

**SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Baptism of Our Lord Sunday**

**January 12, 2025**

PASTOR	John Russell-Curry
GREETER	Pam Andersen
READER/ASSISTING MINISTER	Barb Ward
USHERS	Alan Arnold
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Marit Medefind Bond

**This Week**

TODAY	10 AM	Worship Service
MONDAY	6 PM	Council Meeting
THURSDAY	11:30 AM	Birthday Luncheon

*La Nita's Restaurant, 2864 Shaffer Rd. Atwater*

**Attendance for last week 27  
and via Zoom 3**

***Please respect the sanctity of worship and turn off  
all cell phones. Thank you.***

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Greeting – ELW 147  
 Gathering Song – **This Little Light of Mine – ELW 677**  
 Confession and Forgiveness – ELW 95  
 Kyrie – ELW 147  
 Canticle of Praise – ELW 149  
 Prayer of the Day  
 First Reading -- Psalm -- Epistle Reading  
 Message for Young at Heart – Passing of the Peace  
 Special Music  
 Gospel Announcement, Acclamation – ELW 151  
 Message  
 Hymn of the Day – **Shall We Gather at the River – ELW 423 (vs. 1, 3, & 4)**  
 Apostles' Creed – ELW 105  
 Prayers of Intercession  
 Offering, Offertory and Prayer  
 Great Thanksgiving – ELW 152 - Pastor's Preface  
 Our Response – ELW 153  
 Lord's Prayer – ELW 154  
 Words of Institution  
 Confession Song – ELW 154  
 Distribution -- Prayer After Communion  
 Blessing  
 Sending Song – **Go, My Children, with My Blessing – ELW 543 (vs. 1 & 3)**  
 Announcements  
 Dismissal

**For the Gathered**

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

**Upcoming Events – Mark your Calendar**

**January 19** **Worship Service**

**January 20** **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
**Office Closed**

**January 26** **Worship Service**

**January 26** **Annual Fiscal Meeting**

**Prayers for healing:**

Dave Bettis; Lucas Arnold; Gleneda Muralt; Dorothy Woody; Joel Knox; Susan Kateley; Rosie Sullivan; Karen Darby; Eric Smith; Lynette Figueroa's nephew & mother; Gleneda Muralt's niece, Shereida; Lynette Figueroa; Nan Dailey; Kimberly Castillo's daughter Jillian and mother-in-law Lupe; Pam Andersen; Pastor John Russell-Curry and his family; Warren Westerberg; Sylvia Poupard; Jeane & David Hetland; Penny Waha; Annie Sofranek; David Cherf; and people who are ill around the world.

We lift prayers for our Benevolence of the Month, **Scholarship Fund** and for our Sierra Pacific Synod Bishop, **Jeff Johnson.**

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