

EPIPHANY/BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
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WELCOME

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CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 29

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

**People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his 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 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 causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;

People: and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

Leader: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

**People: May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

HYMN

"Baptized In Water"

FWS 2248

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you,
O Israel: Do not fear, 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, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious
in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations
in exchange for your life. Do not fear, 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
them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away 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."

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you
Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace
that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by
revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to

perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

TIME FOR CHILDREN "Epiphany" Pastor Jo Anne

HYMN "We Three Kings" UMH 254

GOSPEL READING Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

HYMN "Down By the Jordan" W&S 3045

GUEST SPEAKER Lloyd Petersen, Midwest Mission Distribution Center

GIVE & SERVE
PRAYER
LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN "Bring Forth the Kingdom" FWS 2190

BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE