



HOLY COMMUNION

at the break of day

January 13, 2019 † 8:30 am

The Baptism of Our Lord

Christ revealed at his baptism

Exploring the promise of God for all

The river of life flows from Christ to all the world

The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our own adoption as daughters and sons, 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 the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

We Gather to Begin the Day Anew in Baptism

GATHERING MUSIC

“This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now”

Aimo Känkänen

At the sound of the bell please turn to face the worship leaders at the font.

GATHERING AROUND THE FONT

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presider begins.

P We begin the day anew in baptism
in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A Amen.

GATHERING PSALM

Psalm 29 (ICEL)

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. (29:3)

P Give the Lord glory, you spirits! Give glory! Honor God’s strength!

A Honor the name of the Lord!

Bow when the Lord comes, majestic and holy.

P God’s voice thunders above the massive seas; powerful, splendid,

A God shatters the cedars, shatters the cedars of Lebanon,

makes Lebanon jump like a calf, Mount Hermon like a wild ox.

P God’s voice strikes fire, makes the desert shudder,

A Kadesh shudders in labor, deer writhe in labor.

God strips the trees.

P All shout “Glory” in your temple, Lord.

A For you rule the mighty waters, you rule over all for ever.

P Give strength to your people, Lord,
and bless your people with peace.

A Give praise to the Father Almighty; to the Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord;
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts; both now and forever. Amen.

P God of splendor, *(ELW psalm prayer)*

your voice thunders over the waters as you reign above the flood.

Give strength to your people

who are born anew by water and the Spirit,

that we may praise your wonderful deeds

and give you the glory due your name;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Crashing Waters at Creation”

(hymn) 455

stanzas 1, 3 & 4

We Listen to God’s Word

GREETING

The presider continues with words of welcome.

FIRST READING

see Scripture insert

When you pass through the waters,

do not fear, for I am with you

Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel’s exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

A Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

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GOSPEL

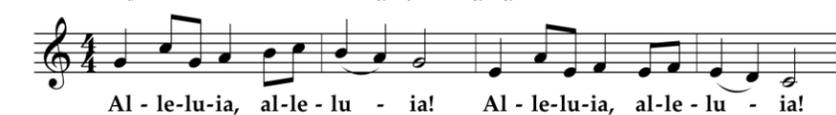
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The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:



before the reading:

P The holy gospel according to ...

A Glory to you, O Lord.

after the reading:

The gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

“Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God”

(hymn) 458

stanzas 1-3

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Hear us, O God,

A Your mercy is great.

Prayer of the Day *concludes these prayers.*

P Almighty God,

you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit
and revealed him as your beloved Son.

Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit

faithful in your service,

that we may rejoice to be called children of God,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

whom with you and the Holy Spirit we worship and praise,

one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

We Feast Around the Table of the Lord

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

A And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share God’s peace with one another.

OFFERING

When bread and wine are broken and shared in the Lord’s Supper an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. Please stand as the offering procession reaches the chancel.

“Aria pastoralis variata”

F. X. A. Murschhauser

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

A Merciful God,

receive the gifts we bring,

ourselves, our time, and our possessions.

Through this meal unite us as your body,

shining with the light of your justice and mercy;

for the sake of him who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

A And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

A We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

Lord's Prayer (1975)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Communion

music during communion:

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" *arr. Mark Sedio*

silence for reflection concludes the communion

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.
God of abundance,
you have fed us with the presence of Christ.
Use us as beacons of light and bearers of Christ's love
for the sake of the whole world.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

We Are Sent to Be God's Hands in the World

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" *(hymn) 304*
stanzas 1, 2 & 4

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is your light.
Thanks be to God.

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

POSTLUDE

Toccata *Bohumil Matěj Černohorský*
Fugue in C *Jan Křtitel Vaňhal*



SERVING TODAY

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, *presiding*
The Reverend Kristine Stedje, *preaching*
Sara Masters, *assisting minister*
Jim Hart, *reader*
Deacon Mark Sedio, *organist/pianist*
Pastor Stephanie Friesen, *communion minister*
Shanti Austvold, *crucifer*
Mark Kieffer, *sound operator*
Bill Masche, Bruce Bergeson-Meekins,
Dave West, Richard Stegall, *sacristans*
Rod Richter, *lead usher for January*
JoAnne Heintz, Lois Steer,
Jerry & Muriel Olsen, *greeters & hosts*

Please welcome The Reverend Kristine Stedje who is here as part of our 100th anniversary celebration. Formerly a member of Central Lutheran, she is currently pastor at First Lutheran Church in Sioux City, Iowa. She was ordained at Central in 2014.

Please join us in the great room following worship for fellowship.

This service is being streamed live on the internet. www.centralmpls.org

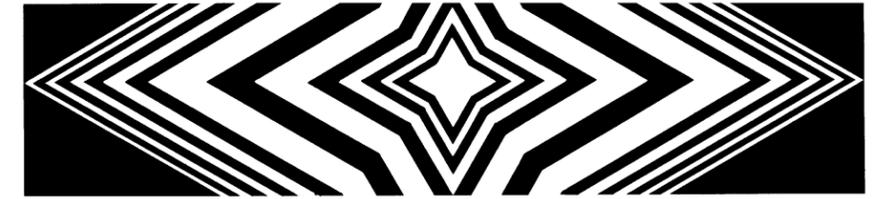
Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Janet and Jack Freitag in celebration of their son Jerrold's 50th birthday on January 13. If you wish to donate flowers contact Judy Korogi 10 days in advance at 612-788-1288.



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God's work. Our hands.

WELCOME



Everyone is welcome. As a community of the people of God, the members of Central Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male or female" (Galatians 3:28). Christ has made us one.

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. We invite guests to complete the "Welcome to Central" card found in the pew racks and leave it with an usher or place it in the offering plate. If you would like more information about Central, please contact us at 612-870-4416, or email info@centralmpls.org.

Children are welcome at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available at Sanctuary entrances. A nursery may be found near the welcome desk. Nursery staff are provided on Sunday mornings.

Welcome to the Lord's Table. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to persons in designated access seating areas. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. Gluten-free breads and alcohol-free wine are available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

Welcome to the Holy Baptism. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. A pastor will contact you.

Friends of Central...Stay connected

Across the country and beyond there are many people who have a soft spot in their heart for Central Lutheran Church – people who feel a connection both to the history and the ongoing mission of this congregation. If you're one of them, we invite you to join a network of Friends of Central. Pick up a brochure or visit our website for more information or to join.

Electronic Giving Opportunities: Online at www.centralmpls.org click on **Give Today**; or text 73256, enter code word *centralmpls* (lower case), and a numerical amount. Press send and fill in the details. All contributions from members and guests will appear in a contribution statement. Wi-Fi is available as *Central Lutheran* (password *guestclc*). If you give electronically, use the green pew card to drop in the offering plate instead of an envelope. Central Lutheran is supported by givers like you. Questions? Contact the church office at 612-870-4416.



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Saturday, January 12, 2019

Sunday, January 13, 2019

Baptism of Our Lord: Cycle C

(Sunday between January 7 and 13 inclusive)

John's preaching and the baptism of Jesus

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

*When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you
Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They
need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by
name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and
honored, and God loves them.*

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, 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,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, 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 them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away
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."

Praise to Christ the Word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

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recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip.
Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.*

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem
heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God,
they sent Peter and John to them.

¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them
that they might receive the Holy Spirit

¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them;
they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus).

¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them,
and they received the Holy Spirit.

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GOSPEL

John's preaching and baptism of Jesus Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And
whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus
is God's beloved Son.*

The holy gospel according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

As the people were filled with expectation,
and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John,
whether he might be the Messiah,

¹⁶John answered all of them by saying,
"I baptize you with water;

but one who is more powerful than I is coming;
I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand,
to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary;
but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized,
and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
the heaven was opened,
²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my Son, the Beloved;
with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

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