

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Baptism of Our Lord

January 5 & 8, 2023

Jesus Appears as the Anointed One

Opening Hymn 384, "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

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Prayer of the Day: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING

Psalm of the Day (On Insert) Psalm 45B

SECOND READING

Gospel Acclamation Verse: Alleluia. *You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.* Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day 377, "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

SERMON "Jesus Is Lord of All" Acts 10:34-38

Offering Hymn 717 v. 2, "What Is the World to Me"

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Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Hymn 517, "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Closing Prayer/Benediction

Closing Hymn 680 vv. 1 & 4, "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-7

The Lord promises to put his Spirit on the Messiah, empowering the Anointed One to free us from our sins. We see this promise fulfilled when Jesus is baptized.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight. I am placing my Spirit on him. He will announce a just verdict for the nations. He will not cry out. He will not raise his voice. He will not make his voice heard in the street. A bent reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not snuff out. He will faithfully bring forth a just verdict. He will not burn out, and he will not be broken until he establishes justice on the earth. The coastlands will wait for his law. This is what the true God says, the LORD who creates the heavens and stretches them out, who spreads out the earth and everything that it produces, who gives breath to the people on

it and life to those who walk on it. I am the LORD. I have called you in righteousness. I will hold on to your hand, and I will guard you. I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people, to be a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring the prisoners out from the dungeon, and to bring those who sit in darkness out of prison.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-38

As Peter told others how God had anointed Jesus, through that good news the Holy Spirit was poured out upon Peter's listeners.

Then Peter began to speak: "Now I really am beginning to understand that God does not show favoritism, but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. He sent his word to the people of Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

"You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached. God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the Devil, because God was with him.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to be baptized by John at the Jordan. But John tried to stop him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?"

But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, because it is proper for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then John let him. After Jesus was baptized, he immediately went up out of the water. Suddenly, the heavens were opened for him! He saw the Spirit of God, descending like a dove and landing on him, and a voice out of the heavens said, "This is my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with him."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAD USHERS: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwygart; next Sunday: Don Koch/Doug Schulz

WE COULD USE SOME HELPING HANDS! It is time to take down our Christmas decorations in the church. If you are willing to help with this, please meet here at St. Matthew's at **1:00 PM** on **Sunday (TODAY)**. The more help we have the quicker the work will go! Thank you!

ORGANISTS!! The **January** schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

ADULT & TEEN BIBLE CLASSES & SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin again on **Sunday (TODAY), January 8**, at **10:15 AM**. Classes conclude around 11:00 AM.

ANNUAL REPORT: The Annual Report will be printed in a few weeks. Please start working on your year-end reports and turn them in to the office by **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11!** Reports submitted after that date will not be included. Thank you!

ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING: The Annual Voters' Meeting is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**, at **7:00 PM**. New church officers will be elected at this meeting, and those nominated will be posted in the school hallway on the church bulletin board in the near future. All voting members are encouraged to attend!

PTL MEETING: School parents are reminded of the PTL meeting which is scheduled for **Monday, January 16**, at **6:30 PM** at the school. All parents are urged to take an active role in what's happening at the school throughout the year. Your input is always valued!

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: New Year's Eve: 56; Sunday: 66

Offerings: New Year's Eve: \$3,706.36; Sunday: \$2,961.00
(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$6,889.00)

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$200.00; Church Refurbishment: \$9,423.24

Memorials: Bequest from Earl Moldenhauer Trust: \$9,173.24 (Church Refurbishment)

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 AM
Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School..... 10:15 AM

Tuesday: School Board Meeting..... 7:30 PM

Wednesday: Elders' Meeting 6:30 PM
Church Council..... 7:00 PM

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE!!

Thursday: Communion Worship Service 7:00 PM
Adult Choir 8:00 PM

Sunday: Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM
Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School..... 10:15 AM

45B Great Are the Works of the LORD

Psalm 45B

Refrain



Great are the works of the LORD. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Great are the works of the LORD.

Tone



My heart is stirred by a / noble theme
as I recite my verses / for the king.
You are the most excel- / lent of men
and your lips have been anoint- / ed with grace.
Gird your sword on your side, you / mighty one;
clothe yourself with splendor and / majesty. *Refrain*

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and / ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your / kingdom.
You love righteousness and hate / wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has set you above your com- / panions.
I will perpetuate your memory through all gener- / ations;
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and / ever.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***