

Follow Jesus; Mature in Faith; Carry the Good News  
At First Mennonite Church

**Serving Today:** Pastors: Josh Janzen and Sarah Neher Reimer  
Music: Grace Tegtmeier

**Last Sunday's Attendance:** 95

**Last Sunday's Offering:** FMC \$600; Camp \$600;  
Food Pantry \$2,429; Cemetery Fund \$100

**Today's Offering:** First Mennonite Church    **Next Sunday:** FMC

**Coming Up:**

Sunday, June 7	10:30 Baptism/Worship at Baade's Pond
Tuesday, June 9	1:30 WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, June 14	9:30 Adult Bible Class
	10:30 Worship

**June Birthdays:**

3: Dorothy Zimmerman	4: Missionary Dave Stutzman
8: Neal Trantham	16: Van Vanderschaaf, Kollyns Hohensee
19: Judy Lichti	20: Gayland Regier
22: Rikki Hohensee	27: Debbie Goossen

- Our services are on **YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice](http://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice)
- The **bulletin** is at [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org) under documents.
- If you would like to be on the **Prayer Chain**, see Sue Gerber
- If you use the **nursery**, please clean up after using it. Thanks!
- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- **Food Pantry items** go in the box in the narthex. Checks for the food pantry may be put in the offering plate.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.

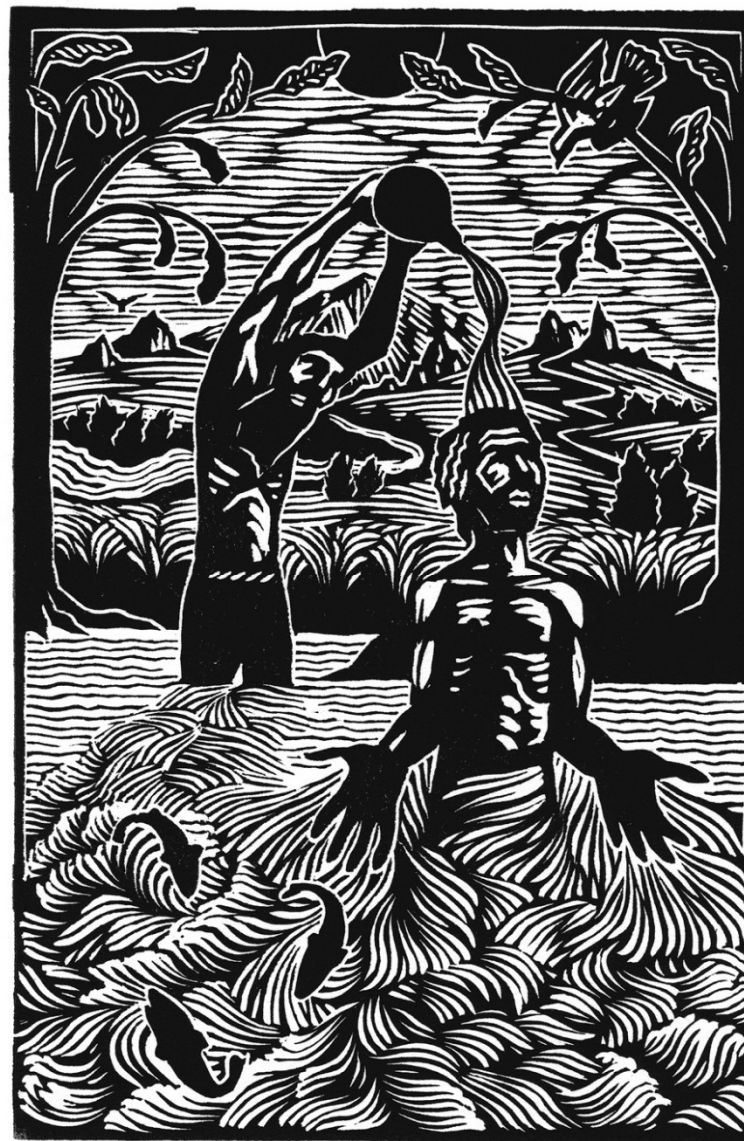
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## Welcome to First Mennonite Church Baptism Sunday, June 7, 2026



Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3)

MATTHEW REGIER

## **WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God of grace, creator of waters, your Spirit hovered over the deep.

**ALL: We remember that you separated the land from the waters and provided rain to freshen the ground.**

L: We remember that you flooded the earth and held creatures and people above the waters.

**ALL: We remember that you parted the waters as your people fled from bondage in Egypt.**

L: We remember Jesus your Son, who, like all of us, arrived in the waters of childbirth.

**ALL: We remember John baptizing in the waters of the Jordan and the Spirit descending like a dove.**

L: We remember that Jesus shared our thirst and a Samaritan woman shared water from a well.

**ALL: Living Water, pour your Spirit upon us. Wash us and free us from sin, make us fruitful in every way, and renew your world with showers of blessing.**

## **Prayer**

**Hymn 453: "As I Went Down to the River to Pray"**

**Text & Music:** African American spiritual. Both Public Domain

## **HEARING THE WORD**

**Children's Time** (Pastor Sarah)

## **Scripture Readings:**

**Ephesians 4:1-6:** I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

## **Matthew 28:16, 18-20:**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

## **Message**

**Hymn 737: "Breathe on me Breath of God"**

## **SERVICE OF BAPTISM**

### **Introduction of Candidates**

### **Unison Prayer**

*Almighty God, we cherish your goodness to us. You forgive us with redeeming grace. You empower us with your Holy Spirit. You bless us with new life in Christ, life which endures forever. So send your Spirit this day to bless Clara, Henry, Kollyns, Leona, Rikki, and Riley. Give them new life in Christ through Baptism. Make them your blessing to others as ministers of grace and peace. And make each one of us faithful to the vows we have made to you and to one another. Through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, Amen.*

### **Baptismal Vows**

### **Personal Faith Statements**

### **Baptisms**

## Congregational Response

*As we now receive you into the fellowship of the church, we make this covenant with you, and we renew our own covenant with God.*

*We pledge to bear each other's burdens, to assist in time of need, to share our gifts and possessions, to forgive as Christ has forgiven, to support each other in times of joy and sorrow, and in all things to work for the common good, thus proclaiming the presence of Christ among us so that our lives may glorify God.*

*Holy Spirit, make us one body, part of the church worldwide, united in its diversity, now and in every age. Amen.*

## Hymn 759: "Take my life and Let it Be"

Text: Frances R. Havergal 1874. Music: Henri Abraham Cesar Malan, 1827; harm. Lowell Mason, 1841 Both Public Domain

## SERVICE OF COMMUNION

### Invitation to the Communion Table

L: As John baptized Jesus in the Jordan, the Holy Spirit baptized the body of Christ. God now gathers us at this table as the body of Christ to hear the voice of heaven, spoken over the waters of baptism, saying "You are my beloved."

**P: Water, bread, and wine, the gifts of the earth, the gifts of the church, reveal that we belong with God and one another.**

L: Come, with your hunger. Come with your thirst.

**ALL: This is Christ's table. This is our feast. Come, Holy Spirit!**

### Sharing of the Bread and Cup

### Prayer

## SENDING

### Sharing and Prayer

### Benediction

## Sending Hymn 377: "New Earth, Heavens New"

Text & Music: Harris J. Loewen, 1982, rev. 2019; acc. Andrea Welty Peachey.

## Passing the Peace and Welcoming New Members



Do you have a **favorite Bible verse** you would love to hear preached on? **My summer sermon series** is focused on favorite Bible verses, exploring what those beloved verses mean in the context of the whole chapter and story of Scripture. Submit your verse suggestions during the next weeks and into the summer! You can email, text, call, or write them down and place them in the offering plate. I look forward to hearing what Scripture has been meaningful to you. - Pastor Josh

7 FMC Youth are registered to attend Mennonite camps this summer. FMC pays for kids' registration and a T-shirt. **If you'd like to contribute to the Camp Fund, please put Camp Fund on the memo line.**

**The diaper drive** was a huge success, **thanks** to the generosity of our church. Thank you to all who contributed! -Shana Ensz

**WMS** continues to meet on Tuesdays at 1:30, not Mondays as the June calendar says. My apologies for the error. -Vicki Frerking