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The background is a vibrant, celebratory scene. It features several long, wavy streamers in shades of pink, purple, yellow, and light blue. Scattered throughout are numerous small, colorful confetti pieces, including circles, squares, and diamonds in various colors like pink, yellow, blue, and green. The overall effect is bright and joyful.

**It's a  
Celebration**

## **Sacrament**

**A visible sign of an inward grace. Christian rites considered to have been instituted by Jesus Christ to symbolize (celebrate) or confer grace.**



Baptism

## **Article 12**

We believe that Christian baptism, commanded by our Lord, is a sacrament signifying acceptance of the benefits of the atonement of Jesus Christ, to be administered to believers and declarative of their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior, and full purpose of obedience in holiness and righteousness.



<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to talk him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said, "so why are you coming to me?"

<sup>15</sup> But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires." So John agreed to baptize him.

<sup>16</sup> After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."

**Matt 3:13-17 (NLT)**

<sup>18</sup> Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 28:18-19 (NLT)**

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.” <sup>40</sup> Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!”

<sup>41</sup> Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

**Acts 2:38-41 (NLT)**



Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord's followers. So he went to the high priest. <sup>2</sup> He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains.

<sup>3</sup> As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?"

**Acts 9:1-4 (NLT)**

<sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized.

**Acts 9:17-18 (NLT)**

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# BAPTISM

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# COMMUNION CELEBRATION



## **Article 13**

We believe that the Memorial and Communion Supper instituted by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is essentially a New Testament sacrament, declarative of His sacrificial death, through the merits of which believers have life and salvation and promise of all spiritual blessings in Christ. It is distinctively for those who are prepared for reverent appreciation of its significance, and by it they show forth the Lord's death till He come again. It being the Communion feast, only those who have faith in Christ and love for the saints should be called to participate therein.



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<sup>26</sup> As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it, for this is my body."

<sup>27</sup> And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it, <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.

**Matt 26:26-28 (NLT)**



**13** That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. **14** As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. **15** As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. **16** But God kept them from recognizing him. **17** He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?"

They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. **18** Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days."

**Luke 24:13-18 (NLT)**

**28** By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, **29** but they begged him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So he went home with them. **30** As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. **31** Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!

**Luke 24:28-31 (NLT)**

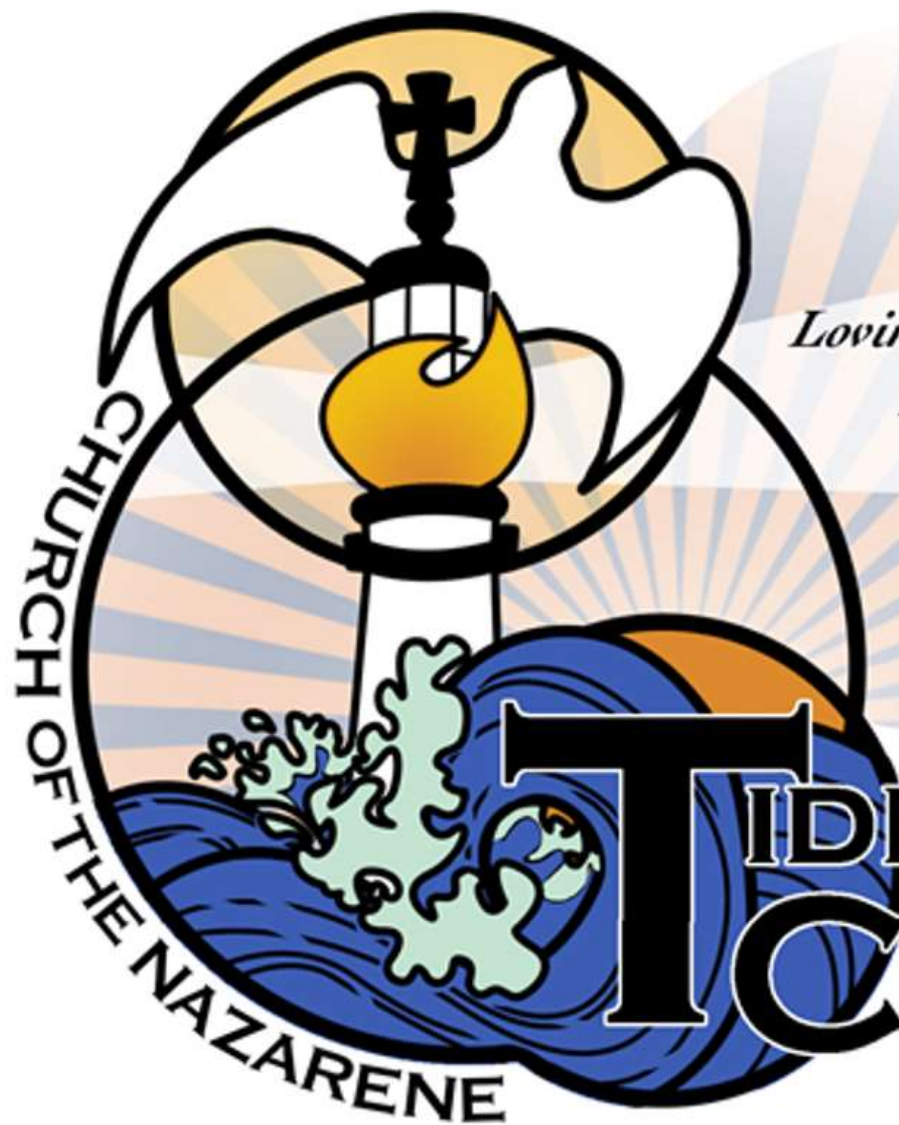
**32** They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" **33** And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, **34** who said, "The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter."

**35** Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread.

**Luke 24:32-35 (NLT)**

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