

MOUNT ZION
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Divine Service 10am

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THE SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
January 15, 2017

PREPARATION PSALMS (Hymnal pages): Psalm 145 (155), 100 (144), 72 (138)
PREPARATION PRAYER: LORD GOD, heavenly Father, You have filled us with the new Light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do, through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE HYMNS 718 *To Jordan's River Came our Lord* (Insert) **343:6**

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
(Supplement p 12-21, Omitting p 18-20)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prayer . . . Entrance Hymn . . . Invocation . . . Confession and Absolution

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Kyrie . . . Gloria in Excelsis . . . The Prayer of the Day - "Amen"

THE FIRST LESSON ISAIAH 42:1-7

Behold 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; ³ a 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.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....PSALM 29

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,
Congregation: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
C: worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.
P: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,
C: the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.
P: The voice of the LORD is powerful;
C: the voice of the LORD is majestic.
P: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
C: the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
P: He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
C: Mt Hermon like a young wild ox.
P: The voice of the LORD strikes
C: with flashes of lightning.
P: The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;
C: the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.
P: The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.
C: And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
P: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
C: the LORD is enthroned as King forever.
P: The LORD gives strength to his people;
C: the LORD blesses his people with peace.

THE SECOND LESSON..... ACTS 10:34-38

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.
C:  "Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia!"

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (Pg. 15)

HYMN "To Jordan's River Came our Lord" (Insert)

THE SERMON 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.”

JESUS OF NAZARETH IS THE CHRIST OF GOD

He Stands with Us – Sinless Among Sinners

He is Anointed to Office -- By God the Holy Spirit

He Acts for Us – The Son of God, Our Substitute

OFFERTORY (Pg. 16)...OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH...LORD’S PRAYER...BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN STANZA:

**O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way— Today, tomorrow, every day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory! ***

Silent Prayer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 22 – EPIPHANY 3

9:00am – Adult Bible Study

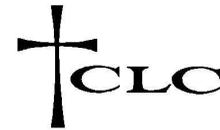
10am – Divine Service with Holy Communion

11:15am Quarterly Voters Meeting

CLC News... The Tri-parish, consisting of Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE, Peace Lutheran, Mission, and St. Paul’s Lutheran, White River SD, has called the Rev. Neal Radical, pastor of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI. <> Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights MI, has called the Rev. Rob Sauers, pastor of Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN.

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EPIPHANY 2
January 15, 2017

Daily Bible readings for Epiphany devotions; Jan. 16-21, '17

Mon Psalm 104:24-35 We praise God for His creativeness on the 5th and 6th days of Creation. We believe and confess that God the Father IS the maker of heaven and Earth and deserves recognition from every human being. What a waste to bow before Him only when it's too late to be blessed with His love, too late to worship and serve Him!

Tues Matthew 10:46-50 Mary recognized God personified in her son, and His siblings came around later (John 7:5), so Jesus' question does not disqualify them. Rather, He clarifies that God is in charge of His adoption procedure, and whoever the Spirit brings to honor, love, and serve God becomes Jesus' brother, sister, and (even) His mother.

Wed Ephesians 5:22-33 After putting us in our places in the family circle (22-25,31), the Spirit unveils the sizeable mystery that Jesus has a bride, the Holy Christian Church! The way we are bonded with Jesus resembles marriage—as Jesus equates with the Christian husband, and the Christian wife equates with the Holy Christian Church. Jesus loves YOU as a devoted husband loves His bride. Amazing love!

Thurs Job 42:1-6 After his friends sputtered out, Job could say it and mean it: "I have heard of You as everyone can, and I see You more clearly than I did before; *therefore I abhor* my innate sinfulness and *repent in dust and ashes.*" We thank You, Lord, for such epiphanies!

Fri Mark 3:31-35 When Jesus mentions mother, brother, and sister, did you notice that "father" is missing from the list? Now, why is that? Well, first of all, because Jesus had no earthly father—and secondly, God infallibly does His own will. [Matthew 23:9 gives another insight.]

Sat 2 Peter 2:9-11 People who disdain Jesus' righteousness are often loud about other prejudices, too, and in the aftermath of the current election cycle we cannot help but notice that some people who *despise authority, are presumptuous, self-willed, and are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries* are making themselves heard—loud and clear. Shame on them! Note: God's holy angels are well aware of the hubbub going on down here on planet Earth, but they have the good judgment to not complain about it—either in their own ranks or before the Lord God (11). Let's be more like the angels!

TO JORDAN'S RIVER CAME OUR LORD

**To Jordan's river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light, The Lord of glory, pow'r and might.**

**The Savior came to be baptized – The Son of God in flesh disguised –
To stand beneath the Father's will And all his promises fulfill.**

**As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, Descended on him from above.**

**Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound
Came God's own voice with words profound:
"This is my Son," was his decree, "The one I love, who pleases me."**

**The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.**

**Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute! This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.**

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