

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

Theme: Renewal



“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.” Isaiah 43:2

GATHERING

Prelude

Greeting and Welcome

Call to Worship - Psalm 29:1-11 - The Voice of God upon the Waters

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of God’s name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over the mighty waters.

People: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Leader: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

People: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire and shakes the wilderness.

Leader: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forests bare, yet in his temple all say, "Glory!"

People: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as ruler forever.

Leader: May the LORD give strength to all people! May the LORD bless all people with peace.

Hymn: #475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Prayer of the Day

Holy God, when we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, we pray, O God be with us. When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, O God, we pray be with us and all who suffer. Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, O God we pray, be with us.

O God whose love never fails, we pray your presence never leaves us, your mercies never fail us. We offer our thanks that Jesus waded into the waters of baptism to demonstrate humility and the power of redemption. It is through him who modeled our true identity as children of God that we pray, AMEN.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Acts 8:14-17 and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon: **“Passing through the Waters”**

Hymn: #482 “Baptized in Water”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, we give thanks that our amazing journey is an opportunity to learn, pray, worship, and explore the places and ways we encounter You, the living God. Give us reassurance even as we recommit our time and energies to You. In celebration of our baptisms, we commit the living out of our faith to the daily circumstances of our lives. Through Christ, we pray, AMEN.

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #485 "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

Charge and Benediction. . . *Let us live this week with these words:*

May the Triune God, whose presence surrounds us always and everywhere, bless us with the deep assurance that we are never alone. In the waters, in the fires, in the far corners of the world, God is with us. Thanks be to God. AMEN

Postlude

(please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

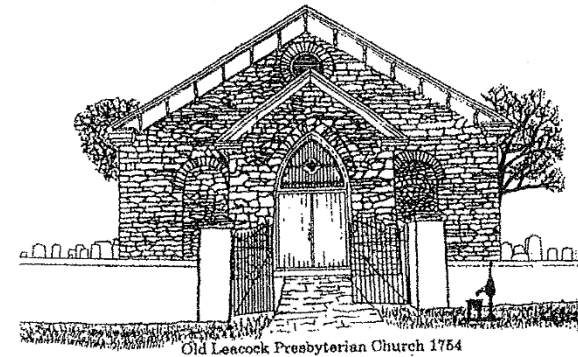
Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Matthew Sowers

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