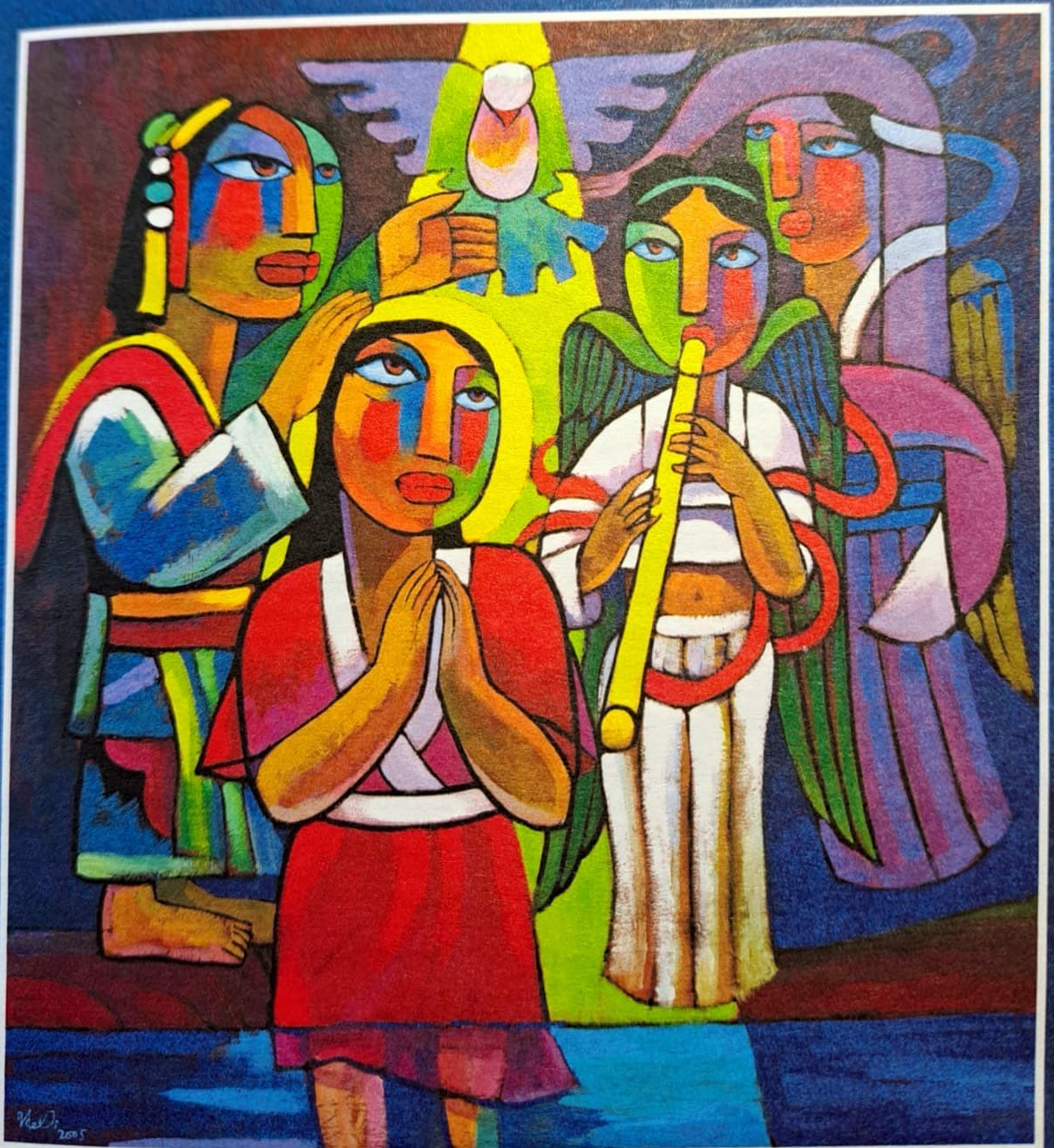


# THIS IS MY SON, THE BELOVED

MATTHEW 3:17





# Hope Lutheran Church

January 11, 2026

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## Baptism of Our Lord

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Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "When Jesus Came to Jordan"

WOV # 647

Call to Worship

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Hymn of Praise "Beautiful Savior"

LBW # 518

Prayer of the Day: O God, Our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be their daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lessons      Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

LBW pg. 228

Acts 10:34-43

Alleluia, sing Alleluia eight times

Gospel      Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "We Were Baptized In Christ Jesus" WOV # 698

**Affirmation of the Assembly**

**LBW pg. 199**

**Prayers of the Church**-----**The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering/Offertory:** We give Thee but Thine own, What e'er the gift may be. All that we have is thine alone. A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

**Benediction & Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn "Blessed Assurance"**

**WOV # 699**

**In Our Prayers:** Carol Speth, Nancy Gerking, Ruth Heitbrink, Gerry Brezenski & the Workbook Committee

**We welcome you to worship with us today. If you are a guest please sign the guest book.**

**Wednesday, Jan. 14th: 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ, 6:00 p.m. Confirmation**

**Thursday, Jan. 15th: 1:30 p.m. Bible Study, Marilyn**

**Sunday, Jan. 18th: 10:00 a.m. Joint Holy Communion Worship at Grace**

**Burr Community Club Soup Potluck Sunday, January 18th 10:30-1:00. Bring your favorite soup or side and time to visit. Canned food drive for the pantry.**

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**FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9**

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.

<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.

**Psalms 29****SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43**

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."

**GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17**

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."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42.

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