

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of the Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 14 – January 20, AD 2024

Everything we believe as Christians is built upon what God has said in His Word. All of our confidence in Holy Baptism comes from what Jesus Christ our Lord said and promised about it. Jesus very clearly told His disciples after His resurrection that He wanted all nations to be made disciples by being baptized. (Matt. 28:19) Jesus also very plainly promised that whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. (Mark 16:16) We don't have to try to figure out what Baptism is and does. Jesus tells us! And what an amazing treasure He gives us. With just a little bit of water the promises of Jesus' word are given to you. Baptism forgives you. Baptism rescues you from death and the devil by making you a child of God. Baptism gives you eternal salvation. All of these wonderful things God has chosen to do through Baptism. If you are baptized you can say with every last ounce of certainty that all of those things are true of you because God has said they are true of you. Rejoice, you who are baptized, because by your Baptism you have been saved!

The Catechism

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to the household. Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19)

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

THE ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

Galatians 5:17 – *For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.*

Psalm 100

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord" (LSB 406, Stanzas 1, 7)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8da7RUXNdrq>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

① SUNDAY	JOHN 2:1-11	
② MONDAY	MATTHEW 3:1-6, 13-17	ISAIAH 42:1-9
③ TUESDAY	JOHN 1:19-34	LEVITICUS 16:21-24
④ WEDNESDAY	JOHN 3:1-16	NUMBERS 21:4-9
⑤ THURSDAY	MARK 8:27-35	2 PETER 1:1-15
⑥ FRIDAY	JOHN 5:1-15	ISAIAH 35:3-10
⑦ SATURDAY	EXODUS 34:29-35	2 PETER 1:16-21

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

SUNDAY: *The joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word for our congregation's faithfulness to the Word of God.*

MONDAY: *Faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; our calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; government; peace; for the leaders of our congregation.*

TUESDAY: *Deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*

WEDNESDAY: *For marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; parents who must rear their children alone; for godly schools, our church schools, and seminaries.*

THURSDAY: *For the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; for our congregation, our pastor and his family.*

FRIDAY: *For the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*

SATURDAY: *For faithfulness to the end; the sick and dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Those members and friends of our congregation who are serving in the military (and their families): Emma Dammann (Army), Thomas Kun (Air Force), Brandon Lowery (Navy), Jesse Lowery (Navy), Ethan Sims (Air Force Reserves).
- Birthdays: Melanie Obenhaus (15), Lyndsey Slade (17)
- For protection of mothers and their unborn children: Lyndsey Slade. (Psalm 139:13)
- Alissa Ulmer, Franklin Fischer, Finley Miller, Ethan Sims, Robert Ulmer, Jeff Ellis, Dony Reaves.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Catechism: Sacrament of Holy Baptism: *How can water do such great things?*

The Transfiguration of Our Lord – January 21, 2024

Hymns: 876, 413, 406, 395, 602, 523, 414

Readings: Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

