

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

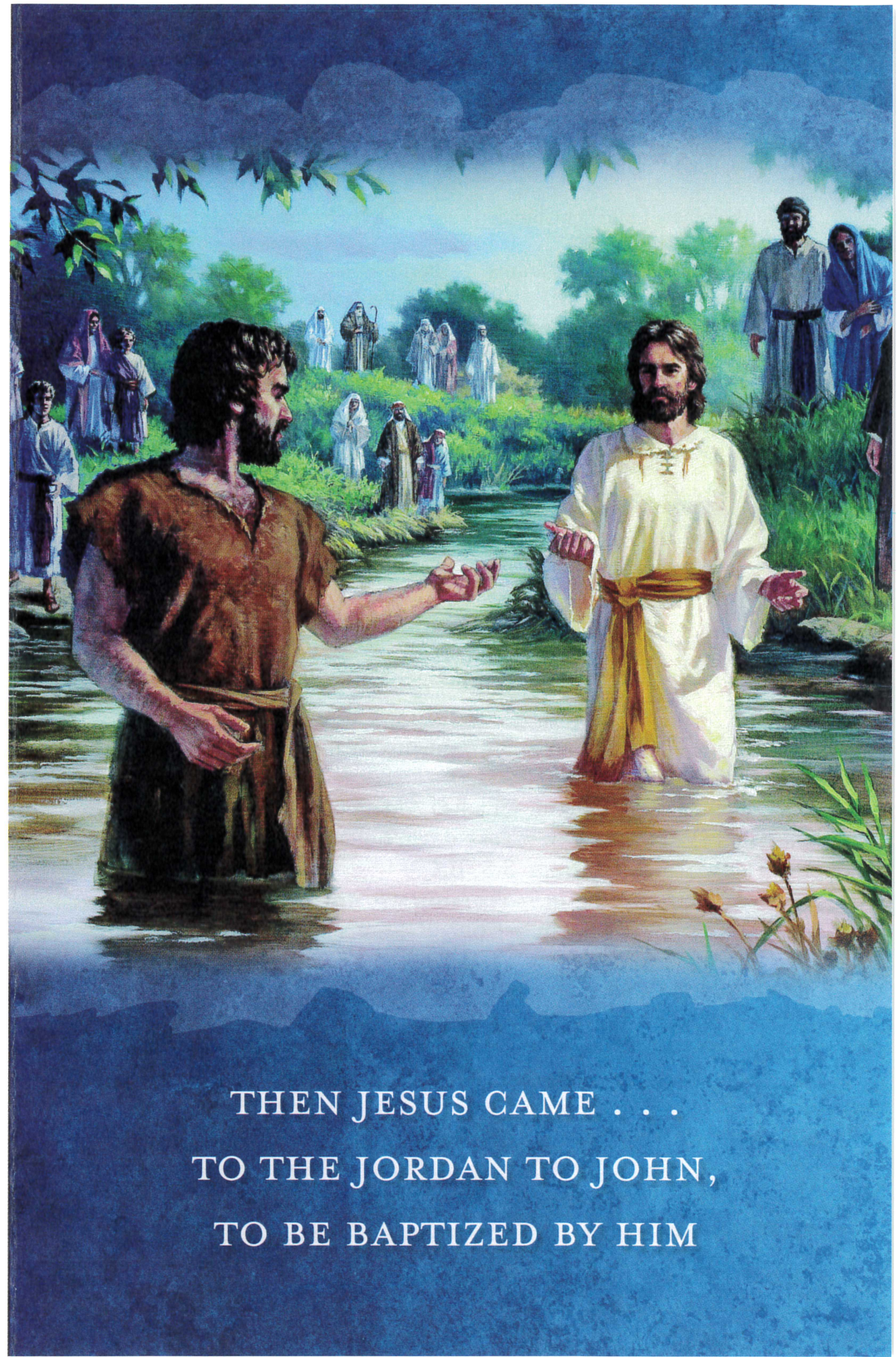
Matthew 3:13–17

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: It seems natural that John would have attempted to prevent Jesus from being baptized. What need does the spotless, sinless Lamb of God have in a Baptism for the repentance of sins? However, Jesus insists upon submerging Himself with sinners in this Baptism to fulfill all righteousness. The righteousness of God is found in His mercy for poor sinners as He emerged from the watery grave into new life and took those sins all the way to the cross.



THEN JESUS CAME . . .
TO THE JORDAN TO JOHN,
TO BE BAPTIZED BY HIM

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 4 & 8, 2023

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Hymns: 404, 407, 601

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 12/28 (Wed): 25	Comm.: 20	Offering: \$405.00
Attendance 1/1 (Sun): 47	Comm.: 44	Offering: \$2,540.08
Budget Needs: \$3,594		

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (1/8)	6:00 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H
WED (1/11)	1:45 p.m. – Confirmation
	7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.
	7:45 p.m. – Stewardship/Evangelism
	7:45 p.m. – Elders
THUR (1/12)	12:30 p.m. – Ladies Aid
SAT (1/14)	9:00 a.m. – Take down outdoor nativity
SUN (1/15)	8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.
	9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.
	10:15 a.m. – Council

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Caden Blattner, Damian Wetzel, Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules & Carol Clausing, Sandy Haberland, Joan Zutz, Elaine Zeamer, Lori Krueger, Nancy Davidson, Terry Brandenburg, and Dallas Wenzel.

OUTDOOR NATIVITY – The outdoor nativity will be taken down on Saturday the 14th at 9:00 a.m. All help is appreciated.

VOTERS MEETING will be held Sunday January 22 at 10:00 a.m.

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 changes since last year.

2023 FLOWER CHART & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP – If you would like to donate flowers or sponsor bulletins for next year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED – We are in need of Sunday school teachers for this year. If interested, contact Amanda Zoellner.

GREETER & USHER SCHEDULE – Thank you to all who have signed up in 2023. We have several openings still available and would like to fill up the slots. Please consider helping. Thank you.

ANNUAL REPORT ITEMS should be turned in already. If not, drop them off at the church office or email them to sblcoffice105@gmail.com ASAP. *Thank you!*

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.’” God sent His Son into the world to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. 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.