish to clothe the earth with peace.

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**Communion Hymn**

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken” Hymn # 494

## **Post Communion Blessing**

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## **Prayer After Communion**

**Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. AMEN.**

## **Blessing**

P: The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

C: Amen.

## **Announcements**

**Closing Hymn      "Go My Children, With My Blessing"      Hymn # 543 vs 1, 2**

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

Judy Knoernschild

***Thank you for joining us in worship today!***



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*All Saints Lutheran Church is a Reconciled in Christ Congregation.*

*We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture,  
every sexual orientation and gender identity,  
any socio-economic status and every ability and challenge.*

*We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.*



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To sign up for Greeters and Readers, you can scan the QR Code.

Coffee Hosts can sign up in the kitchen.

Ushers are assigned by Greg Cholka.



Worship Participants	January 4th	January 11th
<i>Reader</i>	Nansi Hawkins	Volunteer Needed
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Nansi Hawkins and	Volunteers Needed
<i>Communion Prep</i>	Brenda Calhoun	Volunteer Needed
<i>Greeters</i>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
<i>Coffee Hosting</i>	Volunteers Needed	Al & Kathy Theis
<i>Ushers</i>	Greg Cholka	Volunteer Needed



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**Thank you to everyone who  
serves as readers, communion  
assistants, greeters, and more!  
Here is the link to the 2026 Sign  
Up Genius!**



# Tech Desk Volunteers Wanted



Assist with Sunday Broadcasts



Assist with Audio and/or Video



Not Full Time, on a Rotation



Some Training Needed



Teens or Adults Can Volunteer



Can Be Very Fun!

Any teen or adult interested in helping us,  
please contact the church at [office@aslcwales.org](mailto:office@aslcwales.org)  
or Gary Valine at 262-391-1287.

## All Saints Variety Show

Date: Jan 31

Time 6:00

Variety Acts needed:

Musical: solo, duet, group - can be vocal or instrumental -  
whatever you like to do!

Ages: ALL ages! Adults, Children, Families, Youth - solo/duo and  
groups

Other types to make it a variety: Dance, Comedy, Skit.... whatever!

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