

Epiphany 2021
January 6th to February 14th, 2021
Lectionary and Worship Notes

Sunday, January 10, 2021 **Baptism of our Lord**

Lessons

Genesis 1:1-5	<i>Creation begins on the first day with light.</i>
Psalm 29	
Acts 19:1-7	<i>John's baptism was for repentance, baptism in the name of Jesus offers the gift of the Holy Spirit</i>
Mark 1:4-11	<i>Jesus is baptized by John at the River Jordan</i>

Prayer of the Day: Lord Jesus, in your baptism you opened whole self to God, including the path to the cross. Wash us anew in the waters of baptism that once claimed us for God's ways in our own time. Send us with confidence to do God's will, that all may experience your gift of new life. In your holy name we pray. Amen

Living the Creed: Place a bowl of water on the table where the family gathers, share memories of your baptism day. Dip a finger in the water and then make the sign of the cross on one another, and remind each other "You are a baptized child of God"

Worship Assistant:

Musician: Janice Algren

Sunday, January 17 **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

Lessons

1 Samuel 3:1-20	<i>Samuel hears God's voice and becomes a prophet.</i>
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	
1 Corinthians 6:12-20	<i>We are one with Christ in spirit, and we are called to glorify God with our bodies.</i>
John 1:43-51	<i>Philip invites Nathaniel to "Come and see" Jesus.</i>

Prayer of the Day: Holy Spirit, still the chaotic voices around us that we may be better able to hear the voice of God calling our name. Let that one clear voice give us purpose and send us as a reflection of God's glory for all to come and see the Lord Jesus. In your holy name we pray. Amen

Living the Creed: One of the first places many people in our own day and age first experience a church is through social media. Share our website through your social media website. Share the newsletter, or a video to a worship service. Let people see why you follow Jesus at First Lutheran Church.

Worship Assistant:

Musician:

Sunday, January 24

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Lessons

Jonah 3:1-10

Jonah preaches God's Word and all of Nineveh repents.

Psalms 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul advises how to live when you expect the End Times to come quickly.

Mark 1:14-20

Jesus begins his ministry and calls the first disciples

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, women and men throughout history have heard your call and turned to follow your ways. Let their example be our inspiration as we, too, hear your call and strive to follow your ways in our own lives. In your holy name we pray. Amen

Living the Creed

download a PDF with information on the 12 disciples of Jesus. Fill in the missing information using your Bibles.

Worship Assistant:

Musician:

Sunday, January 31

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Lessons

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
people

God will raise up a new prophet like Moses to speak to the

Psalms 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Paul advises against becoming stumbling blocks by partaking in what some may consider meaningless, for others think those same practices are meaningful.

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus' first exorcism goes viral throughout Galilee.

Prayer of the Day

Holy One of God, you speak, and demons fall aside. Speak once again to the various demons of our own age so that we may experience your cleansing and renewing power restoring us to the wholeness you desire for all your creation. In your holy name we pray. Amen

Living the Creed

Download a PDF on Moses' life, fill in the blanks using your Bible

Worship Assistant:

Musician:

Sunday, February 7

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Lessons

Isaiah 40:21-31 *Trusting in the LORD leads to renewed strength.*
 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 *Paul advises the faithful to know the difference between the cup/bread
 of the Lord and the cup/food of demons.*
 Mark 1:29-39 *Jesus heals many in Capernaum and continues his preaching tour
 throughout Galilee.*

Prayer of the Day

Word of God, our aching world craves more of your healing touch.
 Speak to the pains we carry, ease the heavy burdens within our souls, show us a
 foretaste of the wholeness of your eternal life that is to come. In your holy
 name we pray. Amen

Living the Creed

Download a PDF list of our homebound members and a list of those for
 whom we pray. Send greeting cards with messages of prayer and healing,
 examples will be included with the PDF.

Worship Assistant:

Musician:

Sunday, February 14

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Lessons

2 Kings 2:1-12 *Elisha witnesses Elijah being taken away on the chariots of fire.*
 Psalm 50:1-6
 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 *The unveiled gospel is the light of Christ, hidden only from unbelievers.*
 Mark 9:2-9 *Jesus enters heavenly glory, conversing with Moses and Elijah, but
 remains with his disciples to finish his journey to the cross.*

Prayer of the Day

Holy Father, you have revealed yourself through law and prophecy, but
 most clearly through your Son, Jesus Christ. May your purest love in the Savior
 be what draws us all into a whole relationship with you. In your holy name we
 pray. Amen

Living the Creed

Download a PDF that focuses on 1st Corinthians 13:1-13, the chapter of
 Paul’s letter that defines what love is. Using your Bible, fill in the answers as
 you discover more about God’s love.

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Musician: