



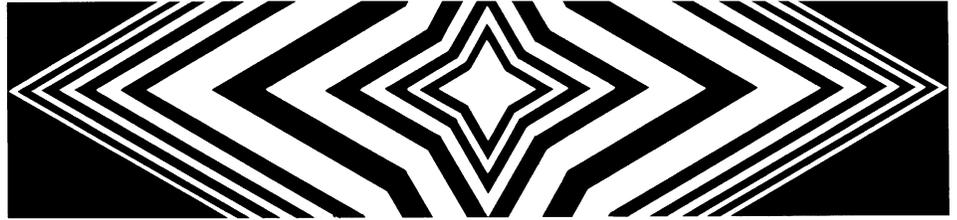
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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WELCOME TO CENTRAL

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 is provided near the welcome desk. Nursery staff are present on Sunday mornings.

Welcome to the Lord’s Table. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at Holy Communion. 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.

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HOLY COMMUNION HOLY BAPTISM

*Baptism of our Lord
Christ revealed at his baptism*

*John's preaching and the baptism of Jesus
Sunday, January 13, 2018
10:30 am Choral Eucharist*

Exploring the promise of God for all

*The Holy Spirit
gathers us in unity on the
first day of the week.*

*During the procession the assembly is
sprinkled with water (a tradition
known as "asperges") as a
remembrance of our baptism into the
Christ's death and resurrection.*

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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"This Is the Spirit's Entry Now"

Aimo Känkänen

The carillon calls the assembly to worship. At the sound of the bell the assembly stands to face the worship leaders at the back of the church.

BAPTISMAL PROCESSION

During the procession sections of Psalms 113 and 29 (appointed for this day) are sung to chants from the Finnish and Russian Orthodox traditions.

The processional corps, soloists and worship leaders enter during this entrance chant for the Baptism of Our Lord from the Orthodox tradition.

Choir *From the rising to the setting of the sun, the name of the Lord is to be praised!*

Blessed be the name of the Lord, henceforth and forevermore!

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders.

The voice of God is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

From the rising to the setting of the sun, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

Blessed be the name of the Lord, henceforth and forevermore!

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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,



*God speaks to us in
scripture reading,
preaching, and song.*

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.

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was 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.

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.

All Amen.

The presider continues with words of welcome.

WORD

READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you

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.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 8:14-17

Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit

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.

Praise to Christ the Word.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 3:17

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:

Al - le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia! Al - le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia!



The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist 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.

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Choir A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The assembly repeats the ALLELUIA.

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

The holy gospel according to Luke.

All **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.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

silence for reflection follows the sermon

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God"

(hymn) 458

stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony

HOLY BAPTISM

Children are invited to come forward to observe the baptism; parents are welcome to come with their children.

INVITATION TO THE FONT

Jonah Robert Swanson

son of Becca & Rob Swanson

Ben Brandt, Marissa Swanson, sponsors

Finally, the presider addresses the assembly:

P People of God, do you promise to help this new Christian, and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you, members of the assembly, together with the baptismal party, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

All I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

All I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The presiding minister fills the font with water in remembrance of God's saving activity around the waters of creation.



BAPTISM

"You Belong to Christ"

(ELW 211)

after the baptism, the assembly welcomes the candidate, singing:

You - be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The minister lays both hands on the head of the baptized and prays for the Holy Spirit:

P Let us pray....

All Amen.

ANOINTING AND SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

Oil is poured on the head of the baptized as the minister prays:

All Amen.

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

A garment (blanket) and lighted candle are given to the baptized (or to the sponsor of a young child) by representatives of the congregation, saying:

Choir As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ: Alleluia!

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Alleluia!

Prayer requests may be recorded in the
book of prayer concerns
in the great room prayer niche.



*God feeds us with the
presence of Jesus Christ.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes:

...Hear us O God,

AD Your mercy is great.

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

AD We welcome you into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share:

**Join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

AD And also with you.

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

MEAL

GATHERING OF GIFTS

The offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, bread, wine, money, and other gifts are brought forward. The assembly stands as the procession reaches the chancel.

"Brighter than the Sun"

Ray Makeever, arr. John Helgen

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

AD 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.

The assisting minister pours out the wine.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

AD And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

AD We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

AD It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

Lord's Prayer (1975)

AD 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.

All who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God.

Communion at this service is served standing. Please follow the directions of the ushers to a communion station.

Grape juice and gluten-free bread are available upon request. The benefits of the sacrament are fully present in either the bread or the wine, should health reasons prevent you from receiving one of them.

Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

Prayer at the chancel kneelers during communion is always welcomed.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Communion

"Lamb of God"

all sing (in harmony):

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have

mer - cy on us. us. Grant us your peace.

*God blesses us
and sends us in mission to
the world.*

Today's postlude features music by two historically important Czech composers. Černohorský (1684-1742) studied in Italy and served as organist at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi before returning to Prague as an organist and teacher. Vaňhal (1739-1813) spent a good part of his professional career in Vienna. His Christian names translate as John Baptist – appropriate in light of today's lessons.

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

(hymn) 815

silence for reflection concludes the Communion

Prayer after Communion

- A** 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.
- AD** Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P** The Lord bless and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever
- AD** Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

(hymn) 304
stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony

DISMISSAL

Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.

- A** Go in peace. Christ is your light.
AD Thanks be to God.

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

POSTLUDE

Toccata
Fugue in C

Bohumil Matěj Černohorský
Jan Křtitel Vaňhal

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Following worship coffee is served in the great room.

Brief sanctuary tours will be offered after this service. Meet a docent at the pulpit.



SERVING TODAY

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>presiding</i>
The Reverend Rexford Brandt, <i>grandfather</i>	<i>presiding at the baptism</i>
The Reverend Kristine Stedje	<i>preaching</i>
Sara Masters	<i>assisting minister</i>
Deacon Mark Sedio	<i>cantor/organist</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor</i>
Central Choir	<i>choir</i>
Ben Longman	<i>reader</i>
Rick Johnston	<i>crucifer</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>communion minister</i>
Megan & Matt Bowman	<i>baptism hosts</i>
Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson	<i>sound operators</i>
Varney Kiazolu	<i>lead usher for January</i>
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>liturgy director</i>
Judith Hedman	<i>docent</i>
Jerry & Muriel Olsen, Karin Abel	<i>hosts & greeters</i>

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.

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.

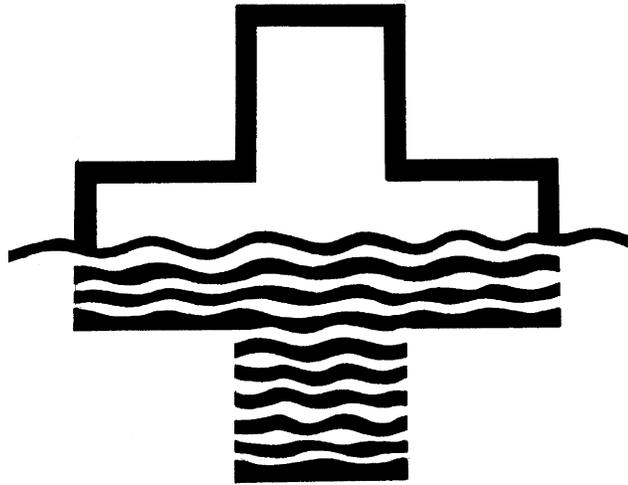
This service is being streamed live on the internet at www.centralmpls.org.



Large print service folders, assisted listening devices, and access seating are available to aid your participation in worship. Please inquire with an usher.



INVITATION TO HOLY BAPTISM



in the 2019th Year of Our Salvation

Know, dear seekers and friends of Jesus,
that, as we begin a new year of grace,
celebrating the 2019th year of our salvation
and anticipate the celebration of the

Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,

so by leave of God's mercy
we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection,
who is our Savior.

On the sixth day of March will fall **Ash Wednesday,**
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the twenty-first day of April we will celebrate with joy

Easter Day,

the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All who desire baptism

at the Great Vigil of Easter are invited to present themselves
that we might walk with you to the waters of baptism
through the Lenten season.

EPIPHANY MEANS REVELATION

There are eight Sundays between the Epiphany of Our Lord and the beginning of Lent this year. From week to week the scriptures reveal the person and work of Jesus. But they also reveal what it means to be a Christian today. The scriptures invite us to see Jesus and continue his ministry in our own age. (database)

Epiphany Jan 6

Revelation of Christ to the nations as magi from the East seek him

Baptism Jan 13

Revelation of Christ as God's servant at his baptism

2 Epiphany Jan 20

Revelation of Christ as a miracle worker at the wedding at Cana

3 Epiphany Jan 27

Revelation of Christ as fulfillment of the prophets' word as he reads Isaiah

4 Epiphany Feb 3

Revelation of Christ as God's patient love as the prophet Jesus is not accepted

5 Epiphany Feb 10

Revelation of Christ as the ultimate fisherman as he calls the disciples to fish for people

6 Epiphany Feb 17

Revelation of Christ as a great teacher as he teaches Beatitudes

7 Epiphany Feb 24

Revelation of Christ as the merciful redeemer who calls us to love our enemies

Transfiguration March 3

Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son in the Transfiguration



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