

Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*A community of disciples for Jesus Christ, dedicated to glorifying God
through worship, spiritual growth and service to others.*

Sunday, January 13
The Baptism of Our Lord
Setting 3

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

*GATHERING SONG

You Are Mine

ELW 581

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*KYRIE

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*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison, see insert)

WORD

READINGS (See Insert)

Isaiah 43:1-7

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 (*read responsively*)

Acts 8:14-17

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia

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

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, Oh Lord.

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Dr. Robert Allen

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Baptized in Water

ELW 456

***STATEMENT OF FAITH** (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, 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.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (See Insert)

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***OFFERING SONG**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 182

***OFFERING PRAYER GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION *(All are welcome at the table of God)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Lamb of God

ELW 146

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

SENDING

***BLESSING**

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.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW 310

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

***Congregation Stands**

Congregational Responses are in bold

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Administrative Assistant office hours: Tuesday 10:00 – 5:00 and Thursday 12:00 – 5:00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS. “THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE...” We will rejoice and be glad in it.” Thank you for choosing Unity as your place to worship this morning. If you would like more information concerning the ministries and outreach of Unity church in the community and in the world, please see Pastor Kate or call the church office.

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God by the people of Unity.

THE 2019 FLOWER CHART is posted on the bulletin board in the hall. Please sign up for Altar flowers. The next available Sundays are January 20 and 27.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL WILL MEET Sunday, January 20 at 12:30.

THE JANUARY NEWSLETTERS have been sent out by email and are posted on the website. There are a few hard copies in the Narthex if you prefer to have a print copy.

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS: James Burns, Tina Carpenter, Lora Childers, Glenn and Peggy Davis, Bill & Farrell Gibbs, Dave Shannon, Kathy Whisnant, Sue Heavner, Unity college students.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Darrell Warren (Trinity Village), Dave Shannon, Candyce Webb, Kenneth Webb, Bette Killian.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Keith Sigmon, Lucy Jones, Jackston Brown, Reggie Helton, Michael Fox (Farrell Gibbs’ grandson) Terry Jenkins, Edith Michael, Janet Rhoney, Theda Reinhardt, Judy Houser, Lesa Fox, Dan Drinkard, Diane Futrelle, Gay Apple, Cort Hollar, Nancy Lang, Celeste White, Rachel Jones, all public safety personnel and military personnel.

GRIEF: Bea and Steve Isenhour at the death of her brother, John Morton.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Unity’s Planting Hope Team, Gifts and graces of the Unity Lutheran Family, Shared Ministry with Mt. Pisgah, ELCA.

Offering and Attendance for January 6, 2019

Attendance: 31 Offering - \$1011.00

<u>SERVING TODAY, JANUARY 13</u>		<u>SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 20</u>	
Presiding Minister:	Dr. Robert Allen	Presiding Minister:	Rev. Richard Graf
Organist:	Chuck Lindler	Organist:	Teresa Birchfield
Communion Assistant:	Joy Burns	Reader/Assisting Minister:	Adrian Jones
Reader/Assisting Minister:	Ruie Jones	Ushers:	Donna Huffman/Joy Burns
Ushers:	Donna Huffman/Joy Burns	Counters:	Maurice Huffman/Ruie Jones
Counters:	Maurice Huffman/Ruie Jones	Altar /Narthex Care:	Joy Burns/Peggy Bolick
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