

Washed in the Water Saved by Faith

January 12,
2025



The Baptism of
Our Lord

Welcome, guests! We're delighted that you could join us. If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. This folder contains all the information about our services and the congregational responses are indicated by indented and bolded letters. Please also take a moment to fill out the guest register at the church's entrance; this is used by the pastor and elder only. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. May the Lord bless this service as Christ comes to you!

THE THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS: The long-expected Christ has arrived; the waiting is over as the Son of David is anointed. The Father's approval sounds from heaven and bookends the season of Epiphany when, with the Holy Spirit and with power, it thunders again on the Mount of Transfiguration as the Son is revealed in glory.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN:

#82

SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

Please Stand for The Last Verse



1 Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and
4 Sun and moon shall dark - ened be; Stars shall fall, the
5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mir - rored in your



you we raise, Man - i - fest - ed by the star
King su - preme, And at Ca - na, Wed - ding Guest,
faint - ing soul; Man - i - fest in val - iant fight,
heav'ns shall flee. Christ will then like light - ning shine;
ho - ly Word. May our lives and all we do



To the Ma - gi from a - far, Branch of roy - al
In your God - head man - i - fest; Man - i - fest in
Quell - ing all the dev - il's might; Man - i - fest in
All will see his glo - rious sign. All will then the
Im - i - tate and hon - or you That we all like



Da - vid's stem, In your birth at Beth - le - hem.
pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine.
gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill.
trum - pet hear; All will see the judge ap - pear.
you may be At your great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
You by all will be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise you, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-85, alt.
Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816-93.



In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

KYRIE

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The musical notation consists of two staves in C major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us."

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

The musical notation is a single staff in C major, showing the melody for the word "Amen".

PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

The musical notation consists of four staves in C major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the subsequent staves contain the melody for the following lines. The lyrics are: "Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;"

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the
 sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the
 sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

FIRST LESSON:

1 SAMUEL 16: 1 – 13

Samuel anoints young David to Shepherd the Lord's people, Israel. Centuries later would come fulfillment with the anointing of the Christ and the Lord's royal priesthood of all believers.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I see a king for myself among his sons."

Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will let you know what you are to do. You are to anoint for me the person that I point out to you."

So Samuel did what the Lord had told him to do and went to Bethlehem. Trembling with fear, the elders of the city came to meet him. They said, "Do you come in peace?" He said, "Yes, in peace. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." He consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

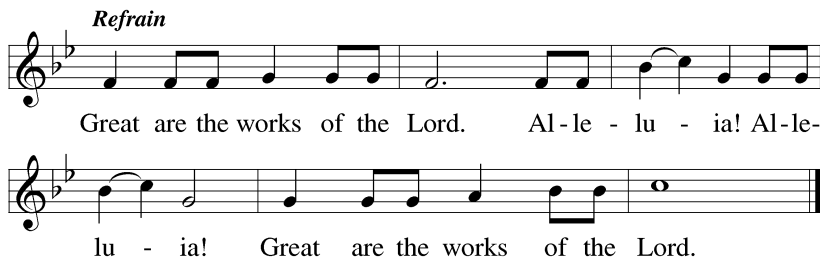
When they had come, he looked at Eliab and said, "Certainly this is the Lord's anointed." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at how tall he is, because I have rejected him. For the Lord does not look at things the way man does. For man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." Then Jesse had Shammah pass by. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel. Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Is that all of the young men?" Jesse said, "There still is the youngest, but he is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him, for we cannot sit down to eat until he comes."

He sent for him and brought him in. David had red hair and striking eyes, and was good-looking. The Lord said, "Get up! Anoint him, because this is the one."

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers. The Spirit of the Lord rushed on David with power from that day forward. After that Samuel set out and returned to Ramah.

Refrain



Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone



Refrain
 Why do the nations conspire*
 and the peoples plot in vain?
 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD*
 and against his Anointed One.

Refrain
 The One enthroned in heaven laughs;*
 the Lord scoffs at them.
 Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,*
 "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."
 I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:*
 He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father."
Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

TITUS 3: 4 – 7

Baptism brings the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Christ and David were anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power. When we were baptized, the Spirit was poured out on us as well. It was a washing that brought rebirth for sin-deadened hearts and spiritual renewal for fleshly minds.

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward mankind appeared, he saved us—not by righteous works that we did ourselves, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia. (Mark 1:11b)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

****Please Stand****

GOSPEL

LUKE 3: 15 – 17, 21, 22

The word of the Lord, through John and the waters of his baptism, powerfully proclaimed preparation for the arrival of the Messiah. He would come with justice to rule the people with equity. At his own baptism, Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power as our Prophet, Priest, and King, to the approval of the Father.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might be the Christ. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But someone mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. While he was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Please Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY:

#89

TO JORDAN'S RIVER CAME OUR LORD



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came
 5 The Fa - ther's word, the Spir - it's flight A -



Christ, whom heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The
 Son of God in flesh dis - guised— To
 John bap - tized the Lamb of God, The
 God's own voice with words pro - found: "This
 noint - ed Christ in glo - rious sight As



God from God, the Light from Light, The
 stand be - neath the Fa - ther's And
 Ho - ly Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, De -
 is my Son," was his de - cree, "The
 God's own choice, from A - dam's fall To



Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
 all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
 scend - ed on him from a - bove.
 one I love, who pleas - es me."
 save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
 This man in Christ, our substitute!
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

Text: James P. Tiefel, b. 1949. © 1993 James P. Tiefel. All rights reserved. Used by permission.
 Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

SERMON TEXT:

TITUS 3: 4 – 7

SERMON THEME:

WASHED AND RENEWED

****Please Stand****

CREATE IN ME

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

OFFERING –In 2 Corinthians 9: 7, Paul tells us: “Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.

****Please Stand****

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR EPIPHANY

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

Amen.

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#299

ALL WHO BELIEVE AND ARE BAPTIZED



1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized Shall see the
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us your



Lord's sal - va - tion; Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ,
Ho - ly Spir - it. Help us in our in - firm - i - ty

They are a new cre - a - tion. Through Christ's
Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it. Grant us
re - demp - tion they shall stand A - mong the glo - rious,
to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -
heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860-1942, alt.
Tune: ES IST DAS HEIL (87 87 887) *Eitlich Cristlich liden*, Wittenberg, 1524, alt.

THE SACRAMENT

****Please Stand****

The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

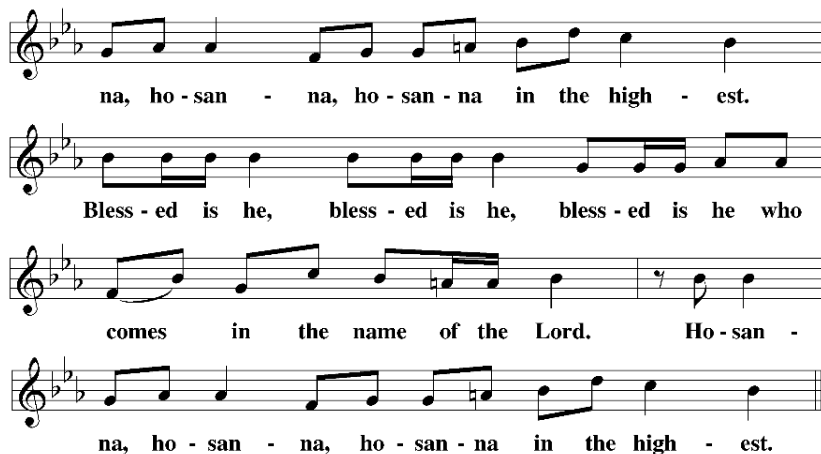
C: It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as you only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host in heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

SANCTUS

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

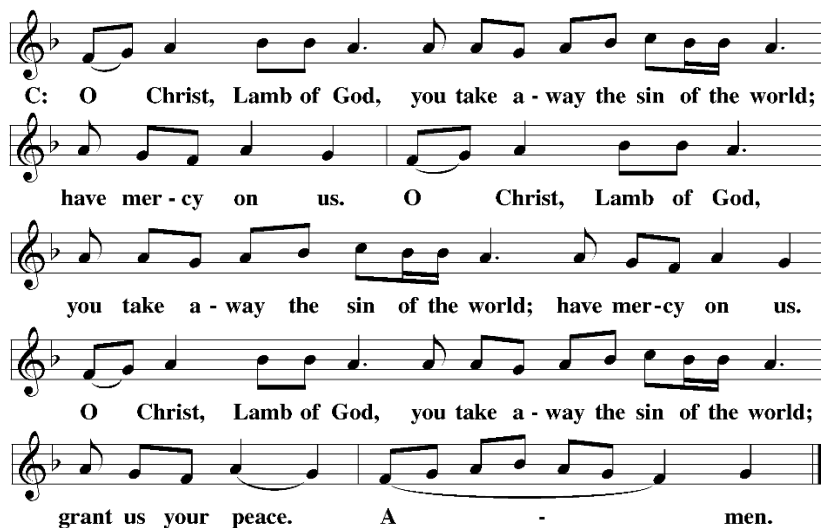


C: A - men.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

AGNUS DEI



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We do practice close communion according to Paul’s guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: “For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord’s body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself.” Therefore, if you are not a member of the ELS or WELS, please talk to Pastor Emmons before communing. Thank you for respecting our practices.

****Please Stand****

SONG OF SIMEON

NUNC DIMITTIS

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

CLOSING PRAYER

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it, you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord, make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

CLOSING HYMN:

LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would seek to o - ver - throw your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend your Chris - ten - dom that
 u - ni - ty on earth. Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And to de - stroy what he has done.
 we May sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife, And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder zu Wittenberg*, Wittenberg, 1543, alt.

WHAT WE BELIEVE:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God, the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, adding a human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return to take all believers to heaven, condemn all unbelievers to eternal torment, and destroy this present world.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Envelopes: Our treasurer has placed new boxes of envelopes in the back of the church for 2025 giving; please take a box for your family. If you give cash, please write your name on the outside of the envelope for January so your envelope number can be accurately recorded.

Midweek Bible Study: We will resume on Tuesday, 14 January.

Area Pastor Conference: If the weather permits, Pastor Emmons will attend the Klamath Falls area pastor conference on 16 January.

Sunday Bible Study: Please join us for our Sunday morning Bible Study as we consider the book of Luke. Bring your questions, reading is always optional, and you can come and go as you like. We begin at 9 a.m.

Potluck: We will hold our first potluck of the new year on 16 February. The event will be themed around Valentine's Day, welcoming our newest members.

Game Night: On Friday, 24 January, Tammi and Pastor Emmons will hold a game night at their home from 6 to 9 p.m. Please RSVP To Pastor Emmons at 541-699-7643 by 17 January so he knows how much food to prepare.

Council Position: In May, our council president, Mitch Breyton, will have served two terms. According to our constitution and by-laws, he is ineligible to serve an additional term. Please consider serving in this capacity. The requirements are as follows: He must be one of the primary signatures on all legal paperwork for our congregation, coordinate all council and voter meetings, and work with the council members to oversee all administrative work of the congregation.

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