

Tuesday Tidings of Grace



This Tuesday is January 7, 2024

This past Sunday was:

The Epiphany of our Lord

[Sunday Worship on YouTube](#)

[Sunday Sermon on Website](#)

This past we celebrated the Epiphany of Jesus and joined together while giving thanks for this great Light shining in the darkness. While many in the world continue to seek out the darkness and remain in it, we wish to be called forth by the Light of Christ and dwell in His Light always, being set free from the darkness of sin and death.

Next Sunday, January 12 is:

The Baptism of our Lord

As we move into this Epiphany season we will be witness to how this season is book-ended by Jesus' Baptism and His transfiguration. In His baptism He is united with us and His ministry to redeem us begins.

The readings are:

[Isaiah 43:1-7](#)

[Romans 6:1-11](#)

[Luke 3:15-22](#)

The Hymn of the Day is:

“To Jordan Came the Christ, our Lord”

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Grace Events This Week

Wed 1/8 (7p) - Weekday School

Thu 1/9 (9:30a) - Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thu 1/10 (12:30p) - Ladies Society

Fri 1/11 (7p) - Ultreya

Sun 1/13 (12p) - Altar Guild Annual Mtg

Formula of Concord Readings For the Week of Jan. 12

Ep I, 2-10 (p. 474-475)

Apology Article II (p. 76-81)

The Baptism of our Lord

January 12, 2025

Psalm: Psalm 29

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

In Isaiah 43 we hear some of the most comforting words from the Lord God when He says “Far not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.” Contemplate all three things the Lord God says to us in that statement. That we are redeemed, our sins are paid for, we are made right before God. That we are called by name, that He knows us, He knows our name, He knows the number of hairs on our head. And “you are mine.” God claims us as His own. He is a jealous God in the best of ways that He will not share us with any of the false gods of the world, we are His. In our Baptism this claim of God over us is made clear as we are made one of His children, washed clean and redeemed.

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.”