

Baptism of Jesus
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
Jan 11, 2026, 9:30 a.m.



Water and Spirit
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Our vision: : Creating a welcoming community that worships well, disciples well, and serves well; transforming the world for Jesus Christ.

WELCOME AND GATHERING

Gathering Music *"As the Deer" by Martin Nystrom with "Fairest Lord Jesus" from "Schlesische Volkslieder" arr. Mark Hayes* *Luann Alderks*

Welcome
Centering Time

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

We come to be cleansed and made whole.

Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.

Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025.

Opening Prayer:

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus, you revealed him to be your Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit,

Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Posted on the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday website,

Hymn: *Fairest Lord, Jesus (UMH # 189)* *All*

Sharing the Peace Children's Moment

THE WORD

Scriptures:

Isaiah 42:1-9

Matthew 3:13-17

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message *Water and Spirit* *Pastor Penny Bonsell*

Hymn *Spirit Song (UMH #347)* *All*

Remembering Our Baptism

During this time, we remember that we are a Beloved child of God, and we celebrate our baptism in Christ.

"Breathe" by Marie Barnett arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

Hymn:

Spirit of the Living God UMH #393

All

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Joys and Concern

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which your light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, **and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence.**

Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. **Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you.**

Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be.

Again, let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity.

Rejoice, dear friends, this is the good news of our Lord. Amen.

*Posted on the Worship Connection page of the Ministry Matters website,
<http://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/article/entry/4549/worship-connection-january-12-2014>.*

Offering

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Tune: Trentham arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (UMH # 95) All

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Faithful and Calling God, continue to draw us into community, into covenant, and into new life through waters of grace and acts of justice. Just as Jesus stepped into the river to stand with us and for us, we bring these gifts today to stand with others—to serve, to uplift, and to proclaim your kingdom. Use these offerings to fulfill your righteousness among us.

Help us, your baptized people, to be instruments of healing, hope, and holy change in a world longing for good news. In Christ's name we pray, Amen. (Matthew 3:13-17)

And the prayer which unites us...

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

Hymn

Sweet, Sweet Spirit (UMH # 234)

All

SENDING

Go in peace; love and care for one another in the name of Christ; and may the Spirit of God, which filled John and Jesus, fill your hearts, souls, and minds; may the power of God, which upheld them, strengthen you for each day; and may the love of God, which directed their every action. May the love of Christ be fully present in you, so that a stranger will see in you a friend and neighbor. God sends you. The Spirit fills you. Christ goes with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere. God Bless!

Go in hope, peace, joy and love. Shalom. Amen.

Postlude

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" Tune: Morecambe

arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

INFORMATION

Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French, Music Director and pianist: Luann Alderks, Certified Lay Minister and Youth Director: Theresa Siemers, assistants Maddy Heinz-Kline and Kory Larson, Technology Administrator: Jesse Steed, Admin Council Chair: Kevin Larson, Admin Secretary: Sue Rollins, SPRC Chair: Deb Little, Treasurer: Lori Noreen, Finance Committee Co-Chairs: Kevin Larson and Mel Henrichs, Trustees Chair: Tom Stowe, Missions and Lay Servant: Karen Nelson, Soundboard Technician: Tom Hollenhorst

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays, Worship at 9:30 am

Tuesdays, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, at L&M

Wednesdays, 9-10:30 am: Pastor Penny at James Gang coffee shop

Saturdays 9-11 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa for details)

Tues, Jan. 13, 1pm: Finance Committee Meeting

Tues, Jan. 20, 1pm: Admin Committee Meeting

Fri, Jan 23, 5:30-8pm: Youth group



Website



Online Giving



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We are providing an on-going donation bin for CACand Wallflower House in our entrance way.

See our website for more details at www.littleprairieumc.org.