

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

Beloved children of God: Welcome; as we worship in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen. Welcome pads are at the end of each pew; please sign your name and pass it along.

Sunday, January 13, 2019, 8:30am

Baptism of Our Lord

Welcome

Mission Opportunities and Sharing of the Peace

Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us. **Amen.**

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty and loving God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever. **Amen.**

Opening Song

"The Water of Change"

(Chorus) I've been washed by the water, I've been cleansed by the sea
I've been touched by the river of eternity.
Though I don't understand it, I have never been the same.
I can't turn back the water, the water of change.

The rivers they run, the rivers they roll away.

The voice of life whispers ev'ry day.

At the heart of it all ev'ryone want to be free,
Free to live, free to love for eternity. *(Chorus)*

I wonder aloud where in the world I might be
Had the cross not been shown to me.

It's opened my heart, made me look outside and see

I can no longer live for only me. *(Chorus)*

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Song of Praise

“Baptized In Water”

Baptized in water sealed by the Spirit cleansed by the blood of Christ our king

Heirs of salvation trusting his promise faithfully now God's praise we sing

Baptized in water sealed by the Spirit dead in the tomb with Christ our king

One with his rising freed and forgiven thankfully now God's praise we sing

Baptized in water sealed by the Spirit marked with the sign of Christ our king

Born of the Spirit we are God's children joyfully now God's praise we sing

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Special Music

“Down In the River to Pray” by David L. Mennicke

Praise & Rejoice Choir

Directed by Arlene Brandt-Jenson

Accompanied by Mary Wika

First Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Second Lesson

Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Children's Church

in the Chapel with Colleen Hestad

Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor Dan Ofstehage

Song

"Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)"

All these pieces Broken and scattered In mercy gathered Mended and whole
Empty handed But not forsaken I've been set free I've been set free

(Pre-Chorus) Amazing grace How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me
Oh I once was lost But now I am found Was blind but now I see

(Chorus) Oh I can see You now Oh I can see the love in Your eyes
Laying Yourself down Raising up the broken to life

You take our failure You take our weakness You set Your treasure In jars of clay
So take this heart Lord I'll be Your vessel The world to see Your life in me *(Pre-Chorus and Chorus)*

Apostles' Creed

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

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

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

Offering

Prayer Song

"Mercy"

(Chorus) Mercy, Oh, mercy, ever-loving kindness that sees beyond our blindness.

Mercy, Oh, mercy we're calling on you Lord for us to be restored, Oh, mercy.

I know I hurt you with things I do and say.

I want to love you but I lose my way.

(Chorus) Mercy, Oh, mercy, ever-loving kindness that sees beyond our blindness.

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Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/ill: Don Scharn, Judy Bruchhof, Carol Hinderaker, Greg Dubois, Chad Lambert, Christine Walraven, Elden Hemme, Sonya Benson, Stan Peterson
Edith Johnson, *aunt of Cathy (Bill) Zubke and Linda Barkley*
Doreen Erickson, *mother of Sandy (Dan) Albertsen*
Debra Roddel, *sister of Darla (Arlyn) Adolphsen*
Martin Waller, *son-in-law of Nancy & Dean Slostad*
Jerry & Cindy Rudebusch, *friends of Lesa (Tom) Franken*
Josh Anderson, *grandson of Terri Bruner*
Donnie Ammon, *cousin of Nancy Slostad*
John Lahey-Wiggs, *brother of Chala (Tom) Lechner*
Jim Wiggs, *brother of Chala (Tom) Lechner*

Birth: Helena Rose, to *Tiffany Tschakert & Courtney Dahl*

Baptism: Lainey Ryan Nuttall at the 10:30am service

Deaths: Evelyn Halonen

Clifford Wietgrese, *father of Rhonda (Rex) Gerber*

Virgil Rude, *brother of Allen (Julie) Rude*

Norbert A. Geffre, *father of Kathy Geffre and grandfather of Michelle (Scott)*

Leitheiser & Jennifer (Owen) McElroy

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The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song

“I Am”

(Chorus) I Am the light to lead you.

The Lamb born to release you.

I Am. I Am.

O Herod’s cold, cold heart Could never stop the spark

That turned into the flame That’s burning still the same. *(Chorus)*

The wonder of God’s love, The healing, saving Son

Is with us ev’ry-where To follow if we dare. *(Chorus)*

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Call to Service

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

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Serving This Morning

Worship Team: directed by Jim Miller

Head Ushers: Chuck Langner, Carl Bevers

Acolytes: Kaydence Bohls, Mason Sackmann

Greeters:

Sound & Projection: Darian Givens, Lisa Carrico

Lector:

Ushers:

Sunday Morning Helpers: Terry & Brenda Rydell

Coffee Servers:

Welcome Center: Pam Luckhurst

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The Faith and Hope Lutheran Church of Nicaragua (Iglesia Luterana Fe y Esperanza – ILFE) is a member of the Lutheran World Federation and the Communion of Central American Lutheran Churches (CILCA). ILFE is present in approximately 35 Nicaraguan communities, the majority located in the northern and western parts of the country (Somoto and Chinandega) and served by lay pastors who live in or near these communities. In its holistic model for mission, ILFE focuses on lay leadership development, specialized ministries for children, pre-teens and youth, preventive health care, HIV & AIDS awareness, sustainable agriculture and disaster prevention & response.



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