

Old Testament *Genesis 1:1–5*

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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.

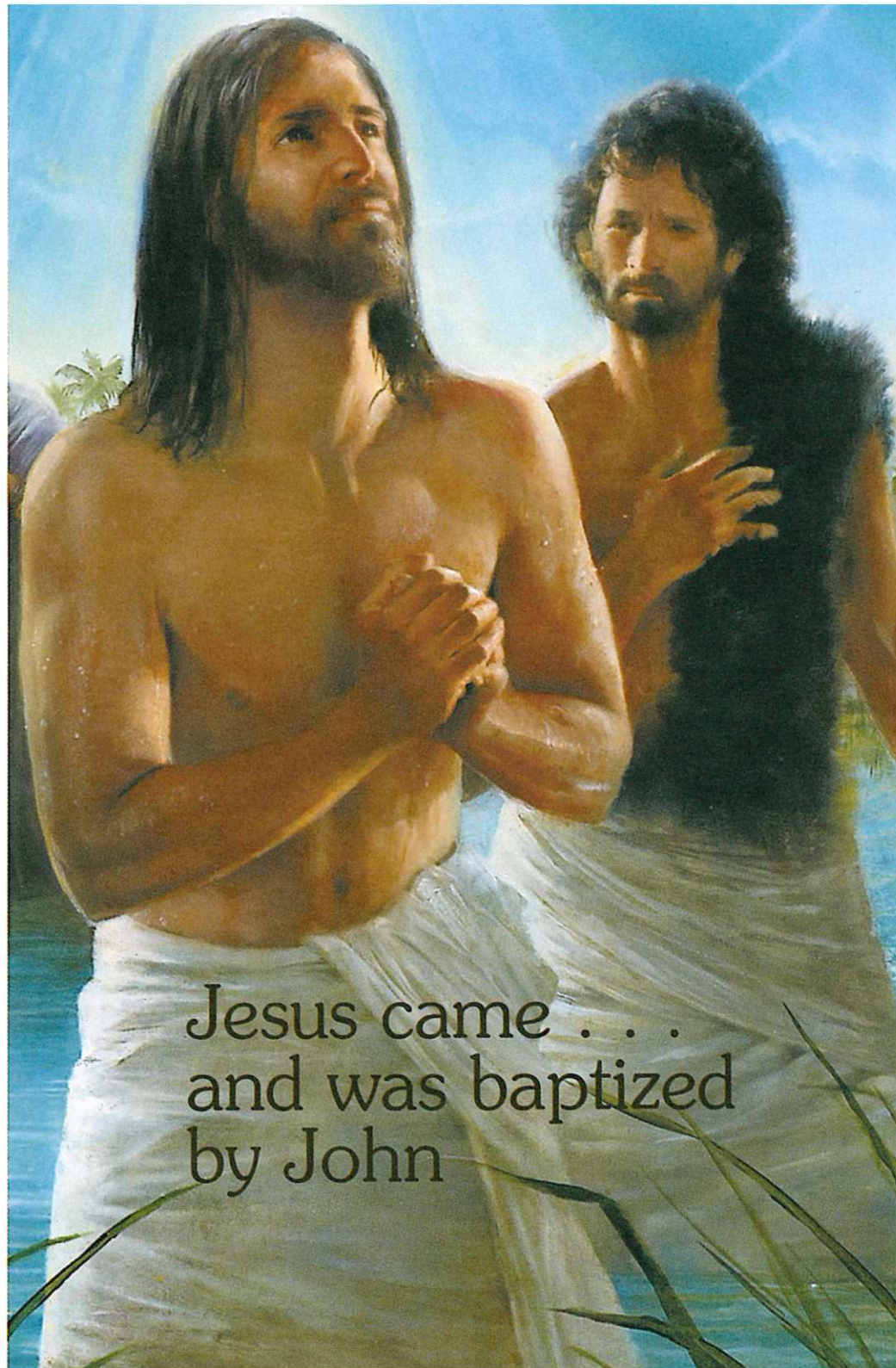
⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died 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 *Mark 1:4–11*

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”



Jesus came . . .
and was baptized
by John



Epiphany

About the Cover: The voice from heaven reveals that Jesus is the chosen and beloved Son of God. According to human thinking, it seems unlikely that Jesus would come to John to be baptized. Yet He has come to be baptized, counted among sinners, in order to redeem sinners. He counts Himself among us. In our Baptism, we are united to His death and resurrection and so receive forgiveness for our sins.

1st SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 6 & 10, 2021

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Hymns: 407, 594, 601
Sermon: "What Baptism Reveals"
Mark 1:4-11

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 12/31 (New Year's Eve.): 20 Comm.: 19 Offering: \$1,495.00
Attendance 1/03 (Sun): 41 Comm.: 35 Offering: \$2,406.03
Budget Needs: \$3,541 Scrip Profit 1/3: \$23.00

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (1/11) February Newsletter Items Due
WED (1/13) 3:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class
 7:00 p.m. – **Worship w/Comm.**
THUR (1/14) 12:30 p.m. – Ladies Aid
 3:30 p.m. – Trustees
SUN (1/17) 8:15 a.m. – S.S./No B.C.
 9:00 a.m. – **Worship w/Comm.**

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Scott Eickert who will have eye surgery on Monday.

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES – Please email or drop off in the office the contact information – name, address, phone #, email address – for all congregation members in your household (and also extended family) even if the information has not changed since last year.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS –

Installed today are Gary Koerth (President), Rick Riemer (Vice President), Shawna Kiesow (Council Secretary), Debbie Kamps (Treasurer), Linda Streck (Financial Secretary), Gary Lemke (Elder), Russ Boldt (Trustee), Linda Breitzman and Lori Fels (Stewardship/Evangelism).

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - Looking for people high school age and older to help with the worship services for non-Communion services. We especially need help on Sundays but will take help for Wednesdays as well. Duties include: Counting people in attendance, Video recording – starting and stopping the recording, Ringing the bells. If interested, contact Pastor Krueger or one of the elders.

NEEDED: LAY DELEGATE TO SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT CONVENTION - June 13-15 @ Concordia University Wisconsin - Are you 18 years old or older and a confirmed member of the congregation? Then you are eligible to be our lay delegate to the South Wisconsin District Convention to be held June 13-15 at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon. If you are interested in serving as our delegate, contact Pastor Krueger.

UNDECORATING will take place after church (Sunday). Please stay around for a while to help.

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 31.

2021 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.

2021 FLOWER CHART & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP – If you would like to donate flowers or sponsor bulletins for next year, please sign up on the bulletin board.