

# Welcome to Anchorage Lutheran Church



## The Baptism of Our Lord

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## **GATHERING**

**Opening Song**                      Hosanna (Praise is Rising)  
**Welcome**  
**Announcements**  
**Opening Prayer**  
**Apostles Creed**  
**Children's Message**  
**Gathering Songs**                      Oceans  
                                                            Beneath the Waters

## **THANKSGIVING**

**Confessions of Sins**  
**Announcement of Forgiveness**  
**Song**                                      I Will Wait For You  
**Prayers of the People**  
**The Lord's Prayer**                      As it Is in Heaven

## **THE WORD**

**Old Testament Reading**              Deuteronomy 4:1-8  
**New Testament Reading**              1 Peter 2:9-12  
**Gospel Reading**                        Matthew 3:1-17  
**Message**                                  "Identity" - Pastor Albino Kong

## **SENDING**

**Closing Prayer**  
**Benediction**  
**Closing Song**                        The Blessing  
**Sending**  
**Pastor:**                                  Go in Peace as you Serve the Lord  
**People:**                                  **Thanks be to God**

### **Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>“And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. <sup>3</sup>Your eyes have seen what the LORD did at Baal-peor, for the LORD your God destroyed from among you all the men who followed the Baal of Peor. <sup>4</sup>But you who held fast to the LORD your God are all alive today. <sup>5</sup>See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>6</sup>Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ <sup>7</sup>For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon Him? <sup>8</sup>And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?”

### **New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 2:9-12**

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

### **Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.’” <sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor and gather His wheat into the barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.” <sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, 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 thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

### **Opportunity to Pray**

#### **Those Who Need Our Ongoing Prayers**

Rose Diekelman, Jody Quinn, Carolyn Shepard, Christine Gill, Kevin Erickson, Tabitha (granddaughter of Karen Loeffler-Quintieri and Michael Quintieri)

#### **Comfort, Health, Recovery**

Gerd Krause; Tonya (Rick Funner’s niece); Anna (Donna Dean’s daughter); Marianne Boyer; Norma Huseman; Forest Taylor; Matt Newton; Liz Millikan; Ann McCoy; Don Henry; Norman Alexie (Gwendie Gellerman’s nephew); Julie Helms (Wayne & Bobbie Helms’ sister-in-law); Tim (Dennis Koehler’s nephew); Janet (Sherry Hartung’s sister); our Sudanese sister Nyakat Tut; Elsie Nafzger; Tina (Rick Funner’s sister); Cron Hamilton (Nelda Hamilton’s brother); Cathy Johnson; Kent Kroger; Phil Barnes; Diana Rowedder; Chuck Lazareth (friend of Doug Schroeder); Kent Kroger; Tom Ondra (friend of Stefanie Busch).



# Our Calling

**We exist** as a ministry because of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. As Christians, we seek to know Him and understand His purpose in our lives through the study of God's Holy Word, frequent worship, and reception of the Lord's Supper. **We strive** to share the Good News of Christ's victory over death through proclamation in our worship services, Christian education programs in our community, and support of missions in Alaska, the Pacific Northwest and the World. **We seek** to live as God's children, open to the leading of the Holy Spirit by witness and discipleship of Christ Jesus through the use of our time, talent, and treasures.

**The Lord's Supper:** The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. We celebrate this meal often in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice. Baptized adult Christians, understanding and seeking the mystery of this Holy Meal—the nourishing forgiveness and Real Presence of Christ—are invited to participate.

*Should you come to the altar and wish not to receive this sacrament, please cross your arms to receive a blessing.*

*Children who have not yet been confirmed are invited to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing.*



## Monthly Finances:

Income: \$150,706, Expenses: \$172,033

Difference: \$21,327



## ALC WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>Sunday, Jan. 10</b>	<b>10:00 AM Worship Service</b> <b>Contemporary - No Communion</b> <b>Clare House Delivery</b>
<b>Monday, Jan. 11</b>	<b>10:00 AM Zoom Women's Bible Study</b> 12:00 PM ALANON Brown Bag
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 12</b>	12:00 PM ALANON Brown Bag
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 13</b>	12:00 PM ALANON Brown Bag <b>6:30 PM Holden Prayer Service</b>
<b>Thursday, Jan. 14</b>	12:00 PM ALANON Brown <b>6:00 pm Adult Praise Team</b>
<b>Friday, Jan. 15</b>	12:00 PM ALANON Brown Bag
<b>Sunday, Jan. 17</b>	<b>10:00 AM Worship Service</b> <b>Traditional—Communion</b>

## Are you looking for ways to support your community this week?

- \* Send a card to a church member who has been stuck at home.
- \* Provide a healthy meal to those in need through the Orca Program with Lindford of Alaska. You can help ALC purchase high quality food for those in need. Each box is \$100 and is distributed to families within the North Star or Inlet school system. Contact Lynn Boots for more information: 907-301-5393.
- \* Throw on your warm winter gear and help distribute food from the Mobile Food Pantry at Hope Lutheran Church every Tuesday at 3:45pm.

## Altar Flowers Sign-Up

There are dates available to sign-up:  
January 31st, February 7th, 14th

## Opportunity to Thank

**Ushers:** Doug & Tyler Schroeder

**Flowers:** Stefanie Busch, in honor of Abigail's 19th birthday.

