

**Baptism of our Lord**  
**January 12, 2025**

Prelude / Bell

Welcome / Call to Worship

L: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

**C: Jesus emerges from the water.**

L: And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

**C: "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."**

L: Jesus is named. Claimed.

**C: We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.**

L: Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

**C: Let us worship the one who names and claims us still. Amen!**

Song

*Baptized in Water*

ELW 456

Prayer of Brokenness and Confession

L: God who delivers and redeems,

**C: we have failed to live into the promise of new life. We have been afraid to enter troubled waters to help the poor and downtrodden. We have sought ease and comfort in exchange for ignoring the hungry and sick in our world. Forgive us when we have seen our faith in such narrowness, thinking of only our own salvation. Forgive us when we have not lived for others, when we have not been willing to risk ourselves for the sake of others. Call us into new life, a life that is lived in the promise of your love for the whole world. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Blessing and Assurance of Pardon

L: In the darkness, light shines. In the midst of troubled waters, a hand reaches out.

We are not alone on this journey of faith. When we seek God, we shall find God.

God forgives, renews, and restores. Let us go forth and do the work of God.

**C: Amen! Thanks be to God!**

Sharing the Peace

Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Responsive Reading

Psalm 29

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

L: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**C: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

L: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**C: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

L: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**C: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

L: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

**C: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

L: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Reading

Acts 8:14-17

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

Message

Song	<i>You Are Mine</i>	ELW 581 (vs. 1-3)
Prayers		
Offering / Offertory	<i>A Fragrant Offering</i>	
Words of Institution		
Lord's Prayer		
Song	<i>You Are Mine</i>	ELW 581 (v. 4)
Communion		
Blessing / Benediction		
Song	<i>We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus</i>	ELW 451
Dismissal / Bell / Postlude		

*You are a beloved child of God, deserving of love and respect,  
and God is using you to care for the world.*

*We Thank*

Ushers; Tech Desk  
Reader: Gail Thompson

Organist/ Pianist: RaNae Martinson

*Nordland's Week*

Today 9:30 / 10:30	Education (Age 3 – Adult) & Fellowship / Communion Worship
Wed. 6 / 6:30 pm	Wed. Meal / Education & Confirmation
Sun. 9:30 / 10:30	Education & Fellowship / Communion Worship

Sympathy to the family of Nate Johnson, who passed away Jan. 5, funeral and burial were Jan. 10, 2025. Sympathy to the families of Gloria Hassinger & Mary Downs who both died on Jan. 8, services are pending.

Nordland Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Part 2 is Sun., January 26, following worship. The youth will be serving a Baked Potato Dinner, fundraiser for Summer Mission Trip.

Youth Summer Mission Trip- July 19-23 in Madison Wisconsin, we will be serving alongside Serve Boldly, a ministry of Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. Youth who will have completed 8 – 12 grades are invited.

Adult Mission trip- Join us for a weekend of doing some service work and fellowship in the Twin Cities, Fri.-Sun. Feb. 21-23. We will be serving at Union Gospel Mission, Feed My Starving Children, and Global Health Ministries. We need to know if you're interested by Jan. 26, so we can book a place to stay.

NLCW is saving Teal's Market saver stamps for our family of God, please give them to Avie Hunt. Thanks! NLCW is also looking for volunteers to serve on the Mission Fest Committee, let Becky T. or Nancy D. know.