

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song

“Come to the Font of Creation”

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

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Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

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.

First Lesson

Genesis 1:1–5

Second Lesson

Acts 19:1–7

Gospel Acclamation

“Spirit of the Living God”

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Gospel

Mark 1:4–11

Sermon

Pastor Steve Thompson

Special Music

“The Lord Came Down to the River”

Worship Choir

Baptismal Remembrance & Holy Communion

You are all invited to come to the font at the front of the church.

Remember the baptismal grace that is God’s gift to you.

Touch the water. While your fingers are still wet, you may, if you wish, retrace the sign of the cross which was made on your forehead when you were baptized.

As you process to the font bring your offerings and leave them in the offering plate in gratitude for all God’s gifts to you.

“Borning Cry” ELW # 732

“Thy Holy Wings” ELW # 613

“Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized” ELW # 304

Prayers

Blessing

P: May God, who lightens all our paths, accompany you on your journey this day and always. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **C: Amen**

P: Go in peace. Be light for the world.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sending Song

“Wade in the Water”

ELW # 459

Worship Notes

Welcome Visitors! Please sign the guest book, located at the church entrance. Please feel free to take a visitor packet home with you.

All are welcome to the Lord’s Table We believe that Christ is present in the Sacrament, renewing God’s promise of forgiveness and eternal life.

*Please place the hymnals in the racks in back of the pews, following worship.
No food or beverages in the sanctuary, Please.*

The Week Ahead. . .

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| Monday | 7:00pm | Grief Support Group |
| Tuesday | 5:00pm 7:00pm | CoDA AA |
| Wednesday | 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:30pm 8:15pm | Children’s Choirs Youth Pizza Supper & BOYEM Meeting 5th-8th Youth Groups Worship Choir High School Youth Group |
| Thursday | 8:00pm | AA |
| Friday | | |
| Saturday | 6:30pm | Who’s Coming To Dinner? |
| Sunday | 8:00am 8:30am 9:00am 10:15am | Trustee Meeting Coffee Fellowship Worship led by HS Youth & Hans Peterson Education Hour |

Genesis 1 1-5

First this: God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don't see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss.

God spoke: "Light!"

And light appeared.

God saw that light was good
and separated light from dark.

God named the light Day,
he named the dark Night.

It was evening, it was morning—
Day One.

Acts 19:1-7

Now, it happened that while Apollos was away in Corinth, Paul made his way down through the mountains, came to Ephesus, and happened on some disciples there. The first thing he said was, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? Did you take God into your mind only, or did you also embrace him with your heart? Did he get inside you?" "We've never even heard of that—a Holy Spirit? God within us?" "How were you baptized, then?" asked Paul. "In John's baptism."

"That explains it," said Paul. "John preached a baptism of radical life-change so that people would be ready to receive the One coming after him, who turned out to be Jesus. If you've been baptized in John's baptism, you're ready now for the real thing, for Jesus."

And they were. As soon as they heard of it, they were baptized in the name of the Master Jesus. Paul put his hands on their heads and the Holy Spirit entered them. From that moment on, they were praising God in tongues and talking about God's actions. Altogether there were about twelve people there that day.

Mark 1:4-11

John the Baptizer appeared in the wild, preaching a baptism of life-change that leads to forgiveness of sins. People thronged to him from Judea and Jerusalem and, as they confessed their sins, were baptized by him in the Jordan River into a changed life. John wore a camel-hair habit, tied at the waist with a leather belt. He ate locusts and wild field honey. As he preached he said, "The real action comes next: The star in this drama, to whom I'm a mere stagehand, will change your life. I'm baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. His baptism—a holy baptism by the Holy Spirit—will change you from the inside out."

At this time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. The moment he came out of the water, he saw the sky split open and God's Spirit, looking like a dove, come down on him. Along with the Spirit, a voice: "You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life."

Hope Lutheran Church

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 7, 2018

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.



9:00 Worship

Education Hour 10:15

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Sent to be the presence of Christ in the world