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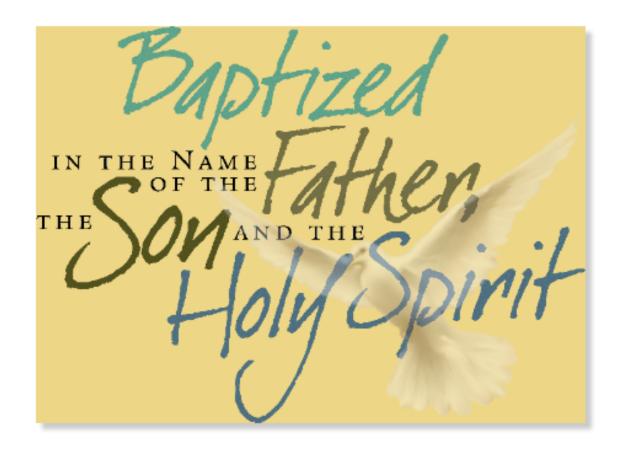
Sending Hymn"God, Whose Almighty Word"#673DismissalGod who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit
who dwells in you, bless you and remain with you always. Thanks be to God!

Benediction

Please hold in prayer this week							
Lori Storms		Terry Irwin					
Boyd Lundquist		Debbie					
Sandy Schmidt		Wendy					
Peg Scott							
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-	rs for January 7	<u>Worship Leaders for January 14</u>					
Preacher	Bryant Bakkum	Preacher	Bryant Bakkum				
Organist	Barb Steers	Organist	Barb Steers				
Acolyte		Acolyte					
Lector	Sarah Brendel	Lector	Brenda Lundquist				
Run A/V		Run A/V	Jason Wieland				
Ushers		Ushers					
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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 vou 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		

This Is the Feast

Praver of the Dav—Let us prav 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.

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.

Word

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

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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	Р	astor 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 Bri	ng" #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 vou.	Holy One, for all good things o	come from vou. In		

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.

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