

Second Reading: Romans 6:1-11

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.

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, 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.”

Lessons for Next Week

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42a



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**ON SUNDAY MORNINGS LISTEN TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10AM
ON KATL 770 AM OR ON A CONNECTED DEVICE AT KATLRADIO.COM.**

This congregation practices “open communion”. We invite all who believe that our Lord’s body and blood are truly and essentially present in the bread and wine to share in the sacrament. We believe Christians are worthy to receive communion when, according to the teaching of Scripture and Lutheran tradition the words, “given and shed for you” are accepted by grace through faith. You may receive the wine by dipping the bread into the dipping chalice or by drinking from the principal chalice. Repent, and be served!

The Order of Word and Sacrament
First Sunday after Epiphany January 11, 2026

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First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

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.”

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
 the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
⁶**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
 the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
⁸**The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
 and strips the forests bare.**
⁹And in the temple of the LORD
 all are crying, “Glory!”
¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
 the LORD sits enthroned as King forevermore.**
¹¹The LORD shall give strength to his people;
 the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

What’s Happening

Today:

- Our radio broadcast is sponsored by Chris & Marie Wacker. Thank you!
- Please join us for French Dip sandwiches and more after the service and stay for our important annual meetings. We promise to keep the meetings as short as possible!
- Please help briefly after the meetings to put away at least some of the Christmas décor.
- We welcome new members Cathy Filler and Sharon Stein today and look forward to getting to know them and their loved ones. Please stand and be recognized.

This Week:

Tuesday	6:00 pm	The Chosen, Season 4, Episode 2
Wednesday	8:30 am	Quilters
	10:00 am	Coffee
Thursday	6:30 pm	Men’s Fellowship at Otium Brewery
	12 noon	Women’s Luncheon and Book Study
	1:00 pm	The Chosen afternoon group, Season 4, Episode 2
Next Sunday	8:30 am	Council Meeting

Notes and News

- We are still taking donations toward new ceiling tiles (\$15/tile) for the Fellowship Hall and Narthex. Thank you for your support so far, and please consider donating for this special effort if you haven’t yet.
- Pastor Mike and Sue Fiske send greetings.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

(Romans 6:3-5)

P: Having been united with Christ’s death and resurrection in Holy Baptism, I now ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession of faith and in the covenant of your baptism and to be faithful in the use of God’s Word and sacraments?

C: I do, by the grace of God.

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and has forgiven all your sins, strengthen you with his grace unto life everlasting

C: Amen