

## Old Testament

*Isaiah 43:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>But 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. <sup>2</sup>When 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. <sup>3</sup>For 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. <sup>4</sup>Because 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. <sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. <sup>6</sup>I 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, <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

## Epistle

*Romans 6:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We 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.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We 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. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 3:15-22*

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John 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. <sup>17</sup>His 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."

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But 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, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>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."

# The Holy Spirit descended on Him



Epiphany

**About the Cover:** From the open heavens comes the Spirit. Christ is the Chosen One. There is no doubt about who is the Christ; it is Jesus! Jesus is the one with whom God is pleased. He is God's Son. He takes on a Baptism of repentance in our place in order to fulfill all righteousness. Here, He begins His ministry, which leads to the cross and resurrection.

# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 9 & 13, 2019

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Hymns: 728, 605, 407, 594 vs. 1, 3, 5, 805, 722  
Sermon: "Fear Knots and Fear Nots"  
Isaiah 43:1-7

## THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 1/2 (Wed): 27	Comm.: 25	Offering: \$320.00
Attendance 1/6 (Sun): 91	Comm.: 74	Offering: \$2,233.00
S.S. – 15	Staff – 6	B.C. – 6
Budget Needs: \$3,386.00		Scrip Profit 1/6: \$60.25

## KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (1/13) 10:00 a.m. – World Mission Presentation/Breakfast  
6:30 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H  
TUES (1/15) 9:30 a.m. – Pastor's Circuit Conf., Manitowoc  
WED (1/16) 3:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class  
7:00 p.m. – **Worship w/Comm.**  
SUN (1/20) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School/Bible Class  
9:00 a.m. – **Worship w/Comm.**  
*Life Sunday*

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped undecorate the church inside and outside. A lot of young and old abled bodies and hands made for swift work.

**VOTERS MEETING** will be held on Sunday, January 27 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The agenda includes the election of some officers.

**PASSIONATE BELIEVERS CONFERENCE** is Saturday, January 26 @ Divine Redeemer, Hartland. See the bulletin board & newsletter for more information. If interested, contact Pastor Krueger today.

**PENNIES FOR LIFE** – You are encouraged to donate a penny for every year of life which God has granted you. Deposit your pennies in the jar in the narthex. *Please do not donate junk pennies or Canadian pennies.* Donations will go to Lutherans for Life of Wisconsin. Deadline is January 27.

**ADDRESS, PHONE, & EMAIL CHANGES** – Please check and update the information we have for you on the sheets in the narthex, including any changes or additions. You may also email your information to the church office.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** End-of-the-year giving statements were emailed to those members whose email addresses we have on file. If you did not receive yours, please let the office know. For those members without an email, your statement is in your church mailbox.

**ADULT INFORMATION CLASS** – If anyone is interested in joining our congregation from a non-Lutheran background or is interested in learning the basics of our beliefs as Lutherans, contact Pastor Krueger so a class can be set up.

**2019 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** – If you have not yet picked up your envelopes, please do so as soon as possible as some box numbers have changed since last year.

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

**Matthew 3:15** "But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.'" Fulfilling all righteousness is not a task we are up to. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism - our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.