Prelude

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Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

LSB #605 Father Welcomes



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∔ Baptismal Remembrance **∔**

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- In Holy Baptism our sins are forgiven and we are granted a new life in Christ, our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I ask you anew: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- C I do renounce them.
- **P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
- Yes, I believe 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.
- **P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- Yes, 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.
- **P** Let us pray:
 - Almighty God, we give thanks that Your Son Jesus suffered and died for our sins. We celebrate with joy His resurrection from the dead and ascension into heaven. We are grateful for the work of Your Holy Spirit in us, which brought us to faith by Baptism. We know that You are faithful in Your covenant with us. Keep us faithful as well. Show us the way You would have us live. In Jesus, our blessed Savior.
- C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

- **P** Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
- **C** my chosen, in whom my soul delights.
- **P** I will tell of the decree:
- The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
- **P** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
- **C** and the ends of the earth your possession.
- **P** You shall break them with a rod of iron
- and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
- **P** Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
- **C** be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- P Serve the LORD with fear,
- **C** and rejoice with trembling,
- **P** for His wrath is quickly kindled.
- © Blessed are all who take refuge in Him. 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.





A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

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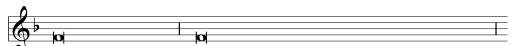




A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,







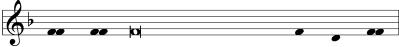
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



Gloria in Excelsis

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A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

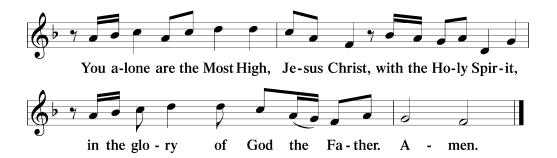


You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

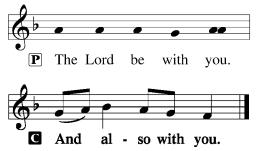


For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One,

You a-lone are the Lord,



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts!

Epistle Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he

lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

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Alleluia and Verse

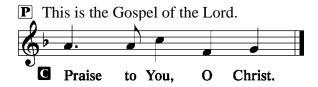


Holy Gospel Luke 3:15-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

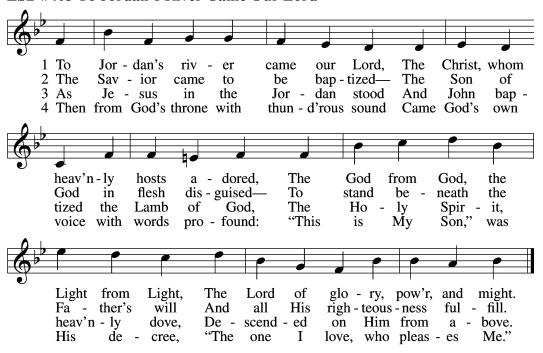


¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."



Hymn of the Day

LSB #405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord



- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute! He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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Prayer of the Church

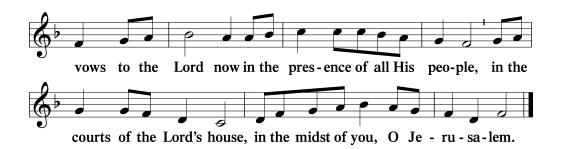
- **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C ...hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers:

- **P** ... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

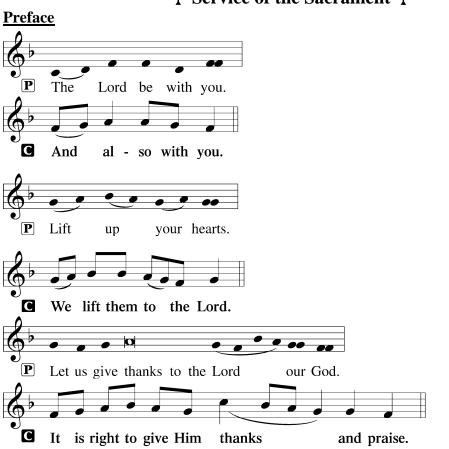
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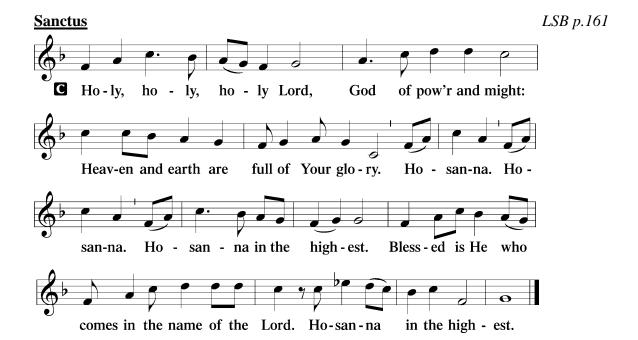


+ Service of the Sacrament +

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It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the allavailing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My Holood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

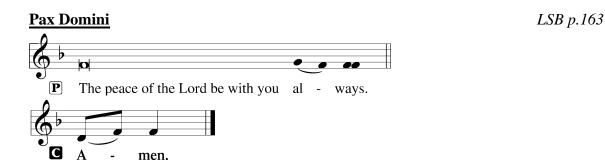
Proclamation of Christ

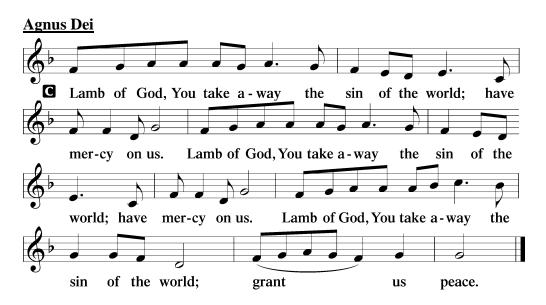
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:



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

If you have not communed with us before, please see our statement of belief about communion on the inside front cover of the bulletin. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please ask the pastor for one. Also available in the center of the communion trays are two individual cups with water and a drop of wine.

LSB #722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



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LSB #590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy



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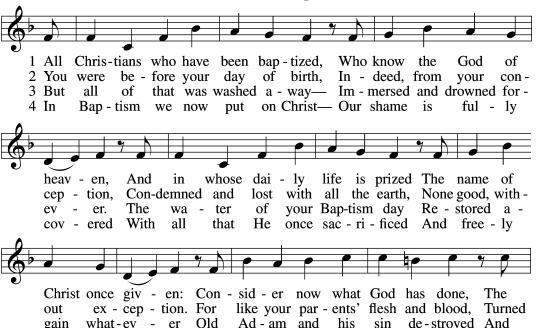
LSB #735 Have no fear, little flock





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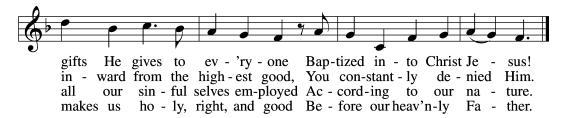
LSB #596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized



His own blood Now

suf - fered. For here the flood of

for



- O Christian, firmly hold this gift
 And give God thanks forever!
 It gives the power to uplift
 In all that you endeavor.
 When nothing else revives your soul,
 Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
 And then in death completes you.
- So use it well! You are made new—
 In Christ a new creation!
 As faithful Christians, live and do
 Within your own vocation,
 Until that day when you possess
 His glorious robe of righteousness
 Bestowed on you forever!

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The Dismissal

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

Stand

Post-Communion Hymn

 ${\bf Nunc\ Dimittis-Song\ of\ Simeon}$

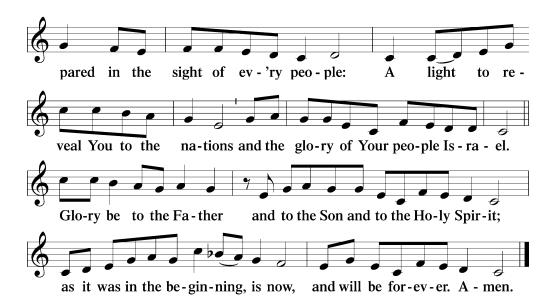
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Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-



Post-Communion Collect

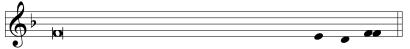
P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin. We pray that you would behold us all according to Your boundless mercy and bless us with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in us, which has been inherited from Adam and which we ourselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that we be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, we would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

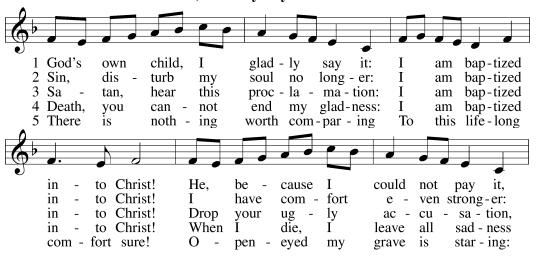
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



Closing Hymn

LSB #594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It





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Silent Prayer & Postlude



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installed.)

- 1. On your phone, connect to the "BLC Guest" network with password Bethlehem1837.
- 2. Go to the app store and search "Listen Everywhere" and download.
- 3. Open the app and touch "Allow" when asked.

The 2025 Flower Chart is up in the narthex and awaiting your names for flowers for the narthex for this coming year. Any questions, please contact Lora. Thanking you in advance for your beautiful flowers.

Serving Next Sunday January 19, 2025

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Jedidiah Maschke

Elder: Jarvis Manning

Ushers: John Monson, Chris Soderstrom,

Joshua Karges

Acolytes: Jeb Bugg

Accompanist: Mark Swanson Altar Guild: Kathy Jackson

The Baptism of our Lord

Today, we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, who knew no sin but partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the waters of baptism, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin, His righteousness becomes our righteousness.

Our glory, then, is in "Christ Jesus, who became to us...righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Cor. 1:30). Therefore, "whoever believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16), because they share His cross and Resurrection and receive the Holy Spirit and the Blessing of His God and Father in the waters of Holy Baptism.

Elders' Corner: If you have something you would like to discuss with your Elder concerning the church and your life, please don't hesitate to contact him. If there is no answer, please leave a voicemail and/or message.

Members	Your Elder is:	
Abbott – Davey	Bill Scott	909-838-2129
Dodd - Jenkins	Bob Spiker	775-745-6316
Jones-Magrath	Jarvis Manning	775-461-3493
Manning - Smith	Jimmy Poncsak	760-792-9014
Soderstrom – Zuber	Josh Karges	775-230-6212

Upcoming Events

Today, January 12th – All ladies interested in helping Bethlehem Women in Mission are invited to a meeting following the church service to help plan events for the months of January thru May.

January 17th – CPTL Family Movie Night at the school @5:30pm, hot dogs, hot chocolate and popcorn will be available – Soda will be sold.

Saturday, January 18th at 11:00am – Kitchen cleaning time. All who would like to help clean the kitchen cupboards, please come. All cupboards and drawers will be emptied, washed, and items replaced. Questions, see Diane Drumm.

January 18th, Saturday at 2:00pm is the Ordination and Installation of Steven Tomac at Faith Lutheran Church in Yerington. Check with Lora or Pastor for more details.

January $26^{th} - 2^{nd}$ and 3^{rd} grade Bethlehem Lutheran School Choir will be singing at our service to kick start Lutheran Schools Week. Stay for cookies following the service and meet the children, their families, and their teachers.

Weekly Prayer Page

"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us." (1 John 5:14)

Remember in Your Prayers – (New Additions noted in Bold print)

Jean Armer – medical issues
DeAnna McDaniel Blomberg
and her daughter & granddaughter
medical issues

 $Bruce-{\sf medical\ issues-friend\ of\ Stevens}$

Judi Bugg – health issues (Delbert Bugg's mother)

Joe Chambers – *medical issues*

Mark de la Torre – medical issues (School parent)

Grace Marie – medical issues

(Lynn Tappan's great niece) Richard & Sandra Hartley

medical issues

Ernie Hernandez – health issues (Austin Stone's father-in-law)

Ken Hiley – medical issues

– friend of Stevens

John Huss – brain tumor recovery (Maschke family's friend)

Robyn Izquierdo – medical issues (Jim Gansberg's daughter) Gale Jackson – medical issues

Amanda Kilbourn – health issues

(Heather Bugg's friend)

Lisa Lariviere – (Rindi Fredlund's mother)

Laurel & Ed – medical issues friends of Lora & Bob Spiker

Marie – friend of Pat Stevens

Darlene McClurg – medical issues

Darrene McClurg – meatcat issues

 $Dianne\ Medlock-{\it medical\ issues}$

Norm Milz – medical issues

 $(retired\ pastor\ of\ Shepherd\ of\ the\ Sierra)$

Mike Tappan – medical issues (Lynn Tappan's husband)

Allyson Underwood – cancer

Karen Woodmansee

coping with medical issues

Deacon Mike Hudson – Pastoral Training (Bethany Lutheran Church, Hawthorne, NV)

Guidelines for the Weekly Prayer Page

- 1) Anyone requesting prayers from the church must receive permission from the person before adding him/her.
- 2) People will be added to the prayer list for two weeks, after which they will be removed, or by contacting the Church Secretary, be included for another two weeks.
- 3) Prayers will be offered for the friends and family of the deceased until three weeks after the memorial/funeral service or burial. If you have any questions or concerns about these guidelines, please speak to your Elder, Lora Spiker, the Church Secretary, or Pastor Maschke. Please submit your prayer request with pertinent information to the Church Office by Wednesday.

Armed Forces:

Sgt. 1st Class Caleb Kern – Army (Colin & Kathleen Wigglesworth's nephew)
Justin Jorstad (Sally & Wayne Allen's grandson)
Jonathan Krenz – Navy – (David & Bonnie Krenz's son)
MSgt (E-7) Benjamin Welter – 192nd Airlift Squadron