

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

8:30 am

January 9, 2022



God Drowns Us with Life

AS WE GATHER

Each year the First Sunday after Epiphany takes us to the Jordan River, where Jesus is baptized. The Baptism of Jesus is a reminder of the importance of Baptism in the life of every Christian: through drowning in Baptism we are born anew to eternal life. The experience we share in Jesus' Baptism unites us with Christ and gives us a whole new way of living for now and for eternity.

All who believe and are baptized
Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
They are a new creation. *LSB 601*

PRELUDE

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

406 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His
 2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him -
 3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y
 4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to



Fa - ther's plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word
 self has spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell
 word and won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,
 us ex - tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove



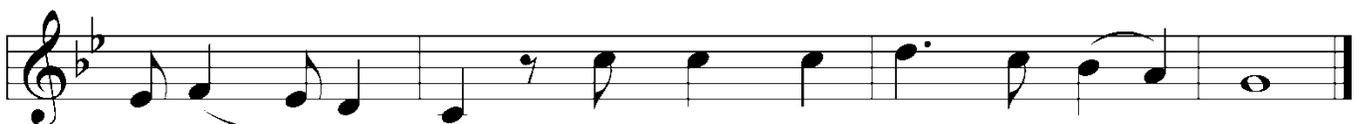
Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing
 And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His
 Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -
 Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -



now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion
 Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.
 lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.
 sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,



And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's
 God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while
 Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full -
 That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find



op - pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.
 be - stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.
 est mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."
 a dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

People: Merciful Lord, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We admit that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things which we ought not to have done. We have not always shaped our lives around the Gospel and have not always shared our faith as opportunity was given to us. We have not always been generous in sharing the bounty You have given us. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: God has gathered His people from north and south, east and west, and to them says, "Fear not!" In His mercy He promises pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His beloved Son. As a called servant of Christ, I announce to you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

As you believe, so may it be.

People: Amen.

OPENING SEQUENCE *Job 26:7; Jeremiah 47:2; Ezekiel 1:4; Isaiah 49:11–12*

Pastor: The season of Epiphany is a time when the Lord Jesus Christ is more fully known, and we celebrate the expanding of the Gospel throughout the world. We rejoice that the Word of God has reached every corner of the world and that all people may share in the Good News of salvation.

Elder: *Today our compass points to the north as when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. In describing the creation of the world, Job relates that the Lord "stretches out the north over the void and hangs the earth on nothing." The prophet Jeremiah writes of waters rising out of the north, and Ezekiel's vision of the glory of the Lord begins as "a stormy wind came out of the north." The prophet Isaiah has words of encouragement about the redeemed people of God:*

All: "And I will make all My mountains a road, and My highways shall be raised up. Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west . . ."

Pastor: We sing a mission hymn to every place in the world about the bringing of important news: the sacrifice of our Lord on the cross brings us life!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Gracious God, in the Baptism of our Lord Jesus in the Jordan River You affirmed Him as Your beloved Son. Set free from fear all who are baptized in His name that they may fearlessly make known Your words of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: We too, are baptized into His death and resurrection. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 43: 1–7* (The Lord has called Israel by name.)

But now, O Jacob, listen to the Lord who created you.

O Israel, the one who formed you says, "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

² When you go through deep waters, **I will be with you.**

When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown.

When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. ³ For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I gave Egypt as a ransom for your freedom; I gave Ethiopia and Seba in your place.

⁴ Others were given in exchange for you.

I traded their lives for yours because you are precious to me.

You are honored, and I love you.

⁵ "Do not be afraid, for **I am with you.**

I will gather you and your children from east and west.

⁶ I will say to the north and south,

'Bring my sons and daughters back to Israel from the distant corners of the earth. ⁷ Bring all who claim me as their God, for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them.'"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

FIRST READING *Romans 6:1–11* (We are made to walk in newness of life in Christ.)

Reader: Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace?

People: ² Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?

Reader: ³ Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? ⁴ For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

People: ⁵ Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. ⁶ We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.

Reader: ⁷ For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. ⁸ And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. ⁹ We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. ¹⁰ When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. ¹¹ So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized



1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re - demp - tion they shall stand A - mong the glo - rious,
Grant us 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.

Children's Message

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 3:15–22* (Jesus teaches we must be born of water and Spirit.)

¹⁵ Everyone was expecting the Messiah to come soon, and they were eager to know whether John might be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered their questions by saying, "I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

¹⁷ He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire." ¹⁸ John used many such warnings as he announced the Good News to the people.

¹⁹ John also publicly criticized Herod Antipas, the ruler of Galilee, for marrying Herodias, his brother's wife, and for many other wrongs he had done. ²⁰ So Herod put John in prison, adding this sin to his many others.

²¹ One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Less Like Me (... Little More Like Jesus)

Verse 1

Oh I have days I lose the fight
 Try my best but just don't get it right
 Where I talk a talk that I don't walk
 And miss the moments right before my eyes
 Somebody with a hurt that I could have
 helped
 Somebody with a hand that I could have
 held
 When I just can't see past myself
 Lord help me be

Chorus

A little more like mercy
 A little more like grace
 A little more like kindness goodness love
 and faith
 A little more like patience
 A little more like peace
 A little more like Jesus
 A little less like me

Verse 2

Yeah there's no denying I have changed
 I've been saved from who I used to be
 But even at my best I must confess
 I still need help to see the way You see
 Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped
 Somebody with a hand that I could have held
 When I just can't see past myself
 Lord help me be

Chorus

A little more like mercy
 A little more like grace
 A little more like kindness goodness love
 and faith
 A little more like patience
 A little more like peace
 A little more like Jesus
 A little less like me

Bridge

Oh to feed the beggar on the street
 Love to be Your hands and feet
 Freely give what I receive
 Lord help me be

I want to put You first above all else
 Love my neighbor as myself
 In the moments no one sees
 Lord help me be

Chorus

A little more like mercy
 A little more like grace
 A little more like kindness
 goodness love and faith
 A little more like patience
 A little more like peace
 A little more like Jesus A little less like me

A little more I'm living Everything I preach
 A little more like Jesus
 A little less like me

MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness and praise You for the love that sustains us from day to day. Bless all who are gathered in Your name with a full measure of Your grace. Grant us an appreciation of the diverse and worldwide nature of the fellowship that we share in Christ, that we may see in each sister and brother in Christ a reflection of Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: While the Church grows according to Your plan, strengthen new and established congregations, supporting them in challenging times. Make them steadfast, abounding in the work of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Watch over our nation and help us live peaceful lives with security and justice. Grant Your divine favor to all who bear office in our land. Help them to serve all those in their care with Your justice according to Your holy and perfect will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bless the schools of the Church and all colleges, universities, and centers of research and those who teach and work in them. Be with those whose work supports and secures our lives, including medical personnel, law enforcement workers, and all civil servants. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Bless our homes with Your presence, that the gift of family may be experienced everywhere. Help all children grow in the covenant of their Baptism, and enable their parents and their congregations to bring them up in lives of faith and devotion. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Let Your Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Bring consolation to those in sorrow, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering plates you will find at the front and back of the church. **Thank you.**

We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.

COMMUNION WINE: For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine, which is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

++ *We offer **Gluten-free** wafers upon request.* ++

Lamb of God

Your only Son no sin to hide
 But You have sent Him from Your side.
 To walk upon this guilty sod
 And to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified.
 They laughed and scorned Him
 as He died.
 The humble King they named a
 fraud
 And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Chorus:

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God.
 I love the holy Lamb of God.
 O wash me in His precious blood.
 My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died
 But You have brought me to
 Your side.
 To be led by Your staff and rod
 And to be called a lamb of God.

Chorus**827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling**

1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
 2 Some take up His task in morn - ing, To their Lord re - spond - ing soon;
 3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,
 4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com - ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing—Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
 Some are called in heat of mid - day, Oth - ers late in af - ter - noon;
 Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;
 When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de - scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
 E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,
 So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—
 Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
 There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields.
 Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.
 Then the souls His grace has gar - nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
 3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
 4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
 The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
 God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
 Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
 For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
 Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
 The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
 The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
 Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,
 Gifts far more than we see;
 Beneath the bread and wine
 Is food from Calvary.
 The body and the blood
 Remove our ev'ry sin;
 We leave His presence in
 His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
 Who lavishes such love;
 The triune God in love
 Assures our life above.
 His means of grace for us
 Are gifts He loves to give;
 All thanks and praise for His
 Great love by which we live!

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

Pastor: O Lord God, heavenly Father, Ruler of all things, we receive this foretaste of the feast to come through this blessed meal. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having now received this Holy Sacrament, we may die daily through Baptism and rise restored and new, and joyfully continue our earthly pilgrimage until that time when we are gathered into Your heavenly kingdom to share in Your blessings for all eternity. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, abide with you, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
 For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
 I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
 For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
 So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

May We Help You? Anyone who desires special private prayer with the Pastor may do so by remaining in the sanctuary until all worshippers have departed. At that time, come forward and speak with the Pastor.

*Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities –***SUNDAYS:** Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.**WEDNESDAYS:** Ladies bible study @ 9:15am – church parish hall.**SATURDAYS:** Men's Bible Study – Every second and fourth Saturday @ 9:30am – Parish Hall

9	JAN, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Confirmation Class
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 12 – 1pm	Board of Evangelism church parish hall
		● 6 – 8pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
10	JAN, MON	● 6 – 7pm	Board of Trustees church office
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Board of Day School Parish Hall
		● 7:30 – 9pm	Always Basketball
12	JAN, WED	● 9:15 – 11:15am	Women's Bible Study parish hall
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	Bible Quizzing church parish hall
		● 5 – 9pm	Allen Terrace - Parish Hall - Bingo
		● 6 – 9pm	Always Basketball
		● 7 – 8pm	Northville Swim Club Meeting room #1
13	JAN, THU	● 8:30am – 3:30pm	School Music Classes church parish hall
		● 5:30 – 7pm	Choir parish hall
		● 7:30 – 9pm	Always Basketball gym
14	JAN, FRI	● All day	1/2 day of School (aftercare available)
		● 6 – 7:30pm	Always Basketball
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
15	JAN, SAT	● 9 – 10:30am	Always Basketball
		● 9:30 – 11am	Men's Bible Study parish hall
		● 10am – 12:30pm	Stephen Ministry Training church parish hall

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Esther Helland
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Altar Flowers this week are :

In memory of our parents, John and Barbara Burgess and Dennis and Jean Duckworth
from Chris and Anne Burgess

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11am service.

Dear St Paul's members - this is from the organization that received our 125 Flood Buckets in honor of our 125th Anniversary. Thank you for your participation and support with this ministry outreach.

During Advent, we ponder the mystery of our Lord coming to us in our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. He has shown great mercy to us and teaches us how to pour out ourselves for our neighbor. We thank you for your service in the LERT program and look forward to working alongside you in the days to come. The Lord continue to have mercy on you and grant you peace.

Merry Christmas from your brothers and sisters at LCMS Disaster Response!

Rev. Dr. Ross Johnson

Jenna McMiller

Rev. Michael Meyer

Deaconess Sandy Bowers

Rev. Rob Wurst

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:9-10

FAMILY OF GOD NEWS: We have completed TWELVE YEARS of serving at the Family of God mission in Detroit. God has provided many volunteers through the years and we thank you all for your faithfulness and support. We especially acknowledge Mary Lewis and Ruth Fisher for organizing 6 to 10 dozen brownies every month and those who baked regularly. (It isn't necessary to go into the inner city to serve as a missionary!) Our shoppers have mostly been Janet Wisner, Nancy Crenshaw Berg, and Marilyn Edick. They've managed to keep our costs to about \$3 for 40 to 120 servings, as the attendance has changed through the years. Our kitchen crew changes with the seasons but Linda Johnson, Kim Johnson, Doris Oltersdorf, Nancy Crenshaw Berg, and the Hoffmeier's have logged the most hours and provided excellent service. And then our servers have varied over the years but it has especially been a joy to see multiple family members serve together. Some come directly from work and others have come with the Hoffmeier van, which has put on many miles through the years. God has always provided safe journeys and we thank HIM for that. *Donations can be made to our designated account. The check made out to St Paul Lutheran Church, Memo line: Family of God Mission Meals. Thrivent Gift Cards are needed to continue funding the meals.* Please consider getting involved with this mission opportunity. We have signed up again for every third Wednesday in 2022. Contact Barbara or Will Hoffmeier for more information: #248.756.3035.

Those 16 volunteers with the December 15th meal: Nancy Crenshaw Berg, Anne Burgess, Chris Burgess, Marilyn Bruehan, Marilyn Edick, Chris Englert, Kelly Englert, Ruth Fisher, Barbara Hoffmeier, Will Hoffmeier, Kathy Hoener, Kim Johnson, Linda Johnson, Rich Mai, Sue Mai, Doris Oltersdorf. The menu was: Au Gratin Potatoes with diced ham, peas and carrots, buttered rolls, brownies, a three layered jello, and individual beverages. They really appreciated the special Christmas jello which was a real treat for the 50 people that came for the evening meal.

Be a missionary with your MITE Box by giving and praying for LWML's approved mission grants for the upcoming year. For the month of January, Women in Christ is highlighting a \$15,000 grant entitled, "Filling Haitian Tummies Opens Ears to the Gospel." Trinity HOPE in Franklin, Tennessee, hosts a feeding ministry, based on the premise that children must first be nourished physically so to be enabled to be nourished with God's word and concentrate on learning. Please thank God for this ministry and add coins to your MITE box. January is one of four times this year that Women in Christ will be collecting MITE boxes.

Thank you St. Paul Family for all the cards and especially for the wonderful carolers that came to my home Sunday 12.19.21. It was really wonderful! Love Ruth Balko.

COUNTERS NEEDED – The Board of Finance is in need of volunteers to help count the weekly offering. It takes approximately 1 – 1 ½ hours, once every 6 weeks at a convenient time. To volunteer or for more information please contact: Jan paver – 248-349-8850 or Dave Tischler – 248-346-2366.

EXCITING NEWS!!!

St. Paul's Endowment Fund has reached a balance of over \$65,000! Our Endowment Fund was created in 2011 with an initial goal of \$50,000. Now that we have hit that initial goal, we will be able to starting making grants beginning in 2022 and each year thereafter. The larger the balance continues to grow, the larger the grants we are allowed to extend and expand Christ's ministry through the congregation. We are grateful for God's blessings of this wonderful news on the 125th year anniversary of our church. Stay tuned for more information to come...

ALTAR FLOWERS - The following dates are available for altar flowers: March 6 - one vase and March 20 - one vase. The price for a vase of flowers is \$15.00. If you would like to place an order please call Ruth Natiw, 248-348-7875.

Trees – There are the old Altar Christmas trees in the narthex (each tree takes two bags) – they are not pre-lit- If anyone would like one or both, it is first come first serve!!! Feel free to take!

