

Faith Lutheran (LCMC)
Hutchinson, MN
8:00 a.m. First Word Service
January 11, 2026
Baptism of Our Lord

What Does This Mean?

1. Why was John the Baptist so shocked that Jesus came to be baptized by him?
2. What may be the key to understanding Jesus' mysterious response to John?
3. How do Jesus' words to John reflect the meaning of Christian baptism?
4. How does Jesus choosing you for his "side" reveal the nature of the Christian life?



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Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” LBW #90

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness LBW pg. 77

Prayer of the Day

Father in heaven, in Jesus' baptism you declared him to be your beloved Son, manifested your Triune nature and revealed your will to save us. Make all who are baptized in Christ faithful in their calling as your children, that we may daily die to sin and walk in newness of life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-9
L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Romans 6:1-11
L: The Word of the Lord.

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Faith Seeds Faith Lutheran Puppets
Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation

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

The Announcement of the Gospel **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

Response after the Gospel **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

Sermon “Choosing Sides” Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn “All Who Believe and Are Baptized” LBW #194

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering/Special Music “Spirit Song” Sharon Barton

Offertory Response

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

Prayers of the Church

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

The Distribution “Lamb of God” LBW pg. 92
Communion LBW #486, 194, and 198

Benediction

Closing Hymn “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!”
(vs. 1, 3-4, 6) LBW #76