

EPIPHANY

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025



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PRELUDE

When Jesus Came to Jordan

Johann Christian Rinck
Eileen Miller, Organist

WELCOME

Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Priscilla Luitjens

Come, beloved of God, to remember who you are and whose you are.

God in Christ, has named us all "Beloved."

Yes, here and now, God's heaven of love is being poured out anew.

May this motion of the Holy One, shape our hearts and minds.

May it brighten the Epiphany light in us and the whole creation.

And may it shape our words and work into good news for the world!

* HYMN 605

Wash O God Our Precious Children

* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. David Kozisek, Director of Music & Worship

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

Share the peace with your neighbors by greeting in the way most comfortable for you.

We invite children to come up to the chancel steps for a special message. After the milestone, children pre k - 3rd grade can join staff and volunteers for Sacred Studio. 4th - 5th graders will sit together in worship and then gather in the youth room after the sermon. Childcare is available for 5 and under in the Frolic Room.

1ST GRADE BAPTISM MILESTONE

Alexandria
Alexander
Miles
Dionne

Quinlan
Noah
Felicity
Luka

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our God, 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.

ANTHEM

His Name So Sweet

Spiritual, arranged by Hall Johnson
adapted by M. Roger Holland II
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:1-17

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’ ”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM PROMISES

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be a disciple, to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, to resist oppression, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ, as best you are able?

We do.

And do you promise, according to the grace given to you, to grow in your faith and to be a faithful member of the church, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering God's mission in all the world?

We do.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

If you choose, you may come forward to the front 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."

SONG

Bridge

Sarina Partridge
House Band

There's a bridge across these waters
And it's made by those who've gone before
And the water is deep
And the water will keep
You alive and strong
You belong, you belong
To the water
And memory
And story and song
You belong.

OFFERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*** HYMN 273**

Shall We Gather at the River (v. 1 & 4)

*** SENDING FORTH****POSTLUDE**

Complainte

Louis Vierne

*You are welcome to remain seated or to depart during the postlude.
Please join us after worship downstairs in the community room for coffee & refreshments.*

THIS WEEK AT HAMLINE CHURCH

SAT MEXICO MISSION TRIP RETURNS!

SUN 9:15AM | BAPTISM MILESTONE EXPLORATION

10:00AM | EPIPHANY WORSHIP
+ 1ST GRADE BAPTISM MILESTONE

10:15AM | SACRED STUDIO RESUMES!

11:00AM | COFFEE HOUR
Community Room

4:00PM | ORGAN COMPETITION WINNERS' RECITAL

4:30PM | FICTION & FELLOWSHIP
Parlor

WED 12:30PM | CENTERING PRAYER (via text)
Contact Julie Dahlke at jlddvm@usfamily.net

4:00PM | HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00PM | HOUSE BAND REHEARSAL

7:00PM | CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

FRI WINTER FAMILY RETREAT DEPARTS

SAT 11:00AM | MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR WAYNE WOLSEY

NEXT 8:55AM | CENTERING PRAYER (chapel)

SUN 9:00AM | FAITH & FELLOWSHIP (parlor)

9:15AM | CENTERING PRAYER (via text)

10:00AM | WORSHIP

10:15AM | SACRED ART STUDIO

11:00AM | COFFEE HOUR

STUDENT ORGAN COMPETITION WINNER'S RECITAL

THIS Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 4:00pm
Celebrate the 2024 Twin Cities American Guild of Organists Competition Winners Evelyn Rohrbach (1st place) and Isabel (Munson) Alsum (2nd place) in a special winner's recital on Hamline Church's renowned Casavant Frères Organ. *Freewill offering.*

COMMUNITY ART SHOW - WE NEED YOUR ART!

Saturday, February 22, 2025
We are looking for artists of all ages and abilities for our 2nd Annual Community Reflections Art Show here at Hamline Church on Saturday, February 22. This year's theme will be "Light" as we seek to find ways to illuminate one another and the world. Find more information about the art exhibition and how to submit your work online here: hamlinechurch.org/art Don't have any art yet? Join us for two all ages art-making workshops on Sunday, January 19 after church and Saturday, February 1 from 2:00-4:00pm. Questions? Contact Betsey Hodson (betsey.hodson@gmail.com)

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WELCOME TO HAMLINE

Welcome to Hamline Church! To those who are worshiping here for the first time, or who have returned after an absence, we greet you with joy. Your presence enriches this time of celebration. May all experience God as we worship.



KIDS TODAY

Children in prek-3rd grade can join staff and volunteers for Sacred Studio (our spiritual formation time) after the 5th grade Milestone. 4th -5th graders will sit together in worship and then gather in the youth room after the sermon. Please pick your child up at the end of worship.
Pre-K: Room 10, 1st Grade: Room 7, 2nd - 3rd: Parlor

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, in the Frolic room (8), or in the chapel off the narthex.

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.

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 boxes after worship.
- Online giving: QR code or [hamlinechurch.org/give](https://www.hamlinechurch.org/give)
- 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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