

HOLY COMMUNION HOLY BAPTISM



Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2009 + 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Central - in the heart of the city, welcomes all people to celebrate, discover and share the love of Christ

The wind of Christ fills us with life

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit wind moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit gathers
us in unity
on the first day
of the week, the day of
Christ's resurrection*

PRELUDE

"Christ, Our Lord, from Jordan Came"

J. S. Bach

The carillon calls the assembly to worship.

At the sound of the carillon, the assembly stands and faces the entrance.

OPENING HYMN

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

(hymn) 310

stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony

GREETING

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

Grace to you, and peace from God who shines among us.

A And also with you.

GLORIA



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.
 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ...one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

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

*Out of chaos, God brings order.
 Out of the primeval darkness,
 God brings light. This familiar
 story was good news for the
 Israelites, who experienced much
 chaos in their history. It remains
 good news for any person living
 in the chaos and darkness of
 despair. God created and
 continues to create new life.*

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

FIRST READING

God creates light

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep,
 while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.
³Then God said,
 "Let there be light"; and there was light.
⁴And God saw that the light was good;
 and God separated the light from the darkness.
⁵God called the light Day,
 and the darkness he called Night.
 And there was evening and there was morning,
 the first day.

The word of the Lord.

- Thanks be to God.

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptized them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered them with gifts of the Spirit.

Luke writes:

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — ⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

The word of the Lord.

AI Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

"Jesus antem hodie"

Peter Hallock

Jesus antem hodie regressus est a Jordane. *Today, as Jesus comes out of the Jordan*

*When Jesus Christ baptized was,
the Holy Spirit descended with grace;
the Father voice was heard in the place:*

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende. *This is my son,
hear him.*

*There were Three Persons and one Lord,
the Son baptized with one accord,
the Father said this blessed word:*

*Now, Jesu, as thou art both God and man,
and were baptized in from Jordan,
at our last end, we pray thee, say then:*

— *Medieval text*

GOSPEL

Jesus revealed as God's servant

Mark 1:4-11

The holy gospel according to Mark.

AI Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.



John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.

AI Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rick Nelson

"Walking Wet"
silence for reflection

*In Holy Baptism
the Spirit calls us
and joins us together
as the people of God*



HYMN OF THE DAY
"Crashing Waters at Creation"

(hymn) 455
stanza 3 choir

HOLY BAPTISM

INVITATION TO THE FONT

- P** God, who is rich in mercy and love,
gives us a new birth into a living hope
through the sacrament of baptism...

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

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- A** The following child is presented as a candidate for baptism: (8:30)
Elizabeth Renée Nordstrom *daughter of Alan and Phyllis Nordstrom*
Lisa Ann Nordstrom and Michael Brasette, sponsors
- A** The following child is presented as a candidate for baptism: (11:00)
Artin Kevork Amirayan *son of Kevork and Julie Amirayan*
Natalie Hayes, Kristin Carlson and Laura Haapala-Peterson, sponsors

PROMISES

- P** Parents: called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?
R I do.
As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism...
Do you promise to help your child grow
in the Christian faith and life? **R** I do.
- P** Sponsors: do you promise ... **R** I do.
- P** People of God, do you promise ... **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?
R I renounce them.
- P** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
R I renounce them.
- P** Do you renounce all the ways of sin that draw you from God?
R 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?

A 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 during the thanksgiving.

P The Lord be with you.

A And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P We give you thanks, O God... through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

A Amen.

BAPTISM

After the baptism, the assembly welcomes the candidate singing (three times):

You_ be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Galatians 3:27, alt.
Music: Howard Hughes, b. 1930

ANOINTING AND SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

A Amen.

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

A lighted candle is given to each of the baptized by a representative of the congregation.

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!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Rejoicing that the grace of God has been revealed
in the birth of Jesus Christ, the light of the world,
let us pray for the church, those in need,
and all of God's creation.

God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ



after each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

AD **hear our prayer.**

P Trusting in your mercy, O saving God,
we commend to you all for whom we pray,
through the one born among us,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

AD **Amen.**

WELCOME

A 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.

MEAL

GATHERING OF GIFTS

While the collection is received lay ministers prepare the table.

The assembly stands as the procession reaches the chancel.

"Down to the Water to Pray"

Pepper Choplin

Let's go down to the water to pray.

*When I went down to the water to pray,
studying about that good old way, how you supply eternal life,
Good Lord, show me the way.*

O brother, let's go down, come on down.

O brother let's go down to the water to pray.

*When I went down to the water to pray,
studying about the good old way that you supply eternal life,
Good Lord, show me the way. O sister let's go down, come on down.
O sisters let's go down to the water to pray.*

*When I went down to the water to pray,
studying about the good old way that you supply eternal life,
Good Lord, show me the way. O children, let's go down, come on down.
O children let's go down to the water to pray.*

*When I went down to the water to pray,
studying about the good old way that you supply eternal life,
Good Lord, show me the way. O people, let's go down, come on down.
O people let's go down to the water to pray.*

Offertory Prayer

A Together let us pray:

AD **Blessed are you,
O God, maker of all things.**

**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.**

**Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

Grape juice and gluten-free bread are available upon request.

Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion at this service is served standing by individual chalices. Please follow the direction of the ushers to a communion station. You are invited to kneel following communion if you desire.



Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer (1975)

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

P See, hear, come and dine!
The reign of heaven has come near!

Communion

Table Blessing and Prayer after Communion

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
All Amen.

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

- A** 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.
- All** Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- 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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

(hymn) 304

DISMISSAL

Please face the entrance for the dismissal.

- A** Go in peace. Your light has come.
All Thanks be to God.

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

POSTLUDE

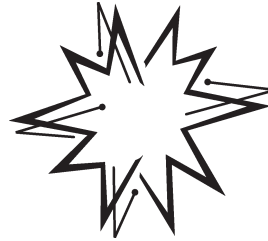
Menuet from "Suite Gothique"

Léon Boëllmann

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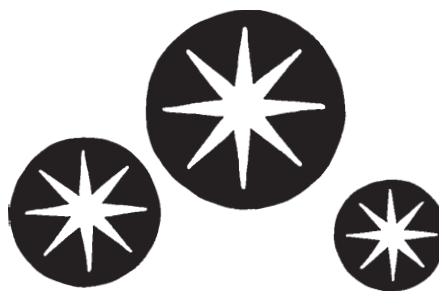
SERVING TODAY



Pastor Kristen Jacobson	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Rick Nelson	<i>preaching</i>
Dick Hilden	<i>assisting minister</i>
Allison Winblad	<i>intercessor</i>
Mark Sedio	<i>director of music/organist</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate musician</i>
Central Choir	<i>choir</i>
Debra Thelen	<i>reader, 8:30</i>
David Molvik	<i>sound operator, 8:30</i>
Judy Bogard	<i>reader, 11:00</i>
Mark Brodin	<i>sound operator, 11:00</i>
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>director of liturgy</i>
Richard Stegall	<i>sacristan</i>
Debra Thelen	<i>radio announcer</i>
Rod Richter, Earl Carson	<i>lead ushers</i>
Karin Lilleodden, Jean McGrath, Sara Stensaas, Kris Stedje, Kathy Fiscus, Ann Oyen, Barb Hoernemann	<i>communion ministers</i>
Bob & Millie Jung, Valerie D'Antonio & Elizabeth Decker	<i>hosts and greeters</i>

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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 speak to a staff member or call the church at 612-870-4416.

Children are welcome at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available at Sanctuary entrances. If you would prefer to use Central’s nursery (available for children ages four and younger), you will find it on the second floor of the Education Building. An usher will be glad to assist you.

Welcome to the Lord’s Table. All 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. If you are not in a designated access seating area and desire to commune where you are seated, please notify an usher who will direct communion ministers to come and serve you. 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.

We envision becoming a thriving, vibrant model of urban Lutheran ministry for the 21st century. This lofty vision requires us to ask each day if our goals for worship, learning, and service are clearly reaching a diverse neighborhood and city in language and action that reflect the world as well as our heritage.



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



WORSHIP LIFE

Holy Baptism Festival Days



It's a strange thing – to present your child to be drowned. In public. To give your child away. In public. To say the future you can give them just won't do. In public. To say the family name they got from you is not enough. In public. To have your child bathed. In public. And dressed in new clothes. To have an infant turn its back on evil and turn instead toward the light. An infant?

And who do we think we are – anointing them with oil – like a king or queen, like a prophet, like the messiah himself?

It's an even stranger thing – when youth or adults present themselves for this ordeal.

Though deeply personal, baptism is never private. It is initiation into the Christian community, the Body of Christ, the body of believers. It is an event, a celebration of the people of God. The individual candidate, the community of faith, and the Lord's mission are forever affected by this radical action of God and the assembly's celebration of this sign of God's grace.

On our baptism festival days we celebrate God's saving activity in Holy Baptism. On baptism festival days we obey our Lord's command recorded by Matthew: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Our baptism festival days allow us to celebrate baptism in such a way that its centrality in our lives becomes clear to all. We seek to live out Christ's command that we be a baptizing community. We seek to celebrate baptism in such a way that the celebration is a true and complete sign of the things which baptism signifies, with abundant water, generous actions, baptismal hymns. We seek to celebrate well and fully the saving activity of God.

And so as candidates come to the water and the word, let us gather with them around the life-giving waters of Holy Baptism. Our next baptism festival is scheduled for Transfiguration Sunday, February 22nd. Individuals or families with candidates of any age for baptism are invited to contact the Church Office to be included.



**Evangelical Lutheran
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God's work. Our hands.

Grace abounds.

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to celebrate, discover and share the love of Christ*
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