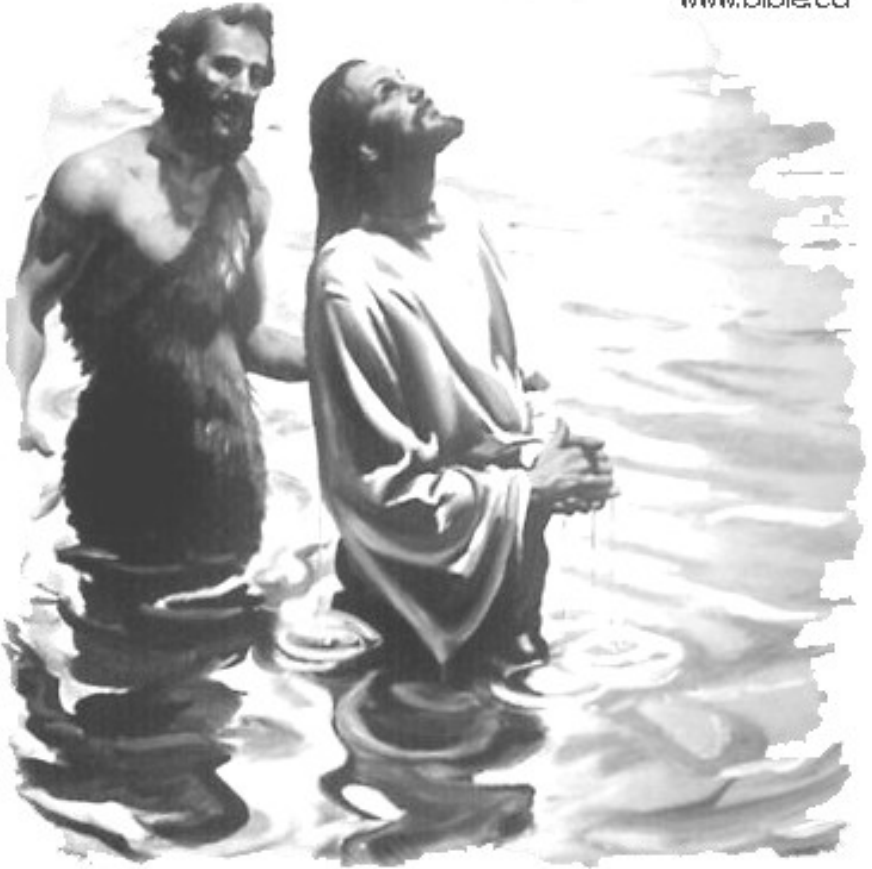


January 9, 2011

Epiphany 1

Today's Focus:
Christ's Coming Brings Anticipation!

www.bible.ca



"You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

**Luther Memorial Church
and School**

An Affiliate of the Church of the Lutheran

Pre-service meditation: During the Epiphany season, we see the human Jesus identified as the Son of God. This morning's worship shows us the Father speaking from heaven claiming Jesus as His Son. The Baptism of Jesus was the beginning of His public ministry, and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Him proclaimed God's workings through Him. I might today ask myself the question, "When did my ministry of serving my Lord begin?" The Lord blesses us as we in Christ continue to be His adopted children and His loving servants!

THE ORDER OF HIS DIVINE WORSHIP: *(as follows)*

I. WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD

Bells – Opening Prayer (Pastor)

OPENING HYMN: 87 *(Red Hymnal)*

Joy to the World

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (sings): Amen.

Our Confession of Sins:

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: (sings) Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: (sings) And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: (sings) Amen.

II. WE PRAISE OUR LORD

Responsive Reading: Psalm 72:1-2, 17-19 NKJV

P: Give the king Your judgments, O God, and Your righteousness to the king's Son.

C: He will judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with justice.

P: His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun.

C: And men shall be blessed in Him; all nations shall call Him blessed.

P: Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel,

C: Who only does wondrous things!

P: Blessed be His glorious name forever!

C: And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.

P: Glory be to God!

C: (sings) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

All glory be to God on high, Who has us all befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh; The strife at last is ended. The Father's love, the Savior's birth, Bring peace, good will, to all the earth. Oh, thank Him for His goodness.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (sings) And with your spirit.

P: Let us pray.

C: (sings) Amen.

III. OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Isaiah 42:1-7

The Old Testament

Lesson

1 "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. 2 He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. 4 He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law." 5 Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the

people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it: 6 "I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles, 7 To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house.

Congregational Praise (sung): Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Acts 10:34-38

The New Testament Lesson

Congregational Welcome (sung): Glory be to You, O Lord!

34 Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. 35 "But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. 36 "The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ -- He is Lord of all -- 37 "that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: 38 "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Congregational Response (sung): Praise be to You, O Christ!

Our Confession of Faith, Apostles Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

EPIPHANY HYMN OF THE DAY: 718 *(Tan Supplement) O Jesus, King of Glory*

Children's Sermon:

"But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'" ~Matthew 19:14

SERMON (NKJV) Matthew 3:13-17 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. **14** And John tried to prevent Him, saying,

"I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"
15 But Jesus answered and said to him,
"Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all
righteousness."

Then he allowed Him. **16** When He had been baptized, Jesus
came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens
were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like
a dove and alighting upon Him. **17** And suddenly a voice came
from heaven, saying,

"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Theme: ***He Must Increase, I must
Decrease!***

IV. WE OFFER OURSELVES TO OUR LORD

The Offertory:

Congregation: (sings) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew
a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence; and
take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your
salvation; and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

OFFERING HYMN: 717 (*Tan Supplement*) *Bright and Glorious Is the Sky*

OUR OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

*"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of
necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."*

SPECIAL PRAYERS - GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER

V. OUR LORD BLESSES US!

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

Benediction

P: The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.
C: (sings) Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 127:1 (*Red Hymnal*) *As with Gladness Men of
Old*

~ Silent Prayer ~

Announcements

Welcome to all! Guests, please sign our guest book in entryway and we
hope you will come and join us again! Visitors and members: feel free to
speak with the Pastor after the service, or call: (920) 922-7421

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MON: 6:30pm Discussion Group: *Already Gone* – Ken Ham

TUES: 6:30pm Church Council Meeting / Next TUES: 6:30pm Elders

FRI: 7:00 – 8:00 pm Family Gym Night at Theisen

TV CHURCH – Our Worship Service replayed on Cable TV Channel 21
~**Tuesday at noon, or Thursday at 4:00 pm**

UN-DECORATING THE CHURCH Begins right after church service today. Your help is needed and appreciated - many hands make light work!

PASTOR would like to come and visit once he gets settled into things. In the hallway is a calendar with some scheduled availability. Please put your name down on a highlighted area that works best for you! Also please note the old parsonage phone number is currently still in use.

HOSPITAL? Planned or unplanned, hospital stays are serious. It is a time for God's Word and for prayer. If you let the pastor know about a hospital stay he'll plan to visit you with a brief devotion from God's Word to strengthen the heart and a prayer of faith to bless the sick.

DAILY DEVOTIONS are available for this year. Ask Dave Bernthal for a copy of these "Bread of Life" devotion readings. "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." ~Romans 10:17

HOT LUNCH will be served again this coming Wednesday, January 12th at school (Still \$1.50 each!). Come on over and get to know the LM kids better and show them your support!

USED CHRISTMAS CARDS If you're throwing out Christmas cards, please drop them off on pastor's office desk. The covers are used and very much appreciated in our foreign mission fields. Thank you!

THE 26TH ANNUAL GRADE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT for CLC Youth will be held at Immanuel Lutheran College, Friday through Sunday, March 11-13, 2011. Information may be found at www.clclutheran.net/tourney. It is suggested that hotel reservations be made soon!

CLC NEWS St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View CA, has called the Rev. Terrel Kesterson, Spokane WA.

NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 6 / Organist: Rhoda Eserhut