

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Baptism Of Our Lord
January 10, 2021

“New Life in the New Year”
Mark 1:4-11

As pastor and members of Faith Lutheran Church we have heard the prophet’s call to repentance. Three days ago we gathered in the sanctuary and demonstrated our response to the work of the Holy Spirit among us. We have broken with the status quo of unresolved conflict with God and others. God calls us to appreciate His grace and the peace that it brings to our fellowship. We are willing to acknowledge the important aspects of our work. We will apply God’s Word to our life together.

How does the Gospel of Mark empower us to establish a culture of reconciliation in our ministry?

- The spiritual work of repentance is:
 - Inconvenient and uncomfortable - “... all ... were going out to him ...” (Mark 1:5a)
Romans 6:1-2 Psalm 38:3-4 Matthew 26:74-75
 - Humbling and personal – “... confessing their sins ... (Mark 1:5b)
Psalm 51:3-4 Luke 15:17-20a Psalm 139:23-24

Remember: We took time for prayer ... studied the Word ... meditated on the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20) ... acknowledged our powerlessness (Romans 7:18) Asked God and others for forgiveness ... trusted in His mercy in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

- God’s work in Baptism is:
 - Cleansing – “... they were baptized ... in the Jordan River.” (Mark 1:5b)
Psalm 51:2, 7 John 13:5, 15:3-4 1 Corinthians 6:11
 - Affirming – “... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” (Mark 1:8)
Romans 6:4-7 Mark 1:11 → 1 John 3:1 Luke 15:20b-24

Apply: We embrace the ministry of reconciliation in Christ as foundational for our spiritual health.

FAITH FAMILY AT PRAYER

A Resource for Home Devotions
January 10 - 16

Readings from Holy Scripture

The following lessons may be read in the morning and evening,
or in any way that works best for your schedule.

Sunday	Ezekiel 18:19-32	Romans 2:17-29
Monday	Ezekiel 33:1-20	Romans 3:1-18
Tuesday	Ezekiel 34:1-24	Romans 3:19-31
Wednesday	Ezekiel 36:13-28	Romans 4:1-25
Thursday	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Romans 5:1-21
Friday	Ezekiel 37:15-28	Romans 6:1-23
Saturday	Ezekiel 38:1-23	Romans 7:1-20

SMALL CATECHISM

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

What does God forbid in the Second Commandment?

In the Second Commandment God forbids us to misuse His name.

How is God's name misused?

God's name is misused when people speak God's name carelessly or curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name.

Exodus 20:7

Leviticus 24:15

DAILY PRAYER

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS and OURSELVES

Sunday: The joy of the resurrection, for godly worship and preaching of God's Word.

Monday: Faith to live in Holy Baptism; vocation, daily work, the unemployed, our neighbors, government, peace.

Tuesday: from temptation; the addicted and despairing; the oppressed; those struggling with sins.

Wednesday: Marriage, family, single parents, schools, universities, seminaries.

Thursday: Church, pastors, deaconesses, missionaries, faithful use of the Sacraments.

Friday: Preaching of the cross of our Lord in our community and the world.

Saturday: Faithfulness; the dying; those fallen away; open hearts for worship.

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING PRAYER

O God, by the leading of a star you once made known your only Son to the nations; now make Him known to us by faith in Your divine goodness; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

For Next Sunday:

1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-10;

1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51