

## IN OUR PRAYERS

✠ Ill/Hospitalized:

**Thomas Wenzel**  
**Barbara McNally**

✠ Birthday:

**Kenneth Stresman** – 89 on January 16<sup>th</sup>

✠ Death:

Sympathies to *Carol Wardin & family* upon the death of her brother,  
**Rev. Frederick Riemer.**

✠ Adult Confirmand: **Austin Hammond**

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Today: *The Baptism of Our Lord*  
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Time  
Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 a.m.
- Monday: Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m. (Church conference)  
Prayer Shawl Circle 1:00 p.m. (Classroom 2)  
Youth Group 6:00 p.m. (Youth room)
- Tuesday: World Relief Quilters 9:00 a.m. (Craft room)  
Sunshine Seniors 12:00 p.m.  
Graceful Threads 3:00 p.m. (Classroom 2)  
Long Term Planning Committee 5:30 p.m. (Church Conference)  
Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m. (Office Conference)  
Mary Martha 7:00 p.m. (Classroom 3)
- Wednesday: Chapel 8:05 a.m.  
LifeLight Bible Study 9:00 a.m. (Church conference)  
Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday: Quilters 10:00 a.m. (Craft room)  
Handbells 6:00 p.m.  
Mixed Choir 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: Life Team Baby Shower 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
Divine Service 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday: *Second Sunday after the Epiphany*  
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Time  
Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

- Preacher: Rev. Daniel J. Feusse  
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. William L. Morris (5:00); Rev Martin J. Hagenow (9:30)  
Organist: Mr. Brian J. Heinlein  
Acolytes: Ellie Marsh (5:00pm); Dean Thomas (9:30am)  
Choir: Mixed Choir  
Videographer: Sheila Bauer

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## Our Communion Practice

*We welcome those who are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations to commune with us. We believe that Christ gave us His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the sacrament for the strengthening of our faith, for the assurance of our forgiveness, and for the grace of God to live a God-pleasing life. We come to the Lord's Table repenting of our sins, believing in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and with the prayerful intention to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

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“Water, Spirit, Word, and Name”

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# † The Baptism of Our Lord †

**Introit** *Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

**I will tell of | the decree:\***

**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.**

**Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.**

**You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”**

**Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\*  
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.**

**Serve the | LORD with fear,\*  
and rejoice with | trembling,**

**for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\*  
Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 43:1-7*

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.” down, and if he

calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”

## Gradual *Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

## Epistle *Romans 6:1-11*

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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.

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. 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## Holy Gospel *Luke 3:15-22*

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

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**C Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

EPISTLE READING

**C Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL

**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

**C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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SERMON

Text: Luke 3:15-22

Theme: “**Water, Spirit, Word, and  
Name**”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

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