

# First Sunday after the Epiphany

## The Baptism of Our Lord

January 8, 2023

### The First Reading

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

Here is 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. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus 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 upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

### Psalm

*Psalms 29*

- 1 Ascribe 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.
- 3 The 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.
- 5 The 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.
- 7 The 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.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of  
peace.

## The Second Reading

*Acts 10:34-43*

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

### The Gospel Reading

*Matthew 3:13-17*

*Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Announcements

### Birthdays this month

1st: William Magee  
 2nd: Frank Supercinski  
 7th: Dana Parker  
 8th: Javier Glave  
 9th: Preston Martin  
 10th: Elena Randell  
 14th: Linsay Kirschke  
 16th: Lauren Cammack  
 21st: Jess Richardson  
 25th: Christina Richardson  
 27th: Ryan Randell

### Church Annual Meeting

We will be having a potluck lunch after the service on Sunday, January 22, 2022. Please bring a side dish to share.

### Work Day

We're currently looking for volunteers for our upcoming St. Michael's Workday. To make this a success, we need your help on **Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**. Depending on weather, we will be picking up branches and changing out light bulbs. You can stay as long or as little as you need.

### Inquirer's Class

If you are interested in confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation please contact Mother Tracey by email or text: [mothertracey@smaalongview.org](mailto:mothertracey@smaalongview.org) or 903.399.8334

## NEXT Sunday's Servers (01/15)

**Acolytes:** Joe Frank Brown  
**Cameras & Streaming:** Robert Brown  
**Danny's Team:** Stan Williams  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** David Brown  
**Greeter:** Becky Supercinski  
**Lector:** Amy Brown  
**Nursery Helper:** Ruby Hahne  
**Ushers:** Michael Greathouse  
**Vestry People:** David Brown, Connie Bobnock  
**Worship Tech:** Gianna Glave

## Prayer Requests

### Healing For:

- Nettie Wittmayer
- Todd Green
- Laura Schill
- Larry Solomon
- Marsha Magee
- Jeff Hahne
- Lorraine, Pete and Margie Litterski

To submit a prayer request, fill out the back of the information sheet in the pew and place it in the offering. Or, send an email with your request to: [prayer@smaalongview.org](mailto:prayer@smaalongview.org)

**\*\* Emailed prayer requests are received by all who've signed up for the SMAA prayer chain. This community of prayer is committed to holding up our needs and thanksgivings to God whenever they are shared. TO JOIN IN THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY, JUST SEND A REQUEST TO SMAA@SMAALONGVIEW.ORG ASKING TO BE A PART OF THE PRAYER CHAIN. \*\***

### Stewardship Update

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	ABOVE/BELOW
12/04/22	\$3,965	\$2,955	\$1,010
12/11/22	\$1,206	\$2,955	-\$1,749
12/18/22	\$1,484	\$2,955	-\$1,472
12/25/22	\$2,957	\$2,955	\$2
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$138,171</b>	<b>\$153,670</b>	<b>-\$15,499</b>

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**Eucharistic Ministers:** Frank Supercinski  
**Greeter:** Catherine White  
**Lector:** Javier Glave  
**Nursery Helper:** Becky Supercinski  
**Ushers:** Joe Frank Brown  
**Vestry People:** Susan Kuhlman, Susan Schug  
**Worship Tech:** Amy Brown

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