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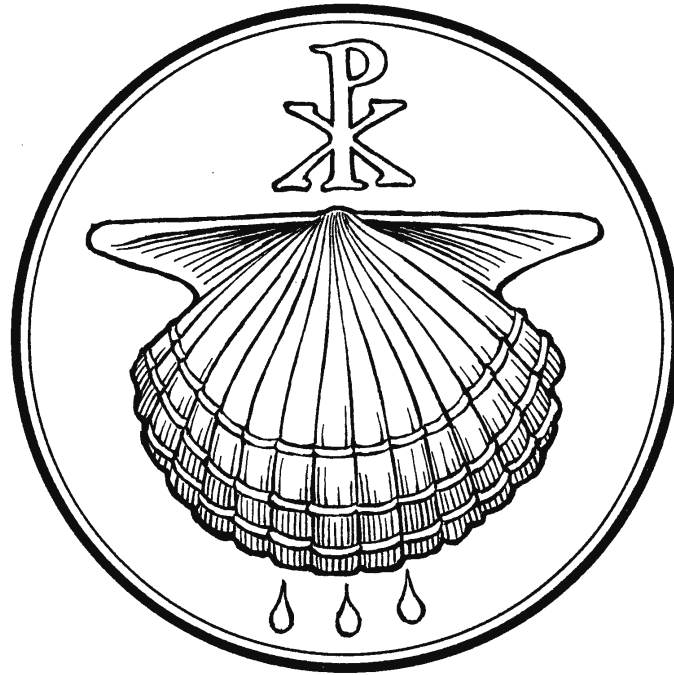
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*"You are My beloved Son;  
with You I am well pleased."*

*Mark 1-11b*

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**                      # 406    (st. 1-4)

**Confession & Absolution**                      p. 151

**Introit**

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
**my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

I will tell of the decree:

**The Lord said to me, "You are my son;  
today I have begotten you.**

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
**and the ends of the earth your possession.**

You shall break them with a rod of iron  
**and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
**be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

Serve the Lord with fear,  
**and rejoice with trembling,**

for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
**Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it  
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
**my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

**Kyrie**    p. 152

**Glory to God**                                      p. 154

**Salutation & Collect**                              p. 156

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You  
proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit.  
Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your  
children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus  
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever.

**Old Testament:** Genesis 1:1-5 (ESV)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**Gradual**

Praise the Lord, all nations!

**Extol him, all peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

**bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

**Epistle Reading:** Romans 6:1-11 (ESV)

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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.

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. 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**“Alleluia”**

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**Holy Gospel: St. Mark 1:4-11 (ESV)**

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying,

"After me comes He who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, *"You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."*

**Apostles' Creed**

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**Sermon**

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

**In our thoughts and prayers,**

† Greg Caldwell (Lacy Korbyn's uncle), Betty Hausauer & Tiffany Scherer;

† Brian & Lois Scherer, on the birth of a granddaughter, Mattie Marie;

† Our newly-elected officers, as they are installed today.



**Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 62    Offerings: \$2,368.00

By the same power of God that raised Jesus from the grave we are by virtue of our baptisms empowered to live renewed lives that demonstrate we really are the redeemed people of God. Our words and works of love as God's stewards are the proper responses to God's great love for us in Christ and a blessing to those around us.

**Welcome to worship** as Christ reveals Himself to us as the Son of God in this season of Epiphany. To save us, Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River to have the sins of all the world washed upon Him so that He would be the sin-bearer for us. At His Baptism, He was anointed with the Holy Spirit to carry the guilt of our sin to the death of the cross. Bearing the world's sin, God proclaimed Jesus to be His Son in whom He is well-pleased. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon.

**Installation of Officers:** The following members of our congregation have been chosen by their fellow members to assume positions of special importance and service in our congregation, assisting the pastor in the work of Christ's Church:

Chairman, Evangelism	Gerald Bieber
Chairman, Fellowship	Kent Larson
Chairman, Public Relations	Ray Sorge
Finance Committee	Blake Wiedrich
Lay Ministry	Terry Dschaak
	Keith Peterson
	Brian Scherer

**Mission Update:** Please join us following worship for a mission update on the work of Matt & Angie. There will be a free-will offering.

**Today in Sunday school:** The Baptism and temptation of Jesus serve as the lesson focus today. Jesus is baptized into and takes on our sins, and faces our temptations so we, in Baptism, would receive His goodness, His holiness, and His purity. *Parents could ask, "Why is it important that Jesus was baptized? Why is it important that we are baptized?"*

**2012 Offering envelopes:** The 2012 offering envelopes are on the table in the entryway. Please take yours home.

**Council Members,** please remember our meeting this Wednesday, January 12, 7:00 p.m.

**2011 Contribution Statements** have been emailed this past week to those who provided an email address. If you did not receive the statement by email, it is in your mailbox this morning. If you have a question on your statement, please talk to Sandy.



**The 2012 greeters sign-up sheet** is on the bulletin in the social hall. Please select the month you wish to serve as greeter. Thank you.

**District Convention:** Each district convention has a convention “essayist.” This person speaks on a specific topic that coincides with the convention theme. At our convention this month, January 22-25 in Grand Forks, we are privileged to have with us the Rocky Mountain District President, Rev. Randy Golter. Rev. Golter is well read in the theology of the “Church.” Golter will present four essays which will include (1) Defining what the Church is, (2) Looking at God’s First Church, (3) The Church as One, and (4) Seeking Conversation Partners in the Church. Golter’s essays will go right to the heart of our Convention theme, “Now you are the people of God.”



**COURAGEOUS:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is showing the movie **COURAGEOUS**, from the makers of **FIREPROOF**, on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Prince of Peace is located at 200 19th St. NW, Beulah. Everyone is invited to join us!

† This Week at Concordia †

Today	8:30 am	Divine Service *Installation of Officers
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Mission Update
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	10:15 am	Communion @ KRCC
	1:30 pm	Naomi Guild
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service *Installation of LWML Officers
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

**Church Office Hours**  
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*Please use a pew card to record your Church and/or  
Communion attendance this morning.  
Thank you.*