

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
January 7, 2018**

Preparation for Worship – We bow before You, O Lord!

Prelude
Announcements
Invocation.....Inside cover of hymnal
Confession of Sins/Absolution.....Inside cover of hymnal
The Ten Commandments

Adoration in Worship – We Praise You, O Lord!

Opening Hymn....."We Three Kings".....#166
Liturgical Reading....."The Magi's Visit".....#636
Hymn Response....."O Come, Let Us Adore Him".....#82
Prayer of the DayBulletin
Passing of the Peace

Instruction in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!

Scripture Readings
Special Music
The Gospel.Mark 1:4-13
The Chorus: "Thank-You Lord"
The Sermon:Pastor Nate

Dedication in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!

Offering Hymn:....."As with Gladness Men of Old".....#163
Offertory Hymn:....."We Give Thee But Thine Own".....#620
Apostles' CreedInside cover of hymnal
Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Closing Hymn....."Good Christian Men, Rejoice".....#151
Benediction

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: Jan 7th thru Jan 14th

Today:	Jan 7 th	Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lands 9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Romsdal 10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Lands 10:30 a.m. Worship at Romsdal 6:00 p.m. Bible Study at the Parsonage
Wed:	10:30 a.m. Bible Study in Canton 5:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Sunday School at Lands	
Thurs:	9:00 a.m. Quilting Workshop at Lands	
Sun:	Jan 14 th	Worship Schedule 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lands 9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Trinity 10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Lands 10:30 a.m. Worship at Trinity 6:00 p.m. Bible Study at the Parsonage

The Bible Study on Marriage begins at the Parsonage tonight at 6 p.m. The Martin Luther Bible Study begins at Laura's Lattes on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Reminder: Lands Financial Reports and all Parish Financial Reports are due by next Sunday, January 14th.

Offerings for Christmas Worship Services:
Christmas Eve = \$415
Christmas Day = \$695
Total = \$1110.00

This will be split between Love Inc and Faith in Action in Bereford.

"God does not call qualified people, he calls people and makes them qualified".

-Greg Laurie

Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

Dear Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. May Your favor rest upon us, and establish the work of our hands to Your glory. In Jesus' Name, Amen.
(Psalm 90:1,17)

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. **3** And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. **4** God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Second Reading: Romans 6:1-11

6 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? **2** By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? **3** Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. **5** For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. **6** For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— **7** because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. **8** Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9** For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. **10** The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. **11** In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:4-13

4 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5** The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. **6** John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. **7** And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. **8** I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. **10** Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. **11** And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." **12** At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, **13** and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.



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Next Week's Texts: 1 Samuel 3:1-10
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51