

# HOLY COMMUNION

*The Baptism of Our Lord*

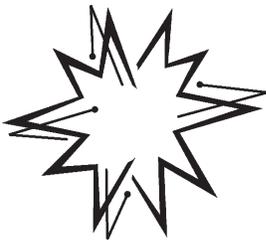
Sunday, January 9, 2022  
8:30 a.m. Eucharist

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*Exploring the promise of God for all*

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



## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

Menuet from "Water Music"

George Frideric Handel

*(Please stand at the sound of the bell)*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

**P** Blessed be the Holy Trinity,  
+ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**A** Amen.

**P** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

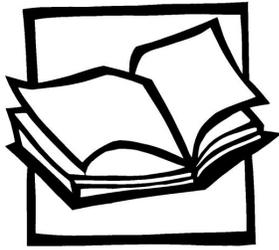
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**A** Amen.

### OPENING HYMN

"Baptized in Water"

Hymn 456



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**A** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Holy God, creator of light and darkness,  
your voice moves over the waters.

Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your spirit,  
that we may follow after your  
Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and forever.

**A** Amen.

## WORD

### NARRATIVE GOSPEL

John 1:19-34

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John

**A** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

<sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No."

<sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup>He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup>Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" <sup>26</sup>John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup>the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." <sup>28</sup>This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**A** Praise to you, O Christ

*(Please be seated)*

## SERMON

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*(Please stand)*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**A** Called by the Spirit who lives and remains in us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all God's creation.

*Each petition concludes:*

God who is with us,

**All** Hear our prayer.

**P** Into your hands gracious God we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your promise to hear our prayers.

**All** Amen.



*God feeds us  
with the presence  
of Jesus Christ*

## MEAL

### PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**All** And also with you.

*(Please remain standing)*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**All** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** With the water of baptism . . .

. . . singing to God, Child, and Spirit,  
God in Community, Holy in One.

**All** Amen.



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

## LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**All** 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.

*(Please be seated)*

## COMMUNION

*(Please stand)*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, as Christ was made known to John in the water  
of the Jordan, so he is made known again for us in the bread and  
the wine, and for this we thank you. Work in us to reveal his love  
for all people. We ask this in Jesus' name.  
**All** Amen.

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

- P** May the love of Jesus Christ,  
the light of the world,  
fill your hearts and illumine your path.  
Almighty God, Father, + Son,  
and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.  
**All** Amen.

### DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**All** Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

Fugue in C (Gigue)

Dieterich Buxtehude

## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>preaching</i>
Brad Boogren	<i>assisting minister</i>
Deacon Cantor Mark Sedio	<i>organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>

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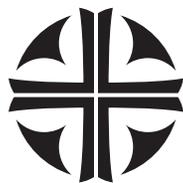
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