



Sunday, January 7, 2024

The Baptism of Our Lord

10:00 a.m.



“The Spittin’ Image”

Pastor Steve Albertin

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Highest Place

Announcements

* (*indicates please stand*)

* Greeting & Passing of Peace

Prayer of the Day

Song

Spirit of The Living God

please be seated

Lesson

Acts 19:1-7

Pew Bible pg 1012

Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

Pew Bible pg 910

Children's Message

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Sermon

"The Spittin' Image"

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- Children who resemble their parents we often describe as being in the "spittin' image" of their parents.
- In the Baptism of Jesus, a voice from heaven declares that Jesus is in the "spittin' image" of God. When we look at Jesus, we see God.
- Families are the most powerful forces in shaping the lives of children for good and for ill.
- The deeper we dig, the more we can see how we are in the "spittin' image" of our parents and our first parents, Adam and Eve. What we have received from them is not pretty.
- We need to be born again into a new family. That happened at our Baptism when we became in the "spittin' image" of God.
- By submitting to John's baptism, Jesus so loved the world that he carried us and everything that is wrong with our lives to the cross and in exchange made us in his "spittin' image," sons and daughters of God.
- In the "spittin' image" of God, we get to live our lives as Jesus did, giving ourselves away in the service of others.

* **Song**

The Epiphany Carol

Abertin/Von Schakel

We are in the season of Epiphany. The word epiphany means “revelation.” A light shining into the darkness of this world is an image reflected each Sunday during this season. Every week, as we sing The Epiphany Carol, the lyrics of the song will reflect the Gospel of the day.

A wondrous light descends upon the earth’s dark night.
Warming the cold; melting the dark. Shedding the gloom, pouring the light
upon the wounds of time’s great plight, ending the curse of sin’s dread night.

Chorus:

Rejoice humanity! For this Epiphany
Reveals divinity, a blessed symphony.
Sweet notes of light sing through the night;
The song of God’s delight.

The Baptist cries, “The world should change and must repent.”
Fresh water flows, breaking hearts cry, reaching for life, longing for light
We’re aching now to be content, awaiting One from heaven sent. (*Chorus*)

In Jordan’s waters Jesus bends; a voice declares,
“This is my son, Beloved One” Saying to all, blazing in light
He is the life and comes to share eternal life with love and care. (*Chorus*)

please be seated

The Offering

* **Offertory**

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

* **The Nicene Creed**

ELW pg 104

Prayers of the Church : (*the congregation joins in speaking the names of those for whom we pray.*)

Members:

Tim Reeb, Susan Kraabel, Craig Ellis, Wes & Lee Bucher,
Lisa Excell & her mother Sandy,
Bill Crampton, Alden Meyer (Rahn’s grandson)

Family & Friends

Pete, George, Bob, Alan, Linda, Jeannie, Joyce, Randall & Mary, Jillian, Haley & Hannah

Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen!**

please be seated

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at his table. There, they receive him and the new life he offers. Those who eat and drink at his table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all that God has made. If you are not baptized, contact Pastor Albertin to learn how you can receive the great gift God has for you in baptism. Today, you are welcome to join us at Christ's table.

* **Ending Song** Heaven is in My Heart

Benediction

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

(Please join us in Fellowship Hall for Refreshments)