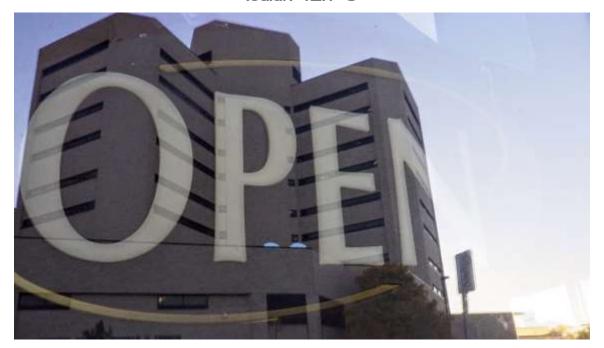
Did the Father <u>REALLY</u> send Jesus to bring out the Prisoners?

Isaiah 42:1-9



Baptism of Our Lord Sunday, January 12, 2020

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,

Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist, David Ziegler - Handbell Director

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 10:45 AM
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Elders: JJ Jones Bob Souza
Comm/Asst. Elder: Mike Bandman Jack Warneke

Acolytes: Ellie Kreamer, Brooke Ratzburg Cameron Fleming, Joseph Kaiser Lay Readers: Sue Bandman, Joanne Heidlauf Bill Schwartz, Ann Souza

Ushers: Don Heidlauf, OPEN Jay Souza, Scott Gutzke
Greeters: Mulley Family,
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Jan. Altar Guild: Diane Sanders Sheila Bunnell Jan. Counters: Mary Kay Ames Joan Blasko

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

David and Madeline Adams in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW SERVICE

Worship in a traditional order drawing words from Matthew's Gospel. Matthew is the focus of Year A Gospel readings in the Lectionary.

In Today's Prayers

If you have something you'd like added, please go to one of the Prayer Stands, write down your request, & put in the plastic rack.

In our weekly Worship Prayers, we lift up praises, thanksgivings, requests, and concerns to our Lord. In order to help us pray to God about the wholeness of our lives in the world, we have a schedule for when we will focus on specific areas for prayer. Any immediate needs will always take priority, but in general, we will follow this schedule. Please note that this means on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, Pastor will speak the names of everyone on our health concerns list, but on other Sundays, this will be lifted up only as a general prayer for health and healing.

Our District Partners

Northern Illinois District Walcamp—outdoor ministry
Concordia University—Chicago Lutheran Church Charities

Our Seminaries

Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne and Bethel member, Jacob Stoltzman, on his vicarage (internship year) at Redeemer Lutheran, Highland, IN Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Congregation: Discipleship

Help us continue to see what it means to have a "heart life," daily lives for Jesus

Our Loved Ones in the Armed Forces Let Pastor know if you have someone to add.

Victoria Wuethrick, Bethel member, Air Force

Lt. Colonel Michael Ridley, USAF, Minot AFB, ND – Steve Best's brother

Jason Lucker, Navy, had been at Great Lakes, now in school in Virginia

Marshall King, Army—son of Deb Pellettiere's friend

David Mrnak, Army—Deb Pellettiere's friend's future son-in-law

Allison Luzwick, Lt., Navy—Great Lakes

Bradley Abbitt, Army—Susan Squires' cousin

Steven Furman, Air Force—Margie Tatgenhorst's nephew

Andrew Waala, Air Force—Brian & Sherri Waala's son

Jonathan Grana, Navy, stationed in Bahrain—Shelly Adams' cousin

Justyn Koster, Marines—Jeff and Mary Kay Ams' nephew

Opening Anthem 8 AM 10:45 AM "Apple-Red Happiness"
"We Are One in the Spirit"

Cherub Choir Junior Choir



Invocation (Based on Matthew 11:28-30)

- P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Jesus says, "Come to Me all who are weary, and I will give You rest.

Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me.

For I am gentle and lowly in heart."

- C: For You have promised we will find rest for our souls.
- P: For His yoke is easy, and His burden is light.
- C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution (Matthew 22:34-40;19:16-26;18:13-14,19-20;20:28)

- P: When asked "Teacher, what is the great commandment in the Law?", Jesus said,
- C: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

- P: Jesus said, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."
- C: This brings us sorrow, Lord,

Because we treasure many things which are not focused on You.

Who then can be saved?

P: Jesus declares, "With people this is impossible,

but with God all things are possible."

He rejoices more over finding one lost sheep than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. It is not His will that one of you should perish.

C: For the Lord has promised:

Where two or three are gathered in His Name,

He is among us with His forgiveness.

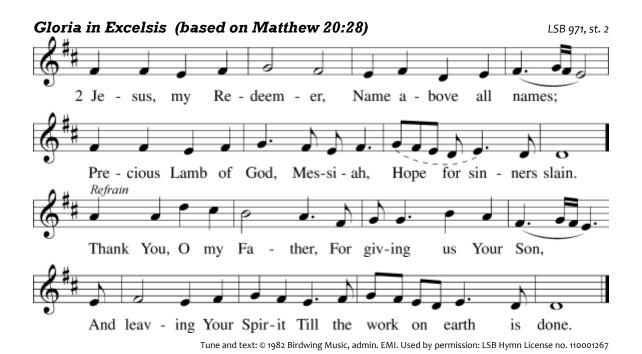
P: Indeed, He is here in the power of His forgiveness for you today.

He comes not to be served

but to serve, to give His life as a ransom for you.

Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



Collect (Prayer 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 42:1-9 (ESV)

¹Behold 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.

²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

⁵Thus 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,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,

from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the LORD; that is my name;

my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle (New Testament Letter)

Romans 6:1–11 (ESV)

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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Holy Gospel

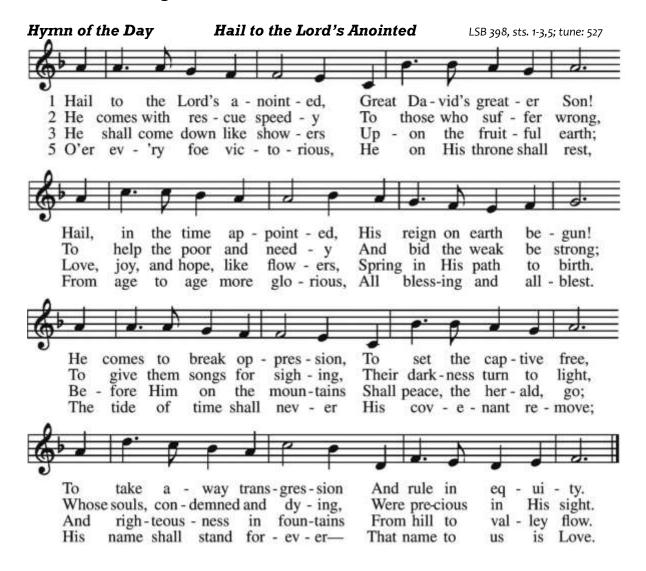
Matthew 3:13-17 (ESV)

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

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message



Sermon Isaiah 42:1-9

Confession of Faith from Matthew 11:2-6; 16:13-16

P: When John the Baptist heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"

- C: Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."
- P: Jesus asked His disciples, using the title "Son of Man" to speak about Himself, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

 And the disciples said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

 Then He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?"

 And I also ask you, disciples here today, "Who do you say that Jesus is?"
- C: Simon Peter replied, and we also say, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Amen.

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.





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(we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



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Prayers

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Benediction (Blessing) (Based on Matthew 28:18-20)

P: As Jesus said to His disciples before He ascended into heaven, He says to you,

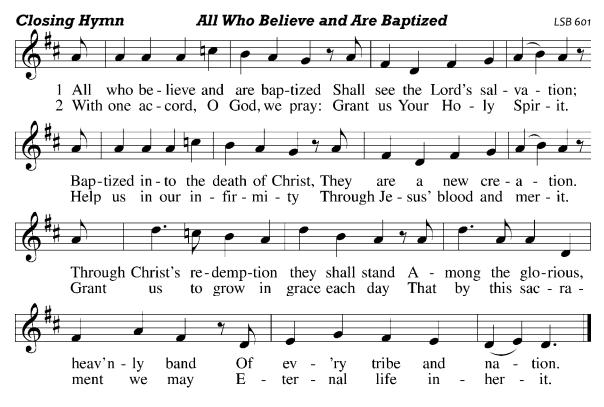
"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

C: Amen.



Announcements

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