

Tuesday Tidings of Grace



This Tuesday is **January 9, 2024**

This past Sunday was:

The Epiphany of our Lord

[Sunday Worship on YouTube](#)

[Sunday Sermon on Website](#)

This past Sunday was a celebration of Light. In particular, we give thanks for the Light shining in the darkness that is Jesus Christ our Lord. We may be facing many different kinds of darkness in our lives right now, yes even the short January days, but Jesus is the Light shining in our darkness and drowning it out. Praise be to God!

Next Sunday, January 14 is:

The Baptism of our Lord.

We are in the season now of following the life and ministry of Jesus. It is quite a skip of years now to go from His epiphany (as a baby) to His baptism as an adult around age 30. When we hear of Jesus' baptism this week we are invited to consider the promises of God in our own baptism!

The readings are:

[Genesis 1:1-5](#)

[Romans 6:1-11](#)

[Mark 1:4-11](#)

The Hymn of the Day is:

"To Jordan Came the Christ, our Lord" (LSB #407)

Grace Events This Week

The basement stairs and lobby will be under construction this week with new flooring and painting being done. This may disrupt access and events in the basement.

Wed 1/10 - (7pm) **Adult Information Class**

Fri 1/12 - (7pm) **Ultreya**

Daily Bible Readings

<https://bit.ly/gracedailybible>

The Baptism of our Lord

January 14, 2024

Psalm: Psalm 29

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

While we typically look at this reading as the beginning of Creation and read it in context with all of Genesis 1, today it serves as a fascinating bridge between Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus. We heard in the Epiphany readings (Isaiah 60 and Matthew 2) of the good news of Jesus as the Light. He is the Light shining in the darkness. Keep that in mind as God speaks light into existence on day 1 of creation. This doesn't mean God created Jesus here, but it does speak to the critical place light plays in this creation. It was the very first thing God brings into existence. It is by the light we will see everything else, just as it is by the Light of Christ that we come to see and know God. At Jesus' Baptism God confirms this by making clear that Jesus is who He says He is.

Epistle Reading: Romans 6:1-11

Romans 6 is one of the most amazing baptismal texts in all of Holy Scripture. It is a great chapter to read when one needs encouragement or an uplifting reminder of the benefits of their baptism. It reminds us of the life-saving connection we have with Jesus' death and resurrection in our baptism. Our sinful nature faces death in baptism, while the new man/woman in us is given the gift of resurrection in Jesus.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:4-11

John the Baptist fulfills his role of preparing the way for the Savior by pointing to him and even baptizing him in the Jordan River. Jesus' public ministry has now begun and the path to the cross in Jerusalem begins in full force. Jesus' baptism is always an amazing reminder of the presence of the Holy Trinity in all things. Father, Son and Holy Spirit present in Jesus' baptism as it is the same with our own baptism when those words of Jesus are spoken "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."