

# First Sunday after the Epiphany

## January 12, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.”* - Isaiah 43:1

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood

PRELUDE - *Praise and Thanksgiving* .....T. Bunessan, Dale Wood (1986)

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN - *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* .....T. St. George's, Windsor

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,  
manifested by the star to the sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem in your birth at Bethlehem,  
anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest and king supreme,  
and at Cana, wedding guest, in your Godhead manifest,  
manifest in power divine, changing water into wine,  
anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul,  
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill,  
anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Grant us grace to see you, Lord, mirrored in your holy word;  
may we imitate you now, and on us your grace endow;  
that we like to you may be at your great epiphany,  
and may praise you ever blessed, God in flesh made manifest.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
**worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
**the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
**the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
**the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf  
**and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
**the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl and strips the  
forest bare, **and in his temple all say, "Glory!"**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
**the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

May the Lord give strength to his people!  
**May the Lord bless his people with peace!**


Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22


*During the singing of the next hymn, children age 3 and up are  
welcome to follow Godly Play leaders to continue their worship in  
CE-106.*

EPIPHANY

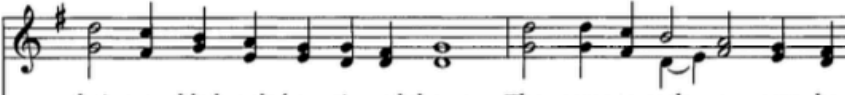
# 315 When John Baptized by Jordan's River




1 When John bap-tized by Jor-dan's riv - er in faith and  
 2 There as the Lord, bap-tized and pray - ing, rose from the  
 3 O Son of man, our na - ture shar - ing, in whose o -



hope the peo - ple came, that John and Jor - dan might de - liv - er  
 stream, the sin - less one, a voice was heard from heav - en say - ing,  
 be - dience all are blessed, Sav - ior, our sins and sor - rows bear - ing,



their trou-bled souls from sin and shame. They came to seek a new be -  
 "This is my own be - lov - ed Son." There as the Fa - ther's word was  
 hear us and grant us this re - quest: dai - ly to grow, by grace de -



gin - ning, the hu - man spir - it's age - less quest, re - pent - ance,  
 spo - ken, not in the pow'r of wind and flame, but of his  
 fend - ed, filled with the Spir - it from a - bove; in Christ bap -

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 TUNE: Attributed to Louis Bourgeois (1543)

*Alternate setting, hymn 545*  
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EPIPHANY

and an end of sin - ning, re - nounc - ing ev - 'ry wrong con - fessed.  
love and peace the to - ken, seen as a dove, the Spir - it came.  
tized, be - loved, be - friend - ed, chil - dren of God in peace and love.

The image shows a musical score for Epiphany. It consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both in G major (one sharp). The treble staff has a melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff has a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'and an end of sin - ning, re - nounc - ing ev - 'ry wrong con - fessed. love and peace the to - ken, seen as a dove, the Spir - it came. tized, be - loved, be - friend - ed, chil - dren of God in peace and love.'

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7.....The Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen  
SERMON - *Speaking Truth to Power*

TEMPTATION AND CONFLICT

**God of Grace and God of Glory 751**

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power, crown your an - cient Church 's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us,  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore, let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1930), alt. Used by permission of Elinor Fosdick Downs  
 TUNE: John Hughes (1907)

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## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*The offertory provides an opportunity to reflect on the many ways that we can express our gratitude in response to God: with time, treasure, talents, and testimony. For financial giving online: Use the Moravian Ministries Foundation giving portal at <https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/>. Click the DONATE tab on any page of the Home Church website. For more information, go to [homemoravian.org/donate](http://homemoravian.org/donate). You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.*

### OFFERTORY INVITATION

ANTHEM: *Do Not Be Afraid* .....Philip W.J. Stopford (2015)

HMC Choir

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine. When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves. When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames. Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine. When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am by your side. When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes. Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine. You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love. Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine.

### DOXOLOGY

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

## *Liturgy of Courage*

(standing)

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,

**Make known God's deeds among the peoples.**

Seek the Lord and his strength;

**Seek his presence continually.**

We wait for the Lord; our souls wait, and in God's word we hope; our  
souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning,

**More than those who watch for the morning.**

Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and great  
power to redeem.

**Our hope is in the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

*T. Bishopgarth*

Who trusts in God, a strong a-bode in heav'n and earth pos -

sess - es; who looks in love to Christ a-bove, no fear the heart op -

press - es. In you a-lone, dear Lord, we own sweet hope and con - so

la - tion, our shield from foes, our balm for woes, our great and sure sal - va - tion.

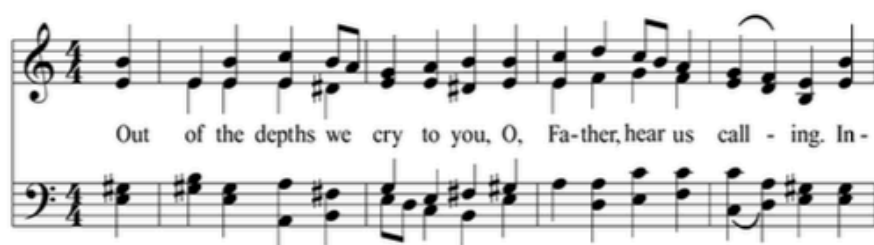
Lord our God, we come before you grateful for your faithfulness. We believe in your strength; we rely on your care; yet our hearts are often filled with fear.

**Our ancestors' eyes were opened to knowledge of good and evil; and they saw themselves helpless; and they were afraid; and in their fear, ashamed.**

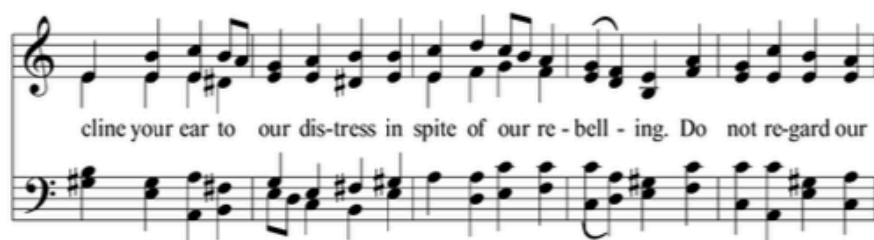
Lord, we come before you with humble prayers, asking relief from our fear and shame. We ask for your strength, and the humility to receive it.

(sitting)

*T. De profundis \**



Out of the depths we cry to you, O, Fa-ther, hear us call - ing. In -



cline your ear to our dis-tress in spite of our re - bell - ing. Do not re-gard our



sin-ful deeds. Send us the grace our spir-it needs; with - out it we are no - thing.



Give ear to our silent confessions of the fears to which we cling despite your word of comfort and assurance.

(silent prayer)

**God of constant care, we confess that we have often failed to trust in your presence. We think that closing our hearts will keep them safe; and so we have closed them to the perfect love that casts out fear. Now our many fears stand between us and the life to which you call us. Help us, we pray. Open our ears to the messengers who cry, "Be not afraid." Make us strong in the strength of your power. Amen.**

Thus says the Lord: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

**God, we thank you for your forgiveness, and your never-ending offer of strength and courage.**

We thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ, who entered this world's misery to bear it and to overcome it.

**We pray to follow his example more and more each day.**

We pray to keep alert, to stand firm in our faith, to be courageous, to be strong, through the power of Jesus Christ and his Holy Spirit.

**Then we will lift our drooping hands, and strengthen our weak knees, and make straight paths for our feet, not letting our fears lead us astray. Thus we commit ourselves to live with courage for the sake of Jesus Christ, who loves us and gave himself for us.**

(standing)

T. Germany\*\*

Now let us to his ser - vice rise, strength - ened in  
Then grant us cou - rage, Fa - ther God, to choose a -  
You do not give a spi - rit of fear, but one of  
bo - dy, mind, and soul, with Christ we die and live a -  
gain the pil - grim way, and help us to ac - cept with  
sound - ness, love and pow'r. We hear the cry, "Be not a -  
gain, his self - less love has made us whole.  
joy the chal - lenge of to - mor - row's way.  
fraid!" and claim your cou - rage in this hour.

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn 832, *The Grace of Our Lord*

SERVICE MUSIC

832

**The Grace of Our Lord**

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ, and the love of God, and the com - mu - nion of the Ho - ly Spir - it, be with us all, be with us all. A - men." The score consists of three systems of staves. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady rhythm.

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 13:13  
TUNE: Christian Gregor (1763)

Irregular  
(540 E)

*While singing, we extend the right hand of fellowship. Those who wish may exit as the postlude begins.*

POSTLUDE: *Let All Christians Praise Our God* (BWV 609) ....T. *Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich*, J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We extend a cordial welcome** to all visitors this morning and invite you to join us again whenever possible. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register, pass it both ways in your pew, and greet those near you. After the service, pick up a beverage in the serving room off the Sanctuary, and enjoy fellowship.

**The flowers** are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *Jim and Marty Stockton Hancock* and *John and Marjorie Gardner* by John and Meg Hancock Gardner.

## **SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING**

**GODLY PLAY, CE-106 (ages 3 and up), *Jesus the Boy in the Temple***

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (in person and via Zoom), 11:15 a.m.**

**Epiphany Missions/Feasting on the Word Class, CE-101**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83706149664?pwd=QkxldlY3M0pKd2ZaL2RCSkTueFpMdz09#success>

**Bible Discussion, Club Room**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83452378697#success>

**CHILDREN & YOUTH POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m., CE Building**  
**INQUIRERS' CLASS for Prospective Members, 11:15 a.m., Saal**

### **CALENDAR**

- Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105
  - 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
  - 10:20 a.m. - *Godly Play*, CE-106
  - 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship, Lovefeast Serving Room
  - 11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School Classes (see Sunday Educational Programming) "Power Hour", Children and Youth, CE Building Inquirers' Class, Saal
- Monday - 5:30 p.m. - Circle 5, Parlor
  - 7:00 p.m. - Trustees Meeting, Club Room
- Tuesday - 12:00 p.m. - Circle 8, Parlor
  - 6:30 p.m. - Beginning Band, Rehearsal Room
  - 7:30 p.m. - Chorale Band, Rehearsal Room
- Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast, Cagney's Restaurant
  - 5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner, Fellowship Hall
  - 6:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Program, CE-101
- Thursday - 11:00 a.m. - Candle Tea Committee, Parlor
  - 6:30 p.m. - Choir Practice, RB-5
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### **PERSONALS**

**Congratulations and Best Wishes to** Gigi Goslen and Riley Burgiss, who were united in marriage on December 21.

**Congratulations to** Allison Thornton Peters and Devin Peters on the birth of a son, Beckett Stephen Peters, on January 7.

**We express our sympathy to:**

Bob Veto, whose mother, Lorraine Bouley Veto, died December 8. Jill Sear, whose brother, Jett Ferm, died December 31.

The family of Lucy Willingham, who died January 6.

**ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Interested in becoming a member of Home Moravian Church?** Inquirers' classes began on January 8 and will continue through the month. The class will meet in the Saal today after worship. Subsequent classes will follow on January 19, 22, and 26. Sunday classes will meet at 11:15 a.m., after worship; Wednesday classes will meet at 6:45 p.m., after Wednesday night supper. Talk to a pastor if you have questions about becoming a member or attending the classes. If you missed the first class, there is still time to come on board today!

**On January 26, the Men of the Church** will be hosting our first breakfast in 2025. Mr. Terry Taylor, President and CEO of Old Salem Museum and Gardens, will be our guest speaker. Please make plans to attend and enjoy breakfast with your fellow members of the congregation at 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Please call the Church Office to make your reservations so the proper amount of food can be prepared. All are invited.

Virginia Hege Tobiasen, *Pastor* Craig Atwood, *Associate Pastor*  
Glenn Siebert, *Director of Music* Jonathan Williams, *Organist*  
Becky Hodges, *Director of Christian Formation*  
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