

Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

Please hold in prayer this week

Boyd Lundquist	Carol Bastianello
Kathy Schallberg	Mabel Hughes
Daniel Berg	Miles
Wendy	Katie Yanez
Charlotte Sandeen	Angie Pantlin

Worship Leaders for January 12

Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Barb Steers
Acolyte	Emma Borgstrom
Lector	Brenda Lundquist
Run A/V	
Ushers	Tom Petersen & LuAnn Haas
Altar Guild	Ann & Gordon Decker
Altar Flowers	Tami & Randy Johnson
Fellowship	Steens & Grimms

Worship Leaders for January 19

Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Barb Steers
Lector	Sarah Brendel
Run A/V	
Ushers	Kyle Bakkum & Dave Lundquist
Altar Guild	Ann & Gordon Decker
Altar Flowers	Jamie Borgstrom
Fellowship	Sandy Karstens, Dwight & Janet Schultz

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East Union Lutheran Church

Carver, Minnesota

God Invites Our Generosity

1/5/25 Offering: \$2,740

Gathering

Welcome, Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.** Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn	"Shall We Gather at the River"	#423
Greeting		
Kyrie		page 138
Glory to God		page 139

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

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, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

Kid's Sermon

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people 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.

Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

Gospel Acclamation page 142

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel 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.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" **#304**

Apostles' Creed **page 105**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Song "Create in Me a Clean Heart" **#186**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offering Prayer—Let us pray together:

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

Prayers of the People Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven... **page 145**

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn "Baptized and Set Free" **#453**

Dismissal Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**