

Isaiah 42:1-9 (ESV)

42 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. **2** He 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. **4** He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. **5** Thus 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, **7** to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. **8** I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. **9** Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

Romans 6:1-11 (ESV)

6 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may

abound? **2** By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? **3** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. **5** For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. **6** We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. **7** For one who has died has been set free from sin. **8** Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9** We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **10** For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. **11** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 3:13-17 (ESV)

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. **14** John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” **15** But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. **16** And 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; **17** and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

“This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”



Matthew 3:17, NRSV

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Baptism of Our Lord

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As We Gather ~ The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son. The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a “Thirteenth Day” of Christmas, and yet it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. Where Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord, that is, on God becoming flesh, the Season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. For the Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light. He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth, not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles. As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house, so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church

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A/V	Danny Neuenfeldt
Elder	Dale Rohde
Ushers	Paul Bohn and Roger Kade
Altar Guild	Diane Schultz and Suzanne Schultz

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 61 **Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion** \$4,729 ~ **Received for the Lord’s Work** \$12,808; **Capital Projects** – 90; **God’s Helping Hands** \$1,010; **\$925 God’s Helping Hands in memory of Bud Parker.**

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday:
January 15- Joyce Neuenfeldt (her 87th).

Today’s Memory Verse ~ “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. Ephesians 1:7



We invite you to join us in wishing Pastor Elmer Schiefer a happy 100th birthday following the service on Sunday, January 18th in the fellowship hall. Members of the family will also be present to celebrate with us. Cake and ice cream will be enjoyed. All are welcome to join us in thanks to God for Pastor Schiefer and his years of sharing the Gospel with so many of our families.



SHIP — The Christian church has long been symbolized by a ship. While the Old Testament tells of Noah’s ark preserving righteous people during the flood, the New Testament recounts Jesus calming the storm that battered the disciples’ fishing boat. St. Ambrose described the church as a ship with the cross as its mast, and others have compared salvation to being drawn out of the sea of death into the safety of the church (ship). Indeed, many large churches are constructed to represent a big boat, with the main worship space called the nave — Latin for ship.

“You can accomplish more in one hour with God than in a lifetime without him.”
—Author unknown