

Light of Christ Lutheran Church

The First Sunday after Epiphany
Church Office ~ (949) 786-3326

January 8, 2023

Worship Times: 8:00 am & 10:30 am
18182 Culver Dr. Irvine, CA 92612

Worship Christ

Grow with Others

Serve Christ



**We are thankful to God that you are here to worship with us this morning. Your presence with us is a gift from the Lord!
May He bless our worship.**

CHURCH FOR THE YOUNG CHILD

We rejoice in Christ's invitation: "Let the little children come to me and forbid them not." Our goal is to help parents teach their children how to sit and worship with their family. Infants and young children are always welcome in our worship service, and their occasional unexpected voices simply add "happy sounds" to our praise of God. If a child is making enough noise to interfere with other people's worship, we ask that you walk them out of the main sanctuary, wait for them to quiet down and then return to the sanctuary with them. It is important to show kids that making noise doesn't get them out of church. You may feel awkward leaving a couple of times during the service, but we understand. You may find it helpful to sit in the back, near the doors to make the process a little easier.

Announcements

Stand

Opening Hymn

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

LSB 405



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

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Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

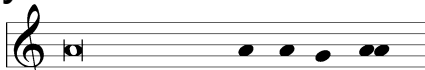
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

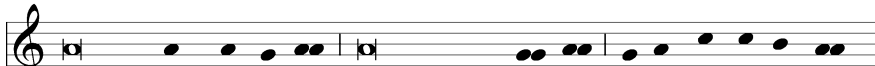
Kyrie



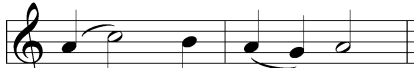
A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



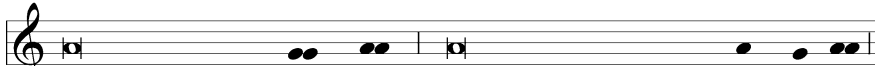
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



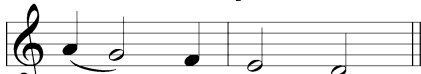
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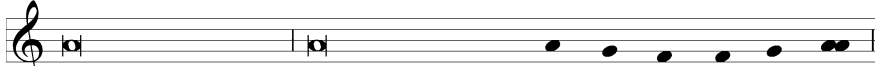
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



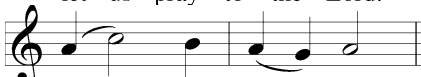
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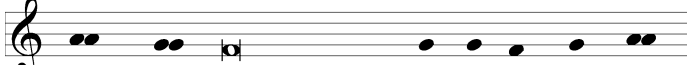
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis



A Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



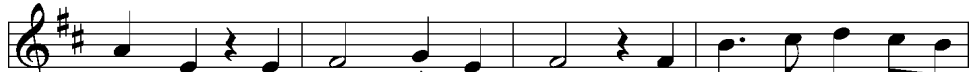
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus 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 the 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, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Galatians 5:16-24

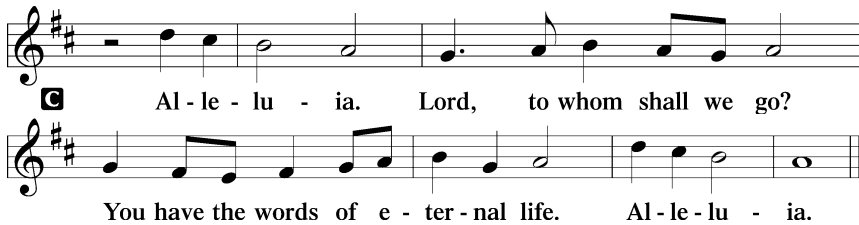
¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

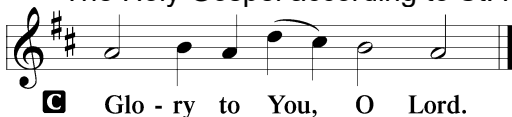


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Third chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And 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; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

Handbell Choir - We Three Kings

arr. Kevin McChesney

Hymn of the Day

Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

LSB 409



1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our
2 Once far off but now in - vit - ed, We ap - proach Your
3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their



hu - man race! Gen - tiles now, Your grace pos - sess - ing, In Your
sa - cred throne, In Your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed, Rec - on -
of - f'rings bring, In Your tem - ples seek Your fa - vor, Je - sus



courts ob - tain a place. Grate - ful now, we fall be - fore You,
ciled, re - deemed, made one. Now re - vealed to east - ern sa - ges,
Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, soul, and spir - it,



In Your Church re - joice to live, See Your glo - ry
See the Star of Mer - cy shine, Mys - t'ry hid in
Live de - vot - ed to Your praise, Glo - rious realms of



and a - dore You, Thank - ful for the grace You give.
for - mer a - ges, Mys - t'ry great of love di - vine.
bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Sermon Hymn

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

LSB 602



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.

His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!

Prayer of the Church

Battling Cancer

Melinda Meadows
Ted Paulet (*friend of Barbara Manske*)
Sara Gschwendtner (*niece of Gale Paul*)
Carl Schubert
Lee DeLeary (*brother of Eric Peters*)
Michelle Duer (*friend of Cheryl Lewis*)
Jim Hunnel (*friend of Van Horn family*)
Sophie Szilagyi (*neighbor of the Voelz*)
Tiara Bland (*friend of Pak Family*)
Kathy Durocher (*friend of Marilyn Schubert*)
Marlene and Michelle Gonzalez
Lisa Ciampa (*friend of Tom and Helga Butz*)
Mark Haunschild (*cousin of Jan Massmann*)
Harlan Brockman (*brother of Ruth Rosenau*)
Claire Fu (*preschool family*)
Fred Martinez (*friend of Julie Giron*)

Lou Freeman (*gr-father of Stephanie Goodrich*)
Lori Stewart (*friend of Julie Voelz*)
Marla Lichtsinn (*friend of Tom Butz*)
Paul Massmann
Don Bayley (*friend of the Voelz/Schuberts*)
Helen Edler (*mother of Lauren Couch*)
Tim Cano (*nephew of Dennis Iverson*)
Robert Lingenfelter
Ken Howe (*neighbor of Sciarani's*)
Jerry Rose (*friend of Julie Giron*)
Brandon Gekeian (*relative of Irene Iverson*)
Debbie Santos (*niece of Lauri Howell*)
Marlayne Giron (*sister-in-law of the Giron Family*)
Michael Held (*father of Jeff Held*)
Al Nelson
Bart Jessen (*uncle of Barb Pak*)

Strength and Healing

George Beaty (*cousin of Marlene Eich*)
Arlene Tom (*mother of J Tom*)
Noel Hill (*preschool family*)
Ted Pawloski (*preschool family*)
Jane Kum (*gr-mother of Jeremy Tom*)
Simon Rosenau (*gr-nephew of G Rosenau*)
May Fynaardt (*wife of Nathan Fynaardt*)
Ibrahim Abordia (*friend of R. Lingenfelter*)
Alma Rich (*mother of Leigh Ann Unger*)
David Ambler (*brother of Jan Massmann*)
Shirley Vogel
Marilyn Schubert
Eva Albes (*preschool family*)
Shadman Shaker (*son of Niloo Rad*)
Eric Bauhofer (*friend of the Girons*)
Deborah Floor (*sister of Pastor Rosenau*)
Andria Butz
Linda Bradley (*mother of Konrad Hack*)
Galina Chtcherbak (*mother of Oksana Hack*)

Kris Cosain (*cousin of Marco Adame*)
Janet Brewer (*friend of Paul Massmann*)
Dan Armstrong (*friend of Marlene Eich*)
Eli Lee (*friend of Siekmann family*)
Nancy Nash (*mother of Julie Giron*)
Mario Gonzales (*uncle of Jose Lizarraga*)
Dorothy Schmidt (*mother of Debbie Wienert*)
Ed Wathen (*family friend of Girons*)
Ellen Waterstadt (*family of Paul Massmann*)
Jerry Wednt (*friend of Tom Butz*)
Pastor Graeme Rosenau
Ruth Rosenau
Mark Shurtleff
Amy Chen (*neighbor of Bliss family*)
Michael Beltran (*family friend of Adames*)
Melissa Thomure (*sister of Andria Butz*)
Jane Johnson (*sister of Ruth Rosenau*)
Judy Rainey (*sister of Nancy Shurtleff*)

Blessings

Birth of Samuel Jacob Couch

Military

Mateo Casas (*cousin of Steve Giron*)
Michael Lamb (*cousin of Eric Peters*)
Alexandra Crosswait (*family of Rosenaus*)
Gregory Spaulding (*nephew of Stellings*)

Matt Grobelch (*cousin of Michael Grobelch*)
Rob Bryant (*Preschool Family*)
Jason Lizarraga (*brother of Jose Lizarraga*)

Persecuted Church

All those suffering persecutions for their faith in Jesus Christ

Mental Health

All those struggling with mental health issues

Mission Field

Light of Christ Preschool Ministry and Missionary-Teachers

Relief and Mission Organizations We Support

Lutheran World Relief; O.C. Rescue Mission; Jesus Love Lutheran Church; Pacific Southwest District; Kobon Ministry; Lutheran Social Services, Salvation Army

Stand

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people, according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- ☐ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen

Closing Hymn Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering LSB 600



1 Mark how the Lamb of God's self - of - f'ring Our hu - man

2 From this as - sur - ance of God's fa - vor Je - sus goes

3 Grant us, O God, the strength and cour - age To live the



sin - ful - ness takes on In the birth - wa - ters of the

to the wil - der - ness, There to en - dure a time of

faith our lips de - clare; Bless us in our bap - tis - mal



Jor - dan As Je - sus is bap - tized by John.

test - ing That read - ied Him to teach and bless.

call - ing; Christ's roy - al priest-hood help us share.



Hear how the voice from heav - en thun - ders, "Lo,

So we, by wa - ter and the Spir - it Bap -

Turn us from ev - 'ry false al - le - giance, That



this is My be - lov - ed Son." See how in dove-like

tized in - to Christ's min - is - try, Are of - ten led to

we may trust in Christ a - lone: Raise up in us a



form the Spir - it De - scends on God's A - noint - ed One.

paths of ser - vice Through maz - es of ad - ver - si - ty.

cho - sen peo - ple Trans - formed by love to be Your own.

The Sending

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Weekly Announcements

Adult Ed: Why do we follow some OT laws but not others?

There are certain laws that God gave in the Old Testament that we don't follow anymore. Do we get to pick and choose which ones to follow or are there scriptural reasons why some are not followed or enforced anymore??? Join us Jan 15, 22 and 29, at 9:20am in the Sanctuary, as we look at the Three Divisions of the Old Testament Law.

31 Days of Prayer

We will be joining together to pray for the same things everyday in January. Usually, we would have daily devotions, but you are reading at least one chapter of the bible a day. We will be printing weekly prayers for us to do together. You can use this as part of your five minutes of daily prayer! Plus, we will all be doing it together.

Sun, Jan 8

- Help those who are dealing with mental health illness.
- For those who are single in the church. Ask God to help them in their struggles of living as a single.

Mon, Jan 9

- For parents as they teach their kids about Jesus.
- For our CUI and DCE students who are helping our Youth Programming: Autumn Borg, Charles Bernal, Carrie Hinrichs, Hannah Austin

Tue, Jan 10

- Thank God For some specific blessings you have because of Light of Christ.
- For those in our congregation who are nervous about the future. There is a lot to be down with these days and

Wed, Jan 11

- Ask God how He can use you in ministry, whether that work is done at church or somewhere else. Tell God you are ready For Him to use you in service to others and to show you how to get started.
- You can choose humility or humiliation. One you can initiate; the other God will initiate.
- Tell God you want to glorify Him in all you do and For the Holy Spirit to guide you as you do this.

Thu, Jan 12

- For our four missionary teachers in the Light of Christ Preschool Ministry: Cindy Johnson, Brenda Ruehs, Kathy Vick and Kirsten Lizarraga.
- For the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of the kids at preschool and their families to be brought to faith.

Fri, Jan 13

- For Josh Jacobson, Linda Sims, Chris Hauser, Sophia Flores. Please thank God For their musical gifts and service to God and Light of Christ on Sunday mornings.
- That God's Will be done with the building project. This is God's Church. Let us be faithful to do what God wants us to do.

Sat, Jan 14

- For those who will go to church tomorrow. May everyone be strengthened in their faith.
- That God uses both services to bring people to faith.

Online Giving

Back in August, we started using a new online giving company. The new company is called Rebel Give and replaces Tith.ly. If you have automatic payments scheduled with the old company, you can stop those and use the new company. The reason for the switch is to save on the fees being charged. This new company has lower fees and will benefit the ministry with this change.

LOC Ministry Update

Encouraging members to be doing the things that lead to Spiritual growth: Hear the Gospel and read God's Word and pray daily.

Growth Groups will meet on January 8th after first service. NO Sunday School or Adult Ed this week.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS FOR SUNDAY:

Sanctuary: Ruehs

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Upper Room: Massmann

Fellowship Hall: Stelling

Kitchen & Room off the Kitchen: Puls

Preschool: Barnes

Preschool: Tom

January 2023 Reading Plan
Based on Sermon topics for the month

Sunday	January 1	Hebrews 1	Tuesday	January 17	Galatians 4
Monday	January 2	Hebrews 2	Wednesday	January 18	Galatians 5
Tuesday	January 3	Hebrews 3	Thursday	January 19	Galatians 6
Wednesday	January 4	Hebrews 4	Friday	January 20	1 Peter 1
Thursday	January 5	Hebrews 5	Saturday	January 21	1 Peter 2
Friday	January 6	Hebrews 6	Sunday	January 22	1 Peter 3
Saturday	January 7	Hebrews 7	Monday	January 23	1 Peter 4
Sunday	January 8	Hebrews 8	Tuesday	January 24	1 Peter 5
Monday	January 9	Hebrews 9	Wednesday	January 25	1 John 1
Tuesday	January 10	Hebrews 10	Thursday	January 26	1 John 2
Wednesday	January 11	Hebrews 11	Friday	January 27	1 John 3
Thursday	January 12	Hebrews 12	Saturday	January 28	1 John 4
Friday	January 13	Hebrews 13	Sunday	January 29	1 John 5
Saturday	January 14	Galatians 1	Monday	January 30	2 John 1
Sunday	January 15	Galatians 2	Tuesday	January 31	3 John 1
Monday	January 16	Galatians 3			

Bunco Fundraiser January 20th 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Come join us in the Fellowship Hall for a night of games and fun, win prizes while helping raise money for The Divine Child Care Orphanage. www.divine-orphanage.org
 Suggested donation of \$10 per person.

For more info contact Julie Voelz 949-933-9170.

Sunday Youth Announcements

Winter Sunday School

No Sunday School Classes Today. Please attend with your family to growth groups.

Sr High Winter Blast Retreat on January 20-22, 2023 is FULL. We have 15 youth and 2 adults going. If you want to be added to the waitlist, let Noel know ASAP.

Save the Date: High School Paintball on Saturday, February 4th

\$45 per person included 3 hours of play, Soft-Paint Ball Gun & 500 paintballs. Please respond to the Evite.

Confirmation Progressive Dinner on January 28th from 5-8 pm

Appetizer, Salad Bar, Main Dish and Dessert will be served at 4 different locations. Respond to the Evite.

Faith Milestone #2 – Picture Bible

In this milestone, parents attend a class on the importance of having family devotions and the significance of "Blessing" your child with a written and spoken blessing. At the end of this class, families take part in a special service to commemorate this important milestone and speak a word of blessing over their child. At this time the children will receive their picture bible. This is also a time for parents/guardians to renew their commitment to be faith mentors for their child. If you would like more info on this Milestone, please contact our Director of Children's Ministry Joann Johnson at childrensministryjoann.loc@gmail.com. Our next class is on **Jan. 22nd & 29th at 9:15 am with the Bible Blessing at both services on February 12th.**

Faith Milestone #3 – First Bible

By second grade, children have begun to read well enough to start using their own Bibles. In this milestone, parents are invited to a special class to help parents fulfill their baptismal promise to place the Scriptures into the hand of their child and teaches them about the importance of the Bible in their child's faith development. Parents/guardians and sponsors take part in a special service and have the opportunity to present the Bible to their child and speak a word of blessing over their child. If you would like more info on this Milestone, please contact our Director of Children's Ministry Joann Johnson at childrensministryjoann.loc@gmail.com. Our next class is on **Feb. 5th & 12th at 9:15 am with the Bible Blessing at both services on February 26th.**

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