

Sending

Benediction
Sending Hymn “God, Whose Almighty Word” **#673**
Dismissal God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit
who dwells in you, bless you and remain with you always. **Thanks be to God!**

Please hold in prayer this week	
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Baptism of Our Lord

January 7, 2024 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



East Union Lutheran Church
Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

Welcome
Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge, **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God’s beloved. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn “Shall We Gather at the River” #423

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, 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. Amen.

Word

Kid’s Sermon

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

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 baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation page 142

The Holy Gospel Mark 1:4-11

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.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day “Baptized and Set Free” #453

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Song “Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring” #691

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table. We do not worship as we ought but only as we’re able.

Offering Prayer—Let us pray together:

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Meal

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Words of Institution

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

Communion Hymns “Lamb of God” page 146

“Baptized in Water” #456

“We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus” #451

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

Giver of every gift, Christ’s body is our food, and we are Christ’s body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.