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# SERVING

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# CHALLENGE

## PRAISE ABLAZE

JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 • 11:00 AM

*RLC SERVING CHALLENGE - WEEK 2 – ATTITUDE*  
THE CELEBRATION OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

**Welcome!** We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened through the study of God's Word and empowered to live as His witnesses.

**Families**, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; a small area is set up in the atrium for children with "wiggles"; and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the rear parking lot entrance to your left as you exit the atrium doors of the Multi-Ministry Center (MMC). **Guests**, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the *Guest* side of the *Welcome Card* found in the pews/chair backs and place it in the offering baskets. **Holy Communion** questions, please see purple sheets on *Info Table* or near the bulletins.

**As We Gather:** When we talk about following Jesus and serving like Jesus, too many believe that what you do in this life won't matter much anyway. I want to remind you that you are capable, you are powerful, and you can make a difference. You may feel unqualified, but the fact remains that Christ bought you at a steep price. Jesus gave up His very life, and He was willing to pay that price for you. You are valuable. You are a difference-maker. So, let's rip the covers off and let the light of Christ shine through us.

### A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen today...

Message.....	Pastor Rev. Jason Hoerth	Acolyte.....	Zoe McKinley
Children's Message ....	Chris Graves, DCE	Reader .....	Glenn Breuggemier
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Welcome

### Opening Worship

*Living Waters  
As for Me and My House*

### Call to Worship

### Confession and Absolution

### Children's Message

### God's Word (see opposite or screens)

*Matthew 3:13-17  
Philippians 4: 1-9  
Luke 5:1-15*

*(Children excused for Children's Church.)*

### Offering

*(Thanks for your support of God's mission here.)*

### Today's Message

*(Children return from Children's Church.)*

### What We Believe

*The Apostles' Creed*

### Prayers & Lord's Prayer

### Words of Our Lord/ Reception/Song

*Cornerstone  
Instrumental Music*

### Blessing / Song

*Live Like That*

### Dismissal



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## FIRST READING

Matthew 3:13-17

*(The Baptism of Jesus)*

<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."

*L This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**



## EPISTLE

Philippians 4:1-9

*("Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice")*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. Exhortation, Encouragement, and Prayer <sup>2</sup>I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-15

*(The Calling of the First Disciples)*

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, <sup>2</sup> and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. <sup>4</sup> And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. <sup>7</sup> They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." <sup>11</sup> And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him. <sup>12</sup> While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." <sup>13</sup> And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him. <sup>14</sup> And he charged him to tell no one, but "go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them." <sup>15</sup> But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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