

Today's Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters, I will be
with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not
overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be
burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
⁵Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
⁶I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the
earth,
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

Epistle

Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to
continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By
no means! How can we who died to sin still
live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us
who have been baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death? ⁴We were
buried therefore with him by baptism into
death, in order that, just as Christ was raised
from the dead by the glory of the Father, we
too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a

death like his, we shall certainly be united with
him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that
our old self was crucified with him in order that
the body of sin might be brought to nothing,
so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.
⁷For one who has died has been set free from
sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we
believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We
know that Christ being raised from the dead
will never die again; death no longer has
dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he
died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he
lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider
yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in
Christ Jesus.

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all
were questioning in their hearts concerning
John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John
answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with
water, but he who is mightier than I is coming,
the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to
untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit
and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his
hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather
the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will
burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he
preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But
Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by
him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all
the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added
this to them all, that he locked up John in
prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized,
and when Jesus also had been baptized and was
praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the
Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form,
like a dove; and a voice came from heaven,
“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well
pleased.”

*Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible,
English Standard Version®.*

In Our Prayers this Week—

- *January mission of the month, Sheboygan Lutheran High School.*
 - *Peace among nations.*
 - *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*
 - *Heidi Tupper, recovering from surgery.*
 - *Michelle Popp and all expectant mothers.*
- All who are battling cancer:*
- *Jayne Cotter*
 - *Ed Friede*
 - *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann*
 - *Jennifer Harrill, mother of Andrew Harrill*
- Please also keep in prayer*
- our Seminarian, Vicar Luke Konkel;*
 - Rev. Eric Skovgaard, our district president;*
 - Matthew Harrison, synod president;*
 - the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel;*
 - our circuit congregation, Grace in Elkhart Lake and Rev. Peter Peitsch;*
 - our Missionary Rev. Tyler McMiller and his family in Italy and Southern Europe; and*
 - our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel, Bob & Alice Denhardt, Ed Friede and Virginia Dowty.*

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Luke 3:22

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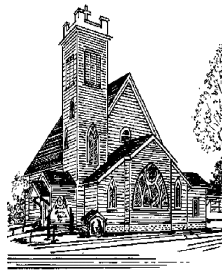
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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me...”* Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.

The Triune God Opens Heaven to You in Holy Baptism

The Baptism of our Lord is an “Epiphany” of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. In divine mercy, He takes His place with sinners and takes their sin upon Himself. *“When all the people were baptized,”* Jesus submitted Himself to a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:21). He had no sins of His own, but He took the sins of the world upon Himself and so was baptized into His own death. Therefore, *“when you pass through the waters,”* He is with you (Is. 43:2). He created you for His glory, and He has redeemed you with His blood, that you may be His own and live with Him in His kingdom (Is. 43:1, 7). As you are baptized with a baptism like His, so also are you united with Him in His death and resurrection that you *“might walk in newness of life”* (Rom. 6:4). For all who are baptized into Christ Jesus receive His anointing of the Holy Spirit and are named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

THE FAMILY ALTAR

❶ **Verse of the Week** — **John 2:11** *“This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.”*

❷ **Hymn of the Week** — LSB #402 — *“The Only Son from Heaven”*

❸ **Collect of the Week** — *Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully bear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

❹ **Daily Bible Readings** — **M:** Ezek. 36:13-28; Rom. 4:1-25 **T:** Ezek. 36:33—37:14; Rom. 5:1-21 **W:** Ezek. 37:15-28; Rom. 6:1-23 **Th:** Ezek. 38:1-23; Rom. 7:1-20 **F:** Ezek. 39:1-10, 17-29; Rom. 7:21—8:17 **Sat.** Ezek. 40:1-4, 43:1-12; Rom. 8:18-39 **Sun:** Ezek. 44:1-16, 23-29; Rom. 9:1-18

❺ **Preparing for Next Sunday** — *Lessons for Epiphany 2* (January 19, 2024):
Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11; Psalm 128

❻ **The Whole Story for the Whole Family** — *Week 47*

Day 1 — *Don't Hold Back*

Day 3 — *Scattered*

Day 2 — *A Standing Ovation*

Day 4 — *New Believers*

The Baptism of Our Lord

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Greeters — *John Kaiser & Pennie Scallorn*

Elder — *Mark Mathe*; Usher — *Howard Mitchell*

Altar Guild — *Pennie Scallorn*; Jr. Altar Guild — *Kari & Greta Marks*

Cantors — *Andrew & Lorraine Harrill*; Acolyte — *Jonah Marks*

Organist — *Mrs. Terry Ourada*

Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

Introit (*sung responsively after confession & absolution*) Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a



Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

I will tell of | the decree:*

The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,*
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

**You shall break them with a | rod of iron*
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”**

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

**Serve the | Lord with fear,*
and rejoice with | trembling.**

for his wrath is quickly | kindled.*
Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

Glorify be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

Collect (*spoken by pastor*)

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual (*sung responsively*) Psalm 117:1-2a, 96:8

Praise the Lord, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

**For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for- | ever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due his name;*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

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