



**You are my
beloved Son;
with you I am
well pleased.**

Mark 1:11

Grace Lutheran Church
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“This is my Son!”

Today we begin the season of Epiphany, a word that means “appearing” or “revealing.” During this time of the year we see how Jesus is revealed to be God’s Son, our Savior.

This morning we see that epiphany at Jesus’ baptism. He is anointed or set apart as God’s Son and servant.

Our baptism does the same – sets us apart from the unbelieving world and makes us part of the body of Christ, the church. Our baptism sets us apart to serve God and our neighbor. Our baptism sets us apart to “go and make disciples,” baptizing and teaching others that the Body of Christ may be built up.

Today: Anointed with Power



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Epiphany
January 10, 2020

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L. We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C. Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

L. God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C. Amen..

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-6

This is one of the Servant Songs of Isaiah and points ahead to the One who would come and serve God's people Israel. But listen to the Father- that's too small a thing. He wants to include you as well!

Listen to me, you islands;
hear this, you distant nations:
Before I was born the LORD called me;
from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.
² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me into a polished arrow
and concealed me in his quiver.
³ He said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."
⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing at all.
Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,
and my reward is with my God."
⁵ And now the LORD says—
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him
and gather Israel to himself,
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD
and my God has been my strength—
⁶ he says:
"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

ONLINE:

PSALM 24

Refrain: **The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.**

**1 Who is the King of glory? How shall we call him?
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages. *Refrain***

**2 In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among his people, curing their illness. *Refrain***

**3 He gave his life for us, the lamb of salvation;
He took upon himself the sin of the nations. *Refrain***

**4 He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen,
And he will share with us his heavenly kingdom. *Refrain***

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IN-PERSON

PSALM 2

*Here too is a lesson
pointing ahead to
the Savior, the
Anointed One, the
Son, the Servant.*

**L: Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?**

**C: The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord and against his Anointed One,**

**The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
the Lord scoffs at them.
He rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,**

**L: "I have installed my king
on Zion, my holy mountain."
I will proclaim the Lord's decree:**

**All: He said to me, "You are my son;
today I have become your father.**

GOSPEL READING

MARK 1:4-11

⁴And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



⁹At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

To Jordan's River came our Lord (#89)

To Jordan's river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light, The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.

The Savior came to be baptized—The Son of God in flesh disguised—
To stand beneath the Father's will And all his promises fulfill.

As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, Descended on him from above.

Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound Came God's own voice with words
profound: "This is my Son," was his decree, "The one I love, who pleases me."

The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.

Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute! This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

CALENDAR

Thursday – Zoom Bible Study – at 10 AM or 7 PM – Jonah – not a fish story

FRIDAY – Recording next week's service

SUNDAY – Worship – online or 9:30 AM in the breezeway
Confirmation class