

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 10, 2010

Welcome Visitors - We are happy to share the Word of our Lord with you. If you have questions about what we believe or how to join our confession of the Savior, you may speak to the ushers or the pastor

Music and Meditation- We have reserved several minutes before the service for music and meditation. This is to help you prepare to worship.

Our Offering- Our guests are under no obligation to bring an offering. Offerings may be placed in the plates at the back of the church before or after the service. A portion of our offerings will be brought to the altar to as a part of our worship service.

Order of Service - Bulletin insert **Divine Service I**

Hymns: 80, 89, 83 vs. 1-4, 83 v. 5

Prayer for the Day

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan You proclaimed Him your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as Your children and make us heirs with Him of everlasting life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading- 1 Samuel 16:1-13

How does God see a person?

The Psalm of the Day- Psalm 2, page 65 of the hymnal

The Epistle Lesson- Titus 3:4-7

What is the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit?.

The Verse for the Day- **Alleluia. You are My Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.**

The Gospel Lesson - Luke 3: 15-17, 21,22.

The Sermon Theme - Jesus Becomes the Christ

1. Baptized in the Jordan River
2. Anointed by the Holy Spirit
3. Certified by the Father

After the Service—

Coffee time

Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:45.

Bible class and Sunday school will gather for a brief devotion then children will leave to go to their Sunday school classes. Youth Catechism instructions begin at 12:15

This Week-

Thursday- Elders 5:30 pm. Council Meets at 7.

Saturday - Pastor in town.

Next Sunday- Worship service at 9:30 with Holy Communion.

Annual meeting at 10:30

Sunday school at 10:30.

Confirmation Instructions at 12:15.

Mark your calendar- Saturday, January 30 our church is hosting an evening of entertainment called *WELS's Got Talent*. We are inviting people, young and old, with talent in music or any other entertaining talent to participate. Please speak to Pastor Ahlswede if you have some gift to share. Members are asked to bring cookies or bars for the fellowship that will follow.

Something Old and Something New- The music in today's service might be a bit different but the order of the service is the same. Notice that we begin with a hymn and then the

traditional, “In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

This Trinitarian invocation expressly reminds us that the God we will meet here is the true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Who is to be worshiped here and now. The invocation also warmly calls to mind the words through which believers have been baptized into Christ and made members of His Church. The faithful respond, “Amen!” “Yes, God is here to bless. Yes, we have arrived to worship Him. Yes, it is good to be here.” – adapted.

“You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased”-

How could God give me more convincing evidence and offer Himself with greater love and sweetness than by saying it pleases Him from His heart that His Son Christ speaks so pleasantly with me, loves me so cordially, and out of great love for me suffers, dies and does everything? Thinkest thou not, if a human heart should feel such pleasure of God in Christ when He serves us thus, that for joy it would burst into a hundred thousand pieces? For there it would see the abyss of the fatherly heart, yea, the bottomless and eternal goodness and love of God which he bears toward us and has borne from eternity. – Martin Luther.

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