

Old Testament

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

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

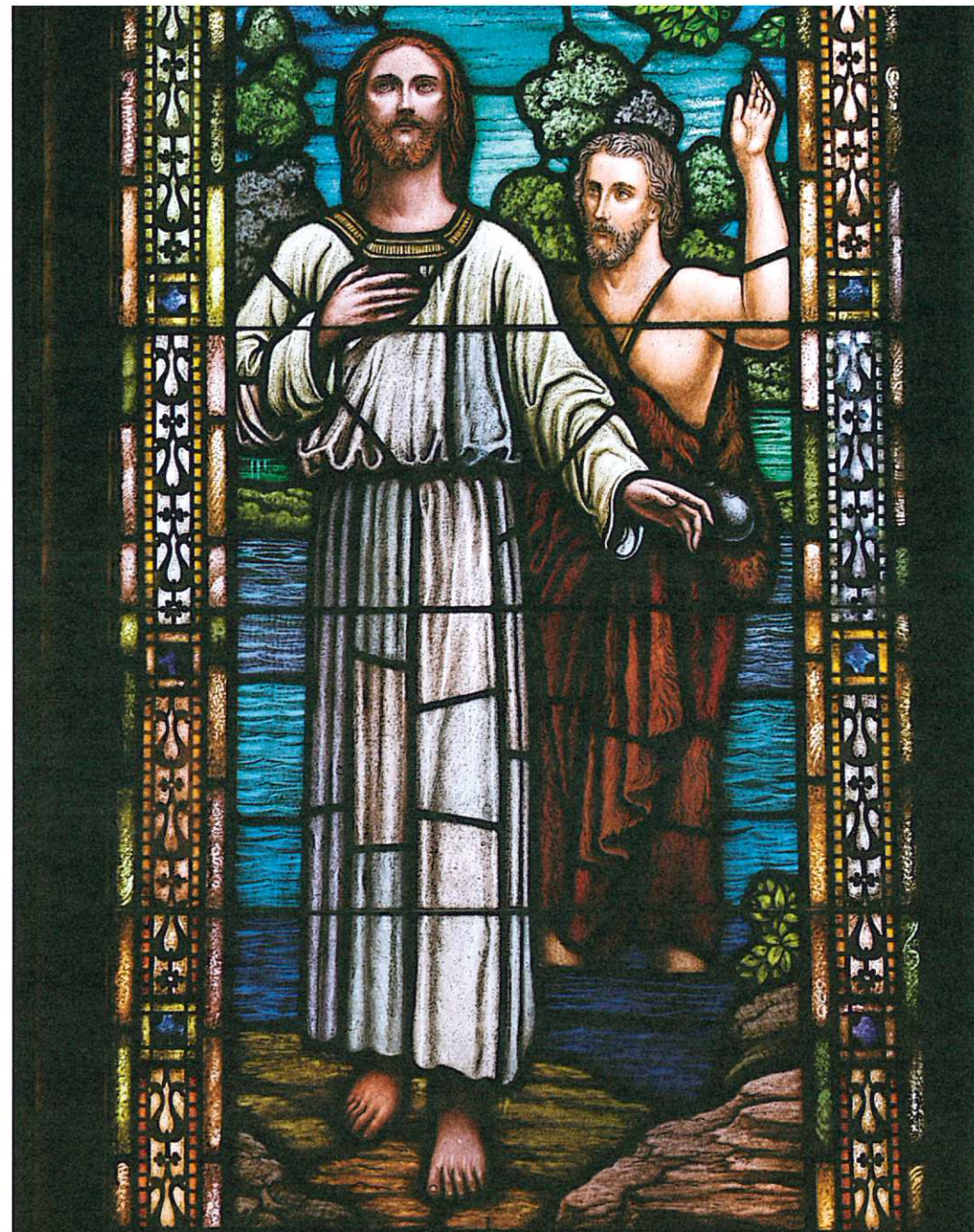
Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



Epiphany

About the Cover: Like light shining through a stained glass window, Jesus' response to John the Baptist's question illumines the true nature of His Baptism. By receiving this Baptism of repentance, the sinless One, who has no need of repentance, is joining Himself to sinners. Likewise, today the Lord's Word reveals to us that He has numbered Himself among us, and in our Baptism, we are joined to His death and life for forgiveness and eternal life!



I NEED TO BE BAPTIZED BY YOU,
AND DO YOU COME TO ME?

1st SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 8 & 12, 2020

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151
Hymns: 405, 407, 805, 601
Sermon: "The Real Contender"
Isaiah 42:1-9

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 1/5 (Sun.): 81	Comm.: 72	Offering: \$2,741.03
S.S. – 10	Staff – 4	B.C. – 7
Budget Needs: \$3,386.00		Scrip Profit 1/5: \$60.50

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (1/12) 6:30 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H
WED (1/15) 3:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.
8:00 p.m. – Elders
SUN (1/19) 8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.
9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Hilary Sonnabend who is recovering from knee surgery.

THANK YOU to everyone who stayed around and helped to undecorated after church on Sunday. There were a lot of helpers. Thank you!

VOTERS MEETING is Sunday, January 26 at 8 a.m. The agenda includes the election of some officers.

ELDERS MEETING is Wednesday the 15th at 8 p.m. instead of the 19th.

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 26.

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.

2020 FLOWER CHART & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP – If you would like to donate flowers or sponsor bulletins for next year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

2020 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.

NEWSLETTER HARD-COPY - If you would like a hard-copy of the church newsletter, please contact the church office and we will put one in your church mailbox each time it is printed.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Matt. 3:15 – “**But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’**” The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. So here Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. 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. All our offerings back to our Lord are in thanksgiving for this one great, true offering.

