

HOLY COMMUNION AT EVENING

The Baptism of Our Lord
John's preaching and baptism of Jesus
 Saturday • January 12, 2019 • 5:00 pm

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.

evening prayer for the season of light

For this service you will need this worship folder and a Holden Evening Prayer Booklet.

GATHERING MUSIC

"Vesper Hymn" Mark Dorian

At the sound of the bell, please stand if you are able.
Please turn to face the evening prayer candle as it moves throughout the service.

SERVICE OF LIGHT (Holden booklet) p. 2

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world....

EVENING HYMN (Holden booklet) p. 3

"Joyous light of heav'nly glory..."

EVENING THANKSGIVING (Holden booklet) p. 4

May God be with you...

PSALMODY (Holden booklet) p. 4-7

Psalm 141
 "Let my prayer rise up like incense..."

GATHERING PRAYER

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,
 that we may rejoice to be called children of God;
 in Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

The presider continues with words of welcome.

WORD

READING

Passing through the waters 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.

The reading concludes: Praise to Christ, the Word.

The assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.**

silence follows for reflection

GOSPEL

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:



The baptism of Jesus Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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.

before the reading:

The holy gospel according to
Glory to you, O Lord.

silence follows for reflection

after the reading:

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

silence follows for reflection

HYMN

"Baptized and Set Free" (hymn) 453

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray for the Church, earth, nations, and those in need & grief.

...Hear us O God.

Your mercy is great.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The ministers and the people greet one another with the peace of Christ.

meal

GATHERING OF GIFTS

The gifts of the assembly are gathered for the sake of all in need.

During the gathering of gifts the table of the Lord's supper is prepared.

"Children of the Heavenly Father/Baptized and Set Free"

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

The assembly prays over their gifts.

Let us pray together.

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

"Now the Silence"

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

silence for reflection concludes the Communion

Prayer

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

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.

Almighty God, Father, † Son,
and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

(hymn) 543

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

arr. Mark Albrecht

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

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

Your assistance in helping prepare the sanctuary for our Sunday liturgies is welcomed. Please meet a staff member near the front of the sanctuary following the postlude to assist in arranging the pew chairs.

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, *presiding*
The Reverend Kristine Stedje, *preaching*
Christopher Haug, *assisting minister*
Vicki Munson, *reader*
Jane Lien, *pianist/organist*
Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson, *sound operators*
Janice Allen-Steele, Alan Filzen,
Mary Gunderson, *greeters, hosts, ushers*
Richard Stegall, *sacristan*

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.

epiphany means revelation

Christ revealed as God's servant at his baptism



Dwelling in the word

Quickly: Who baptized Jesus? And where? Did you notice that Luke's gospel does not say that John the Baptist was the person who baptized Jesus? Nor does it even mention the River Jordan! Isn't that interesting?

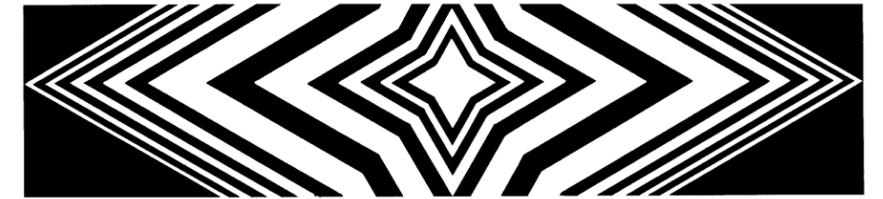
If you read the verses that are skipped (Luke 3:18-20) you will notice that this gospel records John's imprisonment by King Herod before it tells about Jesus' baptism. Isn't this confusing?

The important point is that Jesus is God's Spirit-endowed beloved Son. Isn't that encouraging?



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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.

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