

BAPTISM OF JESUS

Sunday, January 11, 2026



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PRELUDE

Minuet from the Water Music Suite

George Frederic Handel
Eileen Miller, Organist

* HYMN 2236

Gather Us In (1, 2, 4)

WELCOME

Sharon Fields, Associate Pastor of Executive Operations

ANTHEM

Down to the River to Pray

Traditional, Arr. Jennaya Robinson
Chancel Choir, directed by David Kozisek

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning water cradled us in the womb
Holding us in suspension until we burst forth in the waters of birth

God's love flows through the water

In the desert a small drop of water causes life to bloom
A tiny drop of water can quench our burning thirst for justice

God's love flows through the water

In the roots of our being water provides sustenance
Without water our lives would shrivel and wither

God's love flows through the water

In the times when we feel sullied and broken
We long to be reawakened by soaking in forgiving, transforming love

God's love flows through the water

All water is holy. A sign that we have passed through troubles,
that we have been refreshed by a gift of life sustained by a love poured over us.

God's love flows through the water

In the aftermath of water flowing, pouring, falling, dropping,
gushing, spilling, surging, tumbling, showering...

... is the rainbow sign of God's continuing love at work within us
and through us.

God's love flows through the water

*** PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard, Senior Pastor

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Share a sign of peace with your neighbors by greeting them in the way most comfortable for you.

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

Rev. Heather Grantham, Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

We invite children to come up to the chancel steps for a special message. After the baptism milestone, children in Prek-3rd Grade can join staff and volunteers for Sacred Studio. 4th & 5th Graders sit together in worship then gather in Youth Room after the sermon. Childcare is available for ages 5 and under in the Frolic Room.

1ST GRADE BAPTISM FAITH MILESTONE

Guy, Rory, Shabhit, Margot, Lois

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:13-17 (CEB)

Martha Beck

At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River so that John would baptize him. John tried to stop him and said,

“I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?”

Jesus answered, “Allow me to be baptized now.

This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness.”

So John agreed to baptize Jesus. When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting on him. A voice from heaven said,

“This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him.”

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Baptism of Jesus

Rev. Tollgaard

SONG OF RESPONSE 2253 Water, River, Spirit, Grace

House Band

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

INVOCATION AND BLESSING OF THE WATER

REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM

If you choose, you may come forward to the font for a blessing and recall the promises of your baptism—made either by you or on your behalf by your parents or guardians. If you have never been baptized, consider whether this is the day you would like to start the journey toward your formal commitment. You’re invited to pray at the communion rail if you’d like.

For those participating online please dip your finger in the water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead repeating these words: “I am God’s beloved. I am baptized.”

HYMNS FOR REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

HYMN 2132 You Who Are Thirsty

HYMN 2025 As The Deer

THE REFRESHING CONCLUSION

Rev. 21:3-6

(translation: Eugene Peterson, adapted)

I heard a voice thunder from the throne: "Look! Look! God has moved into the neighborhood, making a home with men and women! They're God's people, and God is their Holy One and Only! God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good-tears gone, crying gone, pain gone-all the first order of things gone." The Enthroned continued, "Look! I'm making everything new. Write it all down-each word dependable and accurate."

Then God said, "It's happened. I'm A to Z. I'm the Beginning, I'm the Conclusion. From the Water-of Life Well I give freely to the thirsty."

* **HYMN 2153** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

* ANNOUNCEMENTS & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters Wilbur Held

You are welcome to remain seated or to depart during the postlude.

Please join us after worship downstairs in the community room for coffee and refreshments.

FAITH MILESTONES AT HAMLIN CHURCH

At Hamline Church, one of the ways we walk alongside our children and their families is through our Faith Milestone Program. Every year, we take a moment to celebrate a milestone in each child's life. Just as throughout the Bible, God's people mark the places where they encounter God with a stone, we present each child with a smooth, cross-embossed stone (or some years, a bible!) to mark the occasion.

THIS WEEK AT HAMLIN CHURCH



KIDS TODAY

Children in prek-6th grade can join staff and volunteers for Sacred Studio after the children's moment. Please pick your child up at the end of worship. Prek-k will be in Room 10, 1st-4th grade in Room 7. 5th and 6th grade will stay in worship together, then gather in Room 6 after the sermon.

Are children welcome here?

Yes! Children are always welcome in worship. Coloring and reading supplies are available near the Commons doors, and in the narthex. We have a quieter space available to all in the chapel off the narthex.

Where is the nursery?

Children 5 and under are welcome in the nursery, located in Room 8 in the upstairs Sunday school hallway. Our service is streamed in the nursery, if you would like to join your child. Nursing spaces include: the rocking chairs in the sanctuary, the Frolic room 8, or the chapel off the narthex.

SAVE THE DATE: VBS SUMMER 2026

Monday, June 15 - Friday, June 19
Save the date for this summer's Vacation Bible School this June 15 - 19. Check Sign Up Central to register your Prek - 5th Graders! hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central

SUN	10:00AM	WORSHIP
	10:15AM	SACRED STUDIO
	11:00AM	COFFEE HOUR Community Room
		YOUTH UKULELE BAND Room 7
	11:30AM	CONFIRMATION Youth Room
		BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN Green Room
		PRECINCT CAUCUS TRAINING Parlor & Zoom
	3:00PM	FICTION AND FELLOWSHIP Parlor
	4:00PM	MUSIC & ARTS: THE GOLDEN AGE
MON	6:00PM	MUSIC FOR THE SOUL Parlor
WED	12:30PM	CENTERING PRAYER via text message Contact Julie Dahlke (jlddvm@usfamily.net)
	1:00PM	MAHJONG Room 7
	4:00PM	HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	6:00PM	HOUSE BAND REHEARSAL
	7:00PM	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
THUR	4:00PM	BIBLE STUDY CLASS FOR OUR TIMES: CONFLICT, HOLINESS, AND POLITICS Zoom (RSVP to roger.lynn1604@gmail.com)
	6:00PM	THURSDAY SMALL GROUP Parlor
FRI		NORTHERN PINES FAMILY CAMP
NEXT	8:55AM	CENTERING PRAYER Chapel
	9:00AM	FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP BOOK GROUP Parlor
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	11:30AM	YOUTH GROUP Youth Room
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MUSIC & ARTS:

THE GOLDEN AGE - FROM HARLEM TO HOLLYWOOD

Today at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary
The Cross Community Players celebrates the Golden Era of American music that began in the nightclubs of 1920s Harlem and became cultural sensations in the 1930s with the advent of the Hollywood musical in a special program created and directed by Artistic Director, David Kozisek with creative consultation from Lynn Mullin. Singers and a jazz trio led by Walter Tambor perform generation-defining music.
Tickets available at www.crossplayers.org and at the door.

NEW BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Today from 11:30am - 1:00pm; Green Room
January 11 - April 12, 9 Sessions
Join the Rev. Kevin Schill for a discussion-based exploration of the Gospel of John and a light lunch. We'll consider its historical context, key themes, and what it means for our lives today. Whether you're new to John or well-versed, all are welcome to listen, learn, and share together. If you have questions, please contact Kevin Schill (kevinschill55@gmail.com).

PRECINCT CAUCUS TRAINING

Today from 11:30am - 12:15pm, Parlor and on Zoom
Precinct caucuses will be held across Minnesota on February 3. Join us for a workshop led by political activist and organizer Barb Metzger to learn how to write and present policy resolutions, run for delegate positions, and find your caucus location. Sample resolutions will be provided to help you get started. Your voice is most impactful when you participate. All are welcome! Contact Barb Metzger for the Zoom link and with questions (123fastmoving@gmail.com).

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A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WORSHIP TODAY...

When do I stand?

* Please stand if you are able for titles marked with a star *

When do I speak?

Words in "Bold" print are for everyone.

Where is this hymn?

Hymns with 2 or 3 numbers are in the hard cover UMC hymnal. Hymns with 4 numbers are in the soft-cover *The Faith We Sing* hymnal.

Where is the restroom?

There are restrooms just through the commons at the top of the stairs. There are more restrooms downstairs below the front doors, including an all gender restroom.

A quiet low sensory space is available to all in the chapel off the narthex.



Assistive listening devices are available for use, or you can connect through wifi and use your own hearing aid or headset. Please see a greeter if you need assistance.

WAYS TO GIVE

Your offering helps support the mission and ministry of Hamline Church. There are many ways to make your contribution:

- Place offerings in the baskets after worship.
- Online giving: hamlinechurch.org/give (scan the QR code!)
- Checks can be mailed to the church.
- Text to Give: Text HamlineChurch1514G\$100 to 73256. Give in any increment you choose by entering the amount after the \$.

Thank you for your generosity!

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