

Historic Scripture Lessons for ✨ the First Sunday after Epiphany

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 61:1-3 NIV

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach Good News to the poor. He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion – to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of His splendor.

EPISTLE Romans 12:1-5 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's Will is - His good, pleasing and perfect Will. 3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. 4 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

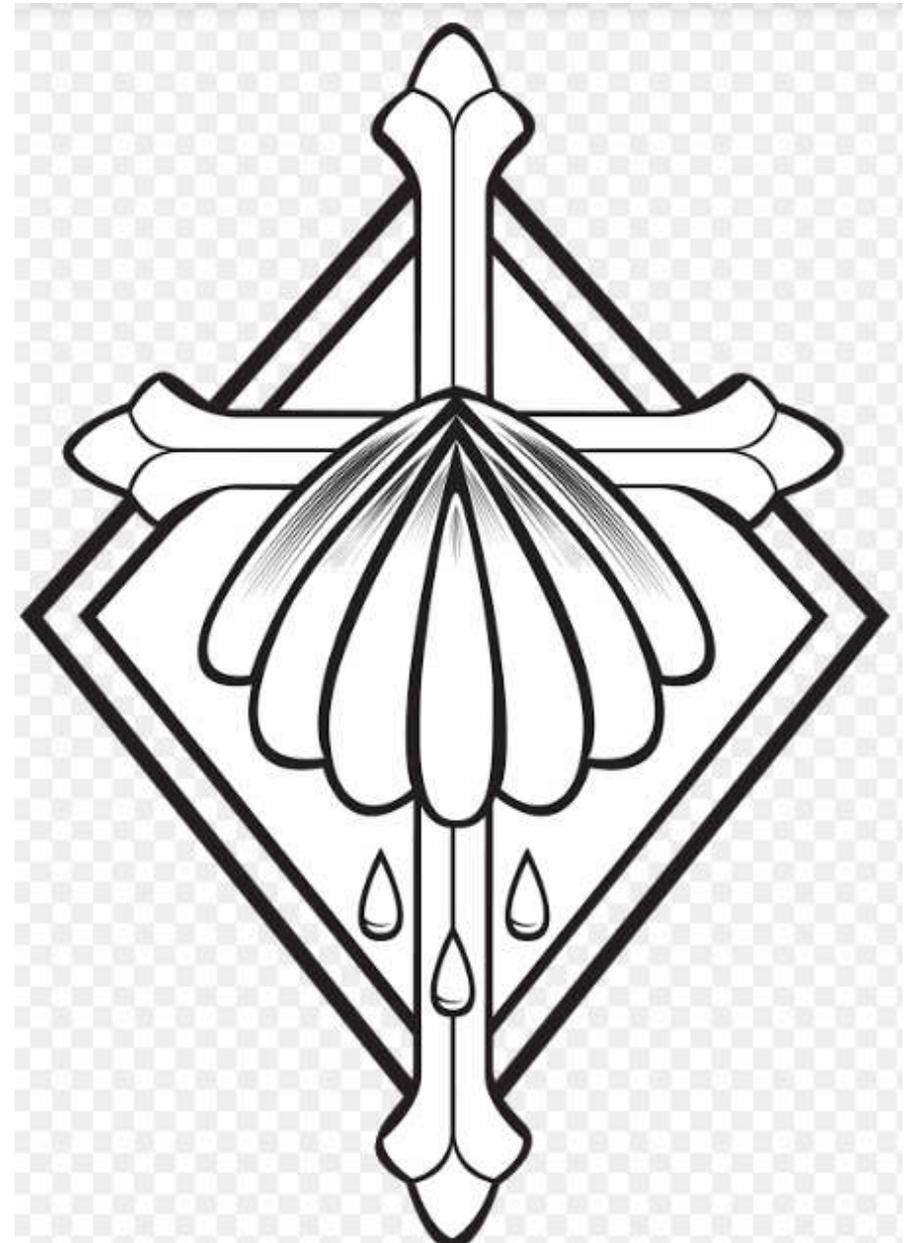
HISTORIC GOSPEL Matthew

3:13-17 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to deter Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" 15 Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness."

3 Year Gospel C (Sermon Text)

Luke 3:15-22 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. 16 John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But One more powerful than I will come, the thongs of Whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in His Hand to clear His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into His barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." 18 And with many other words John exhorted the people and preached the Good News to them. 19 But when John rebuked Herod the Tetrarch because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, 20 Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison. 21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was Baptized too. And as He was praying, Heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in Bodily form like a Dove. And a Voice came from Heaven: "You are My Son, Whom I love; with You I am well pleased."

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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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January 13th, 2019 ✘ Epiphany-1 ✘ Baptism of Jesus

WELCOME to OUR SAVIOR! We are so happy to have you worship Our Savior with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time or in a long time, we ask that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come worship with us again! **God bless you.**

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP On gold liturgy sheets or in red TLH Hymnal p.5 .

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	126 (5v)	Arise and Shine in Splendor
Psalm 98	Ps.98 '4v'	All the Ends of the Earth Have Seen ... ↗
Hymn of the Day	298 (6v)	Baptized Into Thy Name Most Holy
Offertory Verse	300 (5v)	Sing v. 5 Now into Thy Heart we pour →
Third Hymn	409 (4v)	Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus
Closing Hymn	410 (4v)	Jesus, Lead Thou On Till Our Rest Is Won

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays of the 1st Sunday after Epiphany

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
 Gen. 8:1-22 Gen. 11:1-9 Gen. 12:1-20 Gen13:1-18 Gen. 14:8-24 Gen.15:1-21
 John1:29-34 John1:35-42 John 1:43-51 Luke4:1-13 Mark1:12-15 Matt4:12-17

PROPERs for the FIRST SUNDAY after EPIPHANY ✘ JANUARY 14TH

INTROIT I saw the LORD, sitting on a throne, high and lifted up. I heard the voice of a great multitude, saying, "Alleluia! For the LORD God Omnipotent reigns. Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness. ...from Isaiah 6:1

COLLECT LORD, we beseech You, mercifully to receive the prayers of Your people, who call on You; and grant that we may both perceive and know what things we ought to do, and by Your merciful help may faithfully perform them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, Who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One True God, now... **C: ♪ A--men.**

GRADUAL C: Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things, and blessed be His glorious Name forever. The mountains will bring peace to Your people and the hills righteousness. Alleluia! Alleluia! Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness. Alleluia! ...from Psalm 84 & Isaiah 60

SCRIPTURE LESSONS (printed on outside back page of bulletin)

O.T. Isaiah 61:1-3 The LORD wants Good News preached to the poor.
 Epi. Romans 12:1-5 Offer your bodies as living sacrifices to the LORD.
 Gos. Mark 1:4-11 30-year old Jesus is Baptized in Jordan by John B.

SERMON Gospel-C Luke 3:15-22 **JB BAPTIZE JC: SHOULDN'T IT BE VICE VERSA?**

Psalm 98 C: ♪ All the Ends of the Earth, Have Seen the Power of God.
All the ends of the earth, Have seen the power of God.

Verse 1. Sing to the LORD a new song, ___ for He has done wondrous deeds; ___ His Right Hand has won the Vict'ry for Him, His ho-ly Arm. _____

♪ **All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. All the ends...**

Verse 2. The LORD has made His Salvation known, His justice revealed to all; ___ Remembered His kindness and faithfulness, To Is-rael. _____

♪ **All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. All the ends...**

Verse 3. All the ends of the earth have seen, Salva--tion by our God; ___ Joyfully sing out all you lands, Break forth- in song. _____

♪ **All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. All the ends...**

Verse 4. Sing to the LORD with harp and song, ___ With trumpet and with horn; ___ Sing in your joy before the King, The King-, our LORD. _____

♪ **All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. All the ends of the...**

#300 5. Now into Thy Heart we pour Prayers that from our hearts proceeded
Our petitions Heav'n-ward- soar; - May our warm desires be heeded!
Write the name we now have given, - Write it in the Book of Heaven.

PRAYER REQUESTS: (Member or Relation)	Pray for...
Elma Hendricks & family	Comfort in grief. Elma's last brother James passed
Dee Kurczewski (David)	Dee - rehabbing. David back working
DuWayne & Shirley Marquardt	Health for both. Shirley has hernia surgery
Jon & Andrea Sawyer	Jon's heart, changing work. Andrea home from LRMC
James Vanesky & Delores Platt	Both rehabbing. We enjoy seeing them

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	DuWayne&Shirley Marquardt	Don & Carolyn Miner
Treaters	Joan Patrick	Don & Carolyn Miner

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance(Communion)	26 / (23)	26 / 23
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	9	9
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1,333)	YTD \$., (\$1.33K)

Calendar of Events		
Today, January 13 th	8:30 am	Bible Study Salvation Words: Fide = Faith
Epiphany Festival	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
Jesus is Baptized	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!
Saturday, 1/19	10:00 am	OSLadies Guild January Meeting(Bev W)
Next Sunday 1/20	8:30 am	Bible Study Salvation Words:GlorOfGod
Epiphany-2 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
Jesus is at a Wedding	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!

Elders: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892

✘ OSL 2019 AVM - Annual Voters' Meeting January 28th ~11 am. AGENDA:

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| 1. Devotion | 5. Set Mtg. Time (Limit) | 9. Old Business |
| 2. Roll Call-Attendance | 6. Elections - Councilmen | 10! New Business (9:30) |
| 3. Call for New Voters | 7. Financial Reports | 11. Adjourn ...with |
| 4. Minutes - 2018 AVM | 8. Other Reports - Rev., Etc. | 12. (Lord's) Prayer. |

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EPIPHANY-1C Luke 3:15-22 "SHOULDN'T IT BE VICE VERSA?!" 01.13.18 OSL

BUT, WHY?!

Jesus was Baptized by John in the Jordan River. If that doesn't strike you as strange, then you need to think a bit more about what John's Baptism meant. John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. **Of what did the sinless Son of God need to repent?** John's baptism was for the forgiveness of sins. Of what did the sinless Son of God need to be forgiven? John was the lesser; Jesus the Greater. John's baptism was with water; Jesus' Baptism with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Yet here, in the Baptism of our Lord, the Greater is Baptized by the lesser, the sinless One is treated as a sinner. And when you comprehend this, **you have** started to **comprehended the Gospel of your Salvation.**

WHO IS THIS GUY (JB)

The **emphasis is on Jesus, not** on John. People were impressed by John. He cut an impressive prophetic figure – a wilderness man resembling **Elijah**, calling people to repentance, baptizing, challenging the religious leaders. Some people thought that John was the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed One of God who they had been waiting for, longing for, hoping for. (But, NO...)

EXTREME MAKEOVER

John's work was to **preach, baptize, prepare** and to **point**. John preached people to baptism for the forgiveness of their sins. And that was a new thing. In the OT, you sacrificed an animal for forgiveness. **Its blood in exchange for your life was your forgiveness.** John preached something different and new. Not blood **but water**. Not a sacrificial death but a bath. Not something done at the temple, but in the Jordan River. John's baptism formed a kind of **bridge between the Old and the New**. John's baptism called Israel as a nation back into the wilderness for a fresh start, an "**extreme makeover**" if you will.

VICE VERSA

Sinners of all sorts from every walk of life came to John to be baptized, to get ready to meet the Messiah. And John pointed them to Jesus. John was simply **a voice and a finger**, pointing to Another, a greater One with a greater Baptism. And then came that fateful day when Jesus stood before John in the water of the Jordan. **Luke** doesn't record it, but **St. Matthew** tells us that **John initially objected**, saying that he should be baptized by Jesus. That is the way you and I would conceive of it, wouldn't we? The Greater should baptize the lesser; **the Sinless One should baptize the sinner**. And that's the way it would be, but not now and here. Over and against John's objections, Jesus says, *"Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."*

...GET IT(?)

This is the **key to understanding** John's baptism and Jesus' participation in it. **It was necessary to fulfill all Righteousness.** It was necessary that Jesus had to get down in the water of a sinner's baptism and be treated like a penitent. He became one with us, with all of humanity, in our sin. He joined us in the filth of our rebellion. He took a bath in our bathwater. He became Sin for us, Who knew no sin. He didn't simply bear our sins, **He became our Sin.** (Mindblow!)

BACKWARDS!?

This appears to be **at odds with what John had preached**. John's version of Jesus has Him with a **winning fork** in His hand, ready to thresh and separated the wheat from the chaff, ready to burn the chaff in unquenchable fire. You can imagine **John's surprise, his shock**, when Jesus submits to being baptized. Hardly the fork-wielding, hell, fire and brimstone judge John had proclaimed. **Was he wrong? NO, not at all.** It's just that this had to be taken through the Cross. Before Jesus could judge the living and the dead, **He had to be judged.** Before the wheat could be gathered into the barn and the chaff burned, Jesus Himself had to take on the fire of the Law's condemnation.

ONE IN THE SAME

Jesus' Baptism and His Cross are one thing. He even refers to His death as a "Baptism" he must undergo. His work begins in the water; it ends on the Cross. His work begins with the **Spirit descending, the Voice of the Father testifying**; it ends with the **Spirit departing, the Voice of the Father silent**. His work begins where He stands in solidarity with sinners, elbow to elbow in the same bath water as **prostitutes, tax collectors**, and all manner of **religious rejects**; His work ends on the Cross where He hangs in solidarity with thieves, promising the faithful one Paradise. His work begins with **water**; His work ends with **water and Blood flowing from His Side**. At His Baptism, the Heavens are opened to Him; at His Cross the Heavens are opened to sinners.

YOU TOO!...

Even though Jesus' Baptism by John is not the same as our Baptism, it sets the stage and lays the foundation for it. What happens to Jesus in His Baptism also happens to you. The Heavens were opened to Jesus when He was baptized; **Heaven was opened to you in your Baptism**, as you were declared to be justified for Jesus' sake, your sins washed away by His Blood, your identity as a child of Adam is now a child of God.

YOU ARE MARKED

The Spirit descended upon Jesus in the visible form of a Dove, the Dove being a sign of the **Spirit's brooding, creative presence** over the creative waters in **The Beginning**, over the waters of **The Flood** at the time of Noah. The Spirit descended upon you in your Baptism, not visibly as with Jesus, but revealed by the Word and the Name of God, **marking you** as a child of God, sealing you with the mark of inheritance and ownership that **you trace on yourself every time you make the sign of the Cross.**

YOU TOO ...AGAIN

The Voice of the Father spoke from the opened Heavens, revealing Jesus to the world and addressing Him as Father to Son: *"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."* In the same way, the Father testifies **to you in YOUR Baptism**, declaring you to be His beloved child, declaring His pleasure over you **for His Son's sake.**

PAUL AGREES (ROM.6)

In Jesus' Baptism, He is joined in solidarity with us – in our sin and our death. In our Baptism, we are joined in **solidarity with Jesus** – in His perfect life, His death, and His Resurrection. **Romans 6** is one of the clearest passages in the Bible on the working of

Baptism. The Apostle Paul has just finished the main point of Romans, that **a sinner stands justified before God by faith** in the promise of forgiveness through the shed Blood of Jesus Christ **apart** from any works s/he might do. That justification is a **“forensic”** act of God – God declares it to be so through His Word; we don’t make it so by our believing or our works. And this rests on the objective fact that **Christ is the Second and New Adam**, the New Head of humanity, so that as through one man (Adam), sin and death entered the world, so through One Man (**Jesus**), justification and life have come. And that brings us to (Romans) chapter **six**.

MAY IT NEVER BE (SO)! Paul begins (Ch.6) with a **rhetorical** question he’s asked and answered many times, and you still get whenever the Good News of **free** forgiveness is preached. *“Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?”* If God is gracious and forgives the sinner for Jesus’ sake, **Why not then keep on sinning?** It’s logical and even expected, but Paul says, (GRK Megeneto!) **“NO WAY! NEVER!!”**

BURY ‘EM (US) Why (not sin)? Because you, being Baptized, as **now dead to Sin but alive to God in Christ**. Once you were dead to God and alive to Sin, but no more. *“Or don’t you know that all of us who have been Baptized into Christ Jesus were Baptized into His death?”* Baptism buries us in the death of Jesus. **The Baptismal font is “the tomb”** in which we are buried with Christ. It’s the only thing you can do with **the dead. Give them a decent burial**. God buries the sinner in the death of Jesus in the water of Baptism. In His Baptism, Jesus joined Himself to us in our death; in our Baptism we are joined to Jesus in His death.

NO LOSS / ALL GAIN But this is no ordinary grave. This is the grave of the One Who died and Rose. And so Baptism is not simply a death and burial, but a **Resurrection – now by faith, and in the end by sight**. We are united with Christ in His death and His life. We are crucified with Christ, His Body is our Body. And that, my friends, means **true freedom**. The dead in Christ have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

(PH) REST OF THE STORY We know the outcome. Christ rose from the dead. And that’s the promise for us as well. And now, as we live in this life, we no longer live but Christ lives in us and we, waiting for the (Final) Resurrection, live by faith in the Son of God Who loved us and gave Himself up for us. That’s **how God see us through our Baptism**, and that’s how we, His Baptized children, are urged to see ourselves. Dead to Sin, alive to God in Christ. New creations. **The old has gone, the New has come**.

WE ARE HIS (4EVER) Israel was revealed to be God’s nation in the baptism of the Red Sea. It was born as a nation through the parted waters. Dead to Egypt; alive to God. Jesus was revealed the Son of God and Savior with the Spirit in Baptism. Let no one say this water has no power! You are made **a royal priesthood, an holy nation**, God’s treasured possession in Baptism. And in those waters, sanctified by the Blood of Jesus, God says to you, *“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine.”* **IJ’N, Amen. SDG** *The Peace of God which...*

Possible Prayer of Church for * 1st Sunday after Epiphany - January 13th 2019

Created in Your image, formed for Your glory, called by Your name and washed clean in Baptism, we come this day as the people of Your promise with the intercessions and prayers for all people as they have need.

Blessed LORD, You wonderfully foreshadowed the promise of Baptism in the rescue of Noah from the flood, in the passing of Your people through the Red Sea, and in the ceremonial washings of Your law. In Christ and by His Baptism, You have kept Your Word and made Baptism to be the water of new life. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we may become the new and holy people You have declared us to be. LORD, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Holy God, the nations still live in darkness and in the despair of death. Raise up **prophets** (pastors and teachers) who will address them with Your Word and truth, and accompany this preaching with Your Holy Spirit so that those who hear may believe. Bring to a good end all the Mission Work, through our own congregation here and in every place where our Synod is at work to share the Gospel. LORD, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Gracious God, bless Your Church; our ELS President; our (FL) Circuit Visitor **and our pastor** (esp. as he deliberates **his Two Calls**); and all church workers. Make them wise unto Salvation and faithful in all the duties and responsibilities assigned to them for our benefit. Bless also those preparing for **church work vocations**. LORD, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

LORD of all power, all the might of man is nothing before You. We pray You to place Your blessing on all those who serve Your people in government, the police, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, disaster relief and the Armed Forces. Give them good and honest hearts for their service, and lead them by Your Word to know and do what is good and right for all people and in accordance with Your will. LORD, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

LORD of compassion and mercy, no suffering passes before You unnoticed. Give to the **sick**, those **hospitalized**, those **recuperating** from illness, those in **treatment** and those troubled in mind and heart both Your healing presence and Your healing peace. Especially hear us on behalf of **OSL Prayer List** and those **now named in our hearts**. (*Possible brief silence*.) Be their companion in solitude, their healing in affliction, their deliverer from trouble and their life in death. LORD, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Eternal God, You have made us Your own people by **Baptism** and granted us Your Holy Spirit to confess Christ in words and in works. We remember with thanksgiving all those whose Baptisms have been made complete as they passed on to us the sign of faith and now rest in Christ from all their labors. Keep us faithful to our Baptismal Covenant and Confirmation in which we died with Christ so that we may be raised with Christ in perfect freedom to live ever, only, all for You. LORD, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Into Your hands, O almighty and everlasting God, do we commend all for whom we pray this day, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our LORD, to Whom be glory now and forever. **Amen. “Our Father,…”**