

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
ELW – *Setting 9, Holy Communion*
10:30 AM January 7, 2024

GATHERING

PRELUDE & WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

All: Jesus emerges from the water.

Leader: And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

All: "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom
I am well-pleased."

Leader: Jesus is named. Claimed.

All: We come to the water. We remember we are named.
Claimed.

Leader: Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

All: Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

(by Caela Wood, Pastor First Congregational United Church of Christ, Manhattan, Kansas)

GATHERING HYMN: "O Living Breath of God" #407 ELW

RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISM *(www.re:worshipblogspot.ca)*

Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God, source of life and salvation. . . . For the faith and family into which we were baptized and for which we are daily gaining a deeper understanding,

All: Renew our commitment, O God.

Leader: To reject what is sinful and to ever more embrace the freedom of new life that Christ gives,

All: Renew our courage, O God.

Leader: To follow Jesus wherever he leads, and to rely on Christ for our strength,

All: Renew our trust, O God.

Leader: To commit to discipleship by resisting those forces that defile and demean your creation, showing compassion and justice, and making the ministry and life of Christ our own,

All: Renew our strength, O God.

Leader: To be faithful members of your beloved community in learning, service, and celebration,

All: Renew our connections, O God.
We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Baptized and Set Free"

#453 ELW

GATHERING PRAYER

THE WORD

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia", p.198

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "God of Promise, Let These Signs of Grace"

#959 ACS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(www.re:worshipblogspot.ca)*

Leader: Gracious God, help us to live out our prayers with conviction and passion for the people and world that you have created. We recognize that although we live in a world where grief and despair sometimes has its way with us,

All: We make a commitment to a God of hope and joy.

Leader: Where there is war,

All: We make a commitment to peace.

Leader: Where there is suffering,

All: We make a commitment to becoming instruments of relief.

Leader: Where there is abuse or neglect,

All: We make a commitment to providing shelter and love.

Leader: Where there is mental illness or addiction,

All: We make a commitment to understanding and patience.

Leader: Where there is silence from voices too long ignored,

All: We make a commitment to make soft voices heard.

Leader: Where there is noise so loud, God's voice is hard to detect,

All: We make a commitment to creating still, quiet places,
and time for attentive listening.

Leader: Where there is pressure to perform with perfection,

All: We make a commitment to gentleness and forgiveness.

Leader: Where there is a burden to own more and more,

All: We make a commitment to be content with less.

Leader: Wherever God is hard to find,

All: We make a commitment to seek God's face in all people,

places, and things.

Leader: For a God who brings healing, hope, and joy,

All: We praise God's holy name.

Leader: Hear our prayers and commitments to working with you to bring about the kingdom of God in this time and place. Receive them and empower us your people. In Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen.

OFFERING HYMN: "Baptized in Water" (#456 ELW)

(The offering for the life and ministry of this place can now be received. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back of the church when there are no ushers.)

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: We give thanks to you O God for our life and the courage we are given to live it.

All: Let our gratitude for life be expressed in the sharing of
all that we are and have, for the sake of those
Jesus would call our neighbour. Amen.

THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to our creator.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, p. 200

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER, p. 201

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Leader: Beloved of God: Here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

All: We come, with open hands and hearts.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

"Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God"

#458 ELW

"When a Star Is Shining"

#915 ACS

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

#445 ELW

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey.

All: Send us forth from this meal nourished in body and in spirit
to proclaim your good news and to serve others in your name.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace to shine the radiance of Christ wherever you go.

All: Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!"

#308 ELW

POSTLUDE

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All are welcome at the table.

If you wish to receive the healing gift of God's grace and believe Christ is present, please feel welcome to participate in the Eucharist. Grape juice (lighter colour) and red wine (darker colour) are provided in the glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

Thank you to our lector Chris Martin, communion assistant Pat Blakley, musician Anna-Marie Skogsrud, and technical support Katie Otley for assisting in worship today. Thanks also to the coffee crew of Rene & Leverage Baxter. To anyone who steps up to help usher today, thank you very much.

Last Sunday's in-person attendance: 60

First Reading – Genesis 1:1-5

¹**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.

Second Reading – Acts 19:1-7

¹**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.



Gospel – Mark 1:4-11

⁴**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."

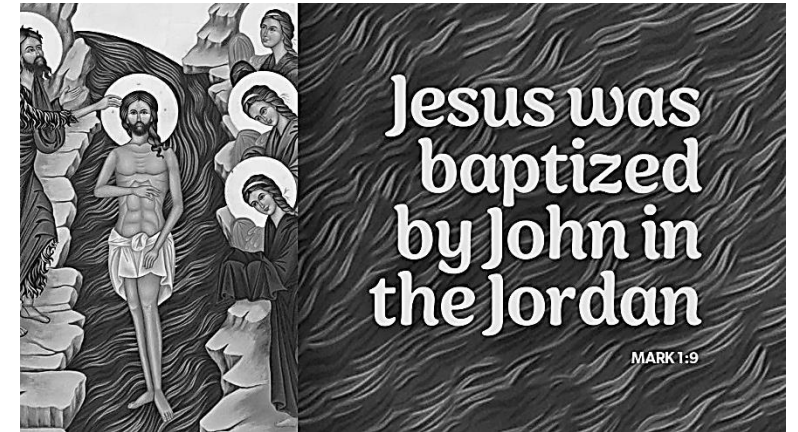
Our Parish Calendar

Monday	7:00 pm	Monday AFG (AA grp)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Concordia Jr. Alpenrose Dancers
Wednesday	8:00 am	Men's Book Club (Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Thursday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship

We are a Christ-centered, welcoming community. We commit ourselves to modeling Christ's unconditional love in our worship, learning, fellowship, friendship, and service to others. Just as God welcomes and cares for us, so we welcome everyone to participate in all aspects of our community, without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, culture or ethnic background, physical or mental abilities, family or economic status, gender, or age. We pledge to ourselves and all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

*Thank you for sharing in worship here today.
May God's abundant grace be a blessing to you,
and a source of strength and hope.*

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