



10:30 am Worship Service  
January 11, 2026  
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

## In Preparation for Worship

“As Christians our baptism joins us to Christ. We share in being named and claimed by God. This isn’t primarily to fill our need to feel accepted and loved, though it certainly does that. When we forget our baptism, we forget who and whose we are. The world insists that we belong to ourselves, our employer, our family, our children’s school or sports team, or the government of our country. As Christians we reject all these claims of ownership; we belong to God. It is about God’s purposes, and through our baptism we no longer live for ourselves, we now live to, for and with God.”

– Heather Carlson, *Ekklesia Project*

## Prelude

This Little Light of Mine  
*arr. Mary McDonald*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship\*

*Responsive Refrain*

Leader: In baptism God pours out the gifts of the Spirit.

People: We bring our gifts to God. We are many, yet we are one.

## Opening Hymn\* 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

## Prayer for the Day\*

God of Love and Mercy, in our baptism you claim us and love us forever.  
We want to follow you, but we don’t always do so.  
We want to offer our gifts to you, but we often hide them in fear.  
Forgive us and restore us.  
Call us again to follow you  
and teach us to share your love with the world.  
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Alinea Rae Adams

*Joining us today are Christal and Donovan Adams (parents); Craig and Debbie Hembree (grandparents); and the following aunts and uncles: Jonathan and Alicia Lapinsky, Khalil and Nikki Rajahn, and Glen Adams.*

*All children are invited to come forward to the steps for the baptism. Afterwards, parents will walk children across to Room 117 (3 and under) and Room 120 (PreK and K). 1st through 5th graders may gather in the narthex and walk with leaders to The Dock, where parents will pick up after worship. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.*

## Response Hymn 475

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

## Welcome

*Following the elder’s statement the congregation shall respond...*

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Alinea into Christ’s church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support her, to share the good news of the gospel with her, and to help her to know and follow Christ.

## Song of Praise\* #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

## Welcome of New Members

## Passing of the Peace\*

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

## Anthem

Come to the Water  
*arr. Jack Schrader*

Chancel Choir

## Sermon

The Truth That The Water Speaks

David Lower

## Affirmation of Faith\*

from the Belhar Confession (1986)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,  
the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family.  
And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active,  
in that we love one another;  
that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another,  
that we share one baptism together,  
that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together,  
that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope,  
which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

## Prayers of Thanksgiving for the Waters of Baptism

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Moment for Saint Luke's Little Saints

Brooke Hatfield

## The Offering

Tallis Canon  
*arr. Douglas E. Wagner*

David Clark and Lindy Farley

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1) Giving envelopes, available in each pew, may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.  
2) Give online via [slpres.org/giving](http://slpres.org/giving).  
3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.

## Closing Hymn\* 480

Take Me to the Water

## Benediction\*

## Choral Amen\*

## Postlude\*

Like a River Glorious  
*arr. Bob Walters*

**Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!**

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If you would like to share prayer concerns, or know someone who would (with their permission),  
you may submit prayer requests for inclusion in the Prayer Guide by sending them to [prayerrequest@slpres.org](mailto:prayerrequest@slpres.org).