

January 17, 2021

First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Jesus

9:30 AM



In Baptism, Jesus Is Our Perfect Substitute

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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and **Forgiveness.*****

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Pastor's Greeting:



Hymn: *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* CW # 16 Stz 1-4

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc -
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin And fur -
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref -
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, And lift

es that the Lord is nigh; Come, then, and lis - ten,
nished for a guest with - in, And let us all our
uge and our great re - ward. With - out your grace we
us up to fall no more. Oh, make your face on

for he brings Good news a - bout the King of kings.
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
us to shine, And fill the world with love di - vine.

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Confession and Absolution

L: The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: AMEN

Prayer and Praise

L: We Pray. For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayers, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy

L: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our pray, O Christ.

C: Christ have mercy

L: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy

L: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: O heavenly Father, we come before you this day to offer to you our thanks and praise. We thank you for revealing yourself at the baptism of Jesus. There you declared the one born in Bethlehem and adored by the Magi to be your dearly loved Son in whom you are well pleased. Enable all of us to find in Jesus our hope and salvation. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson:**Isaiah 49:1–6**

Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver.

³He said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor.”

⁴But I said, “I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD’s hand, and my reward is with my God.”

⁵And now the LORD says— he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength—

⁶he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.”
(The Word of our God)

Psalm 2

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Refrain



Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-



lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone



Why do the nations **con**spire*
and the peoples **pl**ot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers
gather together **ag**ainst the **LORD***
and against his **An**ointed One.

Refrain

The One enthroned in **he**aven laughs;*
the Lord **sc**offs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, **sa**ying,*
“I have installed my King on Zion, my **ho**ly hill.”

I will proclaim the decree **of** the **LORD**:*
He said to me, “You are my **So**n;
today I have become your **Fa**ther.”

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

2nd Lesson:

Acts 10:34-34

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

³⁷ You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹ "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." (Word of the Lord)

Hymn: *The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace* CW # 288 Stz 1-4

1 The gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who sent his
 2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, Who made the a -
 3 It brings the Sav - ior's right - eous - ness To robe our
 4 It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and

Son to save our race, Pro - claims how Je - sus
 ton - ing sac - ri - fice And calls the souls with
 souls in roy - al dress; From all our guilt it
 Sa - tan and the grave; It works the faith which

lived and died That we might thus be jus - ti - fied.
 guilt op - pressed To come and find e - ter - nal rest.
 brings re - lease And gives the trou - bled con - science peace.
 firm - ly clings To all the trea - sures which it brings.

Gospel:**Mark 1:4-13**

⁴ And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, ¹³ and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: *Praise be to you, O Christ!*

Hymn: *Oh, Love, How Deep*..... **CW # 371 Stz 1-3**



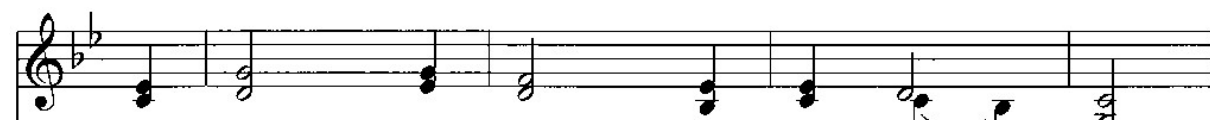
1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
Of high - er or of low - er place,
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;



That God, the Son of God, should take
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
For us temp - ta - tion sharp he knew,



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
And to this world him - self he came.
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.

Jesus, Is the Perfect Substitute



Apostles' Creed: *(Rise) (together we confess)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.***

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

***the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen***

Prayer: Lord Jesus, at your baptism you revealed yourself as the obedient Son of God and fulfilled all righteousness. Your Father proclaimed that in you he is well pleased. The Holy Spirit declared you as the Christ. In obedience, perfection, and power you destroyed the work of the evil one. We, who are baptized into your name, rejoice and worship you, along with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. This we proclaim in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: *(traditional)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 and ever.

Amen!

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen *(seated)*

Hymn: *The Only Son from Heaven* CW # 86

1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,
 2 Oh, time of God ap - point - ed, Oh, bright and ho - ly morn!
 3 A - wak - en, Lord, our spir - it To know and love you more,
 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore you With God the Ho - ly Ghost

By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.
 He comes, the King a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,
 In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,
 And Je - sus, we a - dore you, O Pride of an - gel host.

No sphere his light con - fin - ing, No star so
 Grim death to con - quer for us, To o - pen
 That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of
 Be - fore you mor - tals low - ly Cry "Ho - ly,

bright - ly shin - ing As he, our Morn - ing Star.
 heav'n be - fore us And bring us life a - gain.
 heav - en prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.
 ho - ly, ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

Thank you to everyone who helped adorn our church with plants and assisting with putting up and taking down of the Christmas and Advent decorations.

Atonement's 2021 Voter's Budget and Business Meeting
Sunday, January 31 beginning at 10:30am

January 2021, Birthdays and Anniversaries

2	Bob Baur
7	Nick Carne
10	Tom Legg
21	Addison Wittmershaus
23	Lindsey Backes
24	Ray Williams
27	Ryan & Keely Taylor
28	Sam Meister
31	Fay Jones