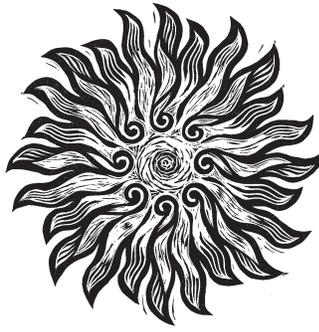


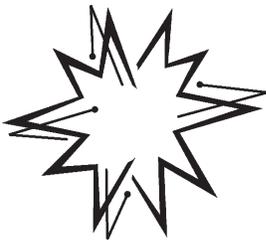
**HOLY
COMMUNION**
The Baptism of Our Lord



Sunday, January 9, 2022
10:30 a.m. Eucharist

Exploring the promise of God for all

*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.

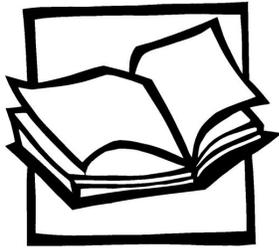
We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

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.

During the singing of the response the congregation is sprinkled with water from the font in remembrance of their baptism.

Composer James Biery (b. 1956) currently serves as Minister of Music at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (Presbyterian) in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. Prior to his appointment at Grosse Pointe, Jim was Director of Music/Organist at the Cathedral of St. Paul in the Twin Cities – a position he shared with his spouse, Marilyn.



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

CHORAL RESPONSE

“The Waters of Life”

James Biery

The voice of God calls us above the waters.

The glory of the Son shines on us.

The love of the Spirit fills us with life

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.**

(Please be seated)

WORD

CHILDREN’S TIME

NARRATIVE GOSPEL

John 1:19-34

P The Holy Gospel according to John

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

¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?”

²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” ²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?”

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

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

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

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who

ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I 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.' ³⁴And 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

(Please be stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Baptized in Water"

Hymn 456

Stanza 1 – all; 2 – choir; 3 – all.

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,

- A** **Hear our prayer.**

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

- A** **Amen.**



*God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ*

MEAL

PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.
A **And also with you.**

(Please remain standing)

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.
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.**

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

"Rich in Promise"

Mark Sedio

*Rich in promise, rich in present, dry as dust and desert sand, buried in
 the potent land, deep and dark the grain lies dormant:
 Behold, God does a new thing, through death God brings new life.*

*Running river in the desert, water meets the wilderness, transformation,
 more from less, swollen seed sends newness skyward:
 Behold, God does a new thing, through death God brings new life.*

*Parable of grain and greening, paradox of death and birth, story of our
 wait in earth for the sacramental raining:
 Behold, God does a new thing, through death God brings new life.*

*So we move from seed to ripeness, so we move from grain to green, letting
 go of what has been, we embody God's great promise.
 Behold, God does a new thing, through death God brings new life.*

Susan Palo Cherwien

(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 it in Jesus' name.
All **Amen.**

*Susan Palo Cherwien
 (1953-2021) was a prolific poet
 and hymn text writer as well as
 a talented soprano.*

*Susan based this text on
 Hildegard of Bingen's concept
 of "Greening" which holds that,
 like plants, we are
 nurtured by water,
 here the water of baptism.*

*Eight of Susan's hymns
 are included in our
 Evangelical Lutheran Worship.*

*She and her husband, David,
 were married here at Central.*

*Her father-in-law, Walter,
 served as tenor section leader
 during the tenure
 of Fred and Joyce Hilary.*

*Susan died from cancer on
 December 28.*



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

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.

CLOSING HYMN

“Rise, Shine, You People”

Hymn 665

Stanza 1 – all; 2 – lower voices; 3 – higher voices; 4 – all

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>
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>hospitality</i>
Brad Boogren	<i>assisting minister</i>
Deacon Cantor Mark Sedio	
Isaac Drewes	<i>organists</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>

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If you wish to donate flowers, contact Judy Korogi at 612-788-1288.**

"Baptized in Water"

Hymn 456

Stanza 1 – all; 2 – choir; 3 – all.

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is written in treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in bass clef. The music is in a common time signature (C) and features a simple, hymn-like melody. The lyrics are arranged in three stanzas, with the first two lines of each stanza corresponding to the three parts mentioned in the title: 1 (all), 2 (choir), and 3 (all). The first system covers the first two lines of the first stanza. The second system covers the first two lines of the second stanza. The third system covers the first two lines of the third stanza. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines that support the vocal melody.

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

"Rise, Shine You People"

Hymn 665

Stanza 1 – all; 2 – lower voices; 3 – higher voices; 4 – all



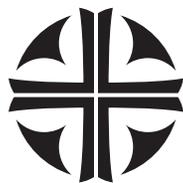
1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.



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