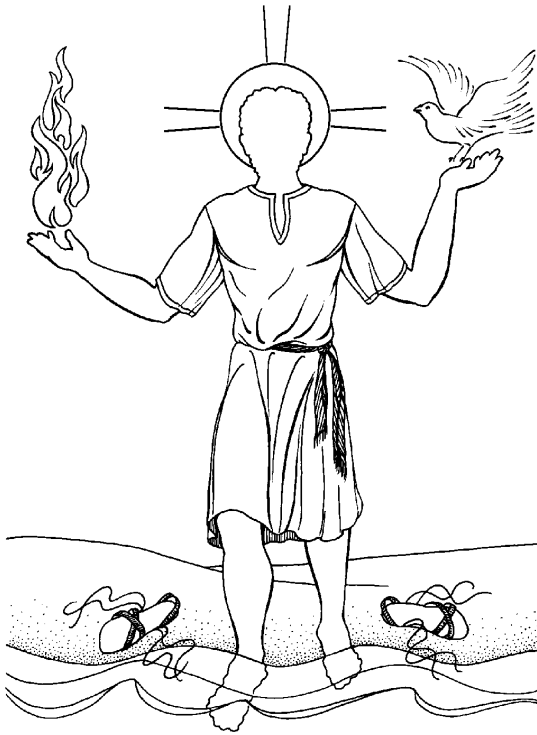


January 12, 2020

1st Sunday after Epiphany



“I baptize you with water;
but he who is mightier than I is coming,
the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie:
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”

Luke 3:16

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PRESERVICE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, in your grace and love for a fallen mankind You have caused the light of the glory of God to be revealed in the face of Jesus Christ. We pray that You would send your Holy Spirit into our midst, that as we hear Your holy Word we may comprehend the glory of Jesus so that the light of the gospel might shine in our hearts, dispelling the darkness of sin and death and granting us the hope of everlasting life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (242:1-3)

HYMNS: 20; 27; 360; 37:3

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Isaiah 42:1a Psalm 2:7-11 NKJV)

^{Is 42:1} "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold,

My Elect One *in whom* My soul delights!

⁷ "I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me,

'You *are* My Son, Today I have begotten You.

⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give *You* The nations *for* Your inheritance,

And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.

⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron;

You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' "

¹⁰ Now therefore, be wise, O kings;

Be instructed, you judges of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear,

And rejoice with trembling.

Glory be to the Father...

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 10:34-38

Epiphany season focuses on how the Lord demonstrated His glory for all to know and believe that Jesus is the Christ of God. Peter emphasizes the significance of Jesus being anointed by the Holy Spirit and with power. This was seen in Jesus' miracles of healing and power over demons.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:13-17

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John the Baptist comprehended Jesus' glory as soon as he saw Jesus. He understood Jesus' sinless nature and that John should be the one to be baptized and not the Lord. However John did not yet appreciate the great significance of Jesus being baptized and how it was to be used by God the Father and Holy Spirit not only to endorse, but endow Jesus with the power and authority the Triune God, the God of our salvation!

THE SERMON: Isaiah 42:1-7

Theme: Seeing Jesus as God’s Servant Delivering Salvation

- I. See Jesus Authenticated
- II. See Jesus Operating with Gentle Persistence
- III. See Jesus Fulfill the Lord’s Covenant

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class will follow the service.

TUESDAY: Elders Meeting 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism class from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class follow the service. Text: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9.

FUTURES DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26: Annual Voters’ Meeting at 12:30 p.m. a pot luck meal will follow after Bible class at 11:30

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Randy Berg, Luke Berg, Melvin Eichstadt, Leon Hellickson

January Cleaning: Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: January 5 worship - 17 Sunday school - 0 no Bible class

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,252.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1,155.00	Missions \$20.00
Needed for Year:	\$1,252.00	
Received for Year:	\$1,155.00	

CLCNEWS: Pastor John Hein has returned the call to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. <>

Bethel, Morris, MN has called Pastor Mark Bernthal, Peace Thru Christ, Middleton, WI.

CLC Financial Report - December

CLC Financial Report	Balance	YTD	YTD	Budget	Balance
Operating Funds	7/1/2019	Revenue	Disbursed	6 Months	12/31/2019
General Fund (see below)	0	525,234	521,763	531,450	3,471
ILC Operations (incl CLC subsidy)	0	753,114	695,381	722,040	57,733
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	138,303	50,458	7,809		180,952
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	17,072	158,583	48,000		127,655
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	45,020	123,416	101,443		66,993
Kinship	56,634	47,727	54,879		49,482
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,442,490	263,278	113,229		1,592,539
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	50,707	92,879	75,729		67,857
Reserve Fund	278,088	0	0		278,088
Total	\$2,028,314	\$736,341	\$401,089		\$2,363,566

ILC Building Projects (Academic Center Balance & North Hall)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance December 31, 2019	\$1,077,050
Principal paid to date	\$383,881

Dec Sp. Gifts: \$75,000; \$25,000; \$16,000; \$25,000; \$37,053, and many special congregation gifts.

For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You. O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from Your hand, and is all Your own. (1 Chron. 29:14)

General Fund - Offerings this month were **\$149,378** (Cong offerings \$74,233; Specials \$75,145) vs disbursements of \$74,587, a \$75,000 positive cash flow, erasing November's -\$71,000 deficit & resulting in a \$3,471 positive balance. Praise our Lord! Our General Fund Monthly Budget is \$88,575. Missions, Regents, Trustees, & Ed-Pub receive their major support from the General Fund.

ILC Operations - ILC December revenue was \$132,427 (\$83,567 from student payments, plus \$47,875 General Fund subsidy) vs disbursements of \$115,975.

ILC Building Projects - Offerings were \$44,438 (\$25k bequest; \$16.3k special) vs a disbursement of \$8,000 for the AC/North Hall loan payment. Special offerings for Nov & Dec reduced the mortgage balance by \$104,395, compared to the November balance. The \$100,000 Nov gift will be transferred in January from the Bldg Projects, leaving a Building Projects balance of 27,655. These special gifts save \$90,000 in interest & decreases the loan term by 2 years to a 2034 pay off.

CEF - December revenue was \$42,660 (from congregational loan repayments to the CEF), vs disbursements of \$4,193 for the usual CEF monthly administration expenses.

MDF - Offerings were \$48,995 (bequest of \$25,000) vs disbursements of \$7,588.

SAF - Revenue of \$6,023 vs disbursements of \$19,285 for student loans, grants, & administration.

PMP - Public Ministry Preparation Endowment: \$37,053 special gifts. PMP grants: \$11,700.

Kinship - Monthly offerings of \$10,674 vs disbursements of \$2,140