

The Baptism of Our Lord  
January 12, 2020

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

Prelude ..... Organist  
Announcements  
Invocation.....Inside cover of hymnal  
Confession of Sins/Absolution.....Inside cover of hymnal

**Adoration in Worship – We Praise You, O Lord!**

Opening Hymn....."Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" .....#92  
Liturgical Reading....."How Majestic Is Your Name" .....#28  
Hymn Response....."All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord".....#587  
Prayer of the Day .....Bulletin  
Passing of the Peace

**Instruction in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!**

First and Second Scripture Readings  
Special Music  
The Gospel. ....Matthew 3:13-17  
The Chorus: "Thank-You Lord"  
Children's Sermon  
Sermon: "Meticulous Messiah" Isaiah 42:1-9 Pastor Chris

**Dedication in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!**

Offering Hymn....."I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord".....#280  
Response....."We Give Thee But Thine Own".....#620  
Apostle's Creed .....Inside cover of hymnal  
Prayers  
The Lord's Prayer  
Closing Hymn....."All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" .....#97  
Benediction

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**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: Jan 12<sup>th</sup> thru Jan 19<sup>th</sup>**

Today: 8:15 a.m. Handbell practice at Lands  
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  
  
Wed: 1:30 p.m. Trinity Women meet at  
Denise Koopsma's  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation at Lands  
7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle at Lands  
  
Thurs: 9:45 a.m. Bethesda Chapel Worship  
2:00 p.m. Mary Circle at Lands  
  
Sun: Jan 19<sup>th</sup> \*\*\* **NOTE TIMES**\*\*\*  
9:00 a.m. Worship at **Trinity**  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Lands  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Trinity  
10:30 a.m. Worship at **Lands**  
Lands Annual Meeting

Lands Financial Reports for 2019 and all 2019 Parish Reports are due today, along with 2020 Budget & Ballot nominations. Romsdal Reports are due next Sunday.

A Potluck Noon meal will be held next Sunday prior to the Lands Annual Meeting. Last names starting with A-K, please bring a salad, and L-Z bring a hot dish. Dessert & Bread will be provided.

Romsdal Members: Dinner will be served at the Church prior to the Annual Meeting held January 26<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a Youth Group Organization Meeting on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. at Lands. Parents of Parish Youth in grades 7 – 12, along with anyone in the Parish who would like to work with the Youth are invited to attend.

A Bible Study – "Lutheran Perspectives for a New Day" will begin on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. This study is led by Pastor Chris, and will meet at Lands at 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.; both of these times are the same study, so please consider which time of day works better for you. The cost of a Study book is \$10, and will be available for purchase on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Pastor Chris with any questions.

**Prayer of the Day**

Dear Lord, We need the life and grace that you alone can give. Open the heavens to us and pour out Your Holy Spirit, so that we may live as your beloved children. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Today's Readings**

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**First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9**

- 42** "Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him,  
and he will bring justice to the nations.
- 2** He will cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;
- 3** a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice;
- 4** He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.
- 5** 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 its people on it,  
and spirit to those who walk in it:
- 6** "I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,
- 7** to open eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- 8** "I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.
- 9** Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them."

**Second Reading: Romans 6:1-11**

**6** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? **2** By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? **3** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

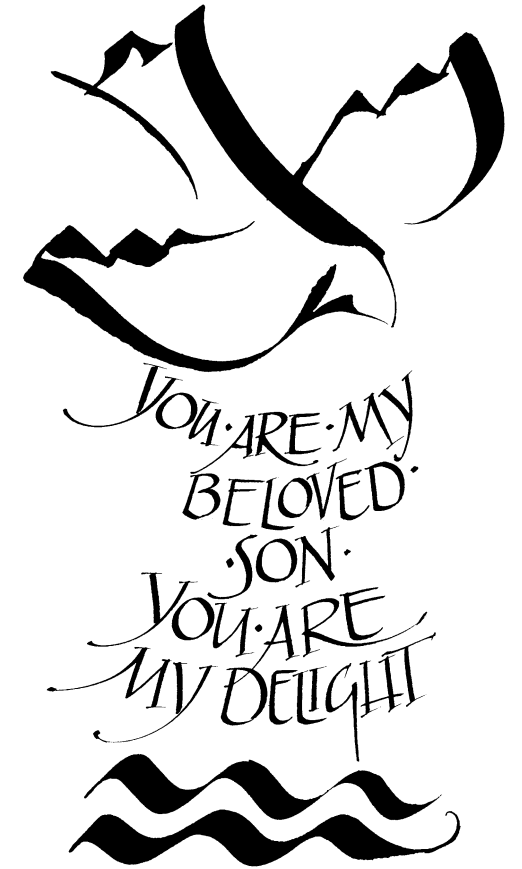
**5** For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. **6** We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. **7** For one who has died has been set free from sin. **8** Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9** We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **10** For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. **11** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17**

**13** Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. **14** John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

**15** But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

**16** And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; **17** and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



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Next Sunday's Texts: Isaiah 49:1-7  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42a