



Celebration Lutheran Church

January 13, 2019
8 am

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

WELCOME *We greet one another in the name of God.*

PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN ***On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*** (ELW #249)

GREETING &
PRAYER OF THE DAY *We gather and center our hearts through prayer.*

THE WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG.

PSALMODY Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING Matthew 3:1-17
The gospel according to... **Glory to you, O Lord.**
After the reading:
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

WORD SONG **Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized** (ELW #304)

OUR RESPONSE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN ACTION, PRAYER, AND PEACE.

PRAYER UPDATES

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *We spend time in quiet prayer: What needs light in your life? What needs to be revealed? Or who or what do you know that needs the light of Christ? What "Aha!" moments are you looking for? As you pray quietly, know that you may come to the star and light a candle for yourself or others.*

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
You are invited to share a word and/or gesture of Christ's peace with your worshiping neighbor. "Peace be with you," "God's peace," and other words are appropriate. Hand shakes, hugs, and the kiss of peace is also appropriate. As you share the peace, please circle around the altar. Bring your tithes, offerings and financial covenants forward.

THE MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *The Thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's Prayer. All who are seeking Jesus as their Savior and are in need of God's grace and forgiveness are welcome to the Table. We commune by intinction: receive the bread (or gluten free wafer) and when the cup comes to you, dip your bread into the cup.*

BLESSING *After all have communed, the pastor blesses and dismisses the assembly.*

PRAYER *We give thanks for God's presence and ask for God to send us as witnesses into the world.*

SENDING

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Opportunities for deepening discipleship are shared.*

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG **Arise, Your Light Has Come!** (ELW #314)

Stow

We "stow" God's Word in our heart for the week.

Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.
Matthew 3:15

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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