



Believed to be site of Jesus Baptism on the Jordan River

**January 11, 2015
Baptism of the Lord**

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The People of God Gather

[* = "Please stand if able and comfortable"]

Welcoming Guests

Please sign one of the blue tablets in the pews.

Sharing Joys and Concerns as a Community in Christ:

Preparing Our Hearts & Minds for Worship:

A time of silence to prepare our hearts and minds to encounter God.

Prelude: "Sweet Hour of Hope" Nancy Blank

Introit: "I Love You, Lord" Choir

***Doxology: #592** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Call to Worship:** Psalm 29

***Gospel Lesson:** Mark 1:4-11

(In the ancient tradition of the church, please stand if it is easy to do so for the reading of the Gospel.)

Mark's – the earliest – story of the encounter between Jesus and John the baptizer/Baptist in which Jesus is baptized by John. Do note that it is Jesus alone who is aware of the descent of the Spirit and, presumably, of the voice.

***Opening Hymn:#487/667** "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Ritual of Confession and Assurance of God's Grace:

Prayer of Confession:

Silent Confession:

Words of Assurance of God's Grace: (Response: "Thanks be to God.")

***Gloria Patri: #579**

(children)

The Word Is Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination:

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

Our lesson requires no illumination other than to pay particular attention to the words, "and a wind from God sweeping over the water."

New Testament Lesson: Acts 19:1-7

The writer of Luke and Acts relates a story that explains Christian baptism in comparison with the

baptism by John the Baptist.

Sermon: *Skimming the surface, missing the depth*

*“ . . . with darkness over the surface of the deep and a wind from God sweeping over the water.”
(Genesis 1:2b [Tanakh Jewish Bible])*

The People of God Respond to the Word

We Reaffirm Our Baptismal Vows

*The Passing of Christ's Peace & Joy:

*Hymn: #492/482 *“Baptized in Water”*

Pastoral Prayer & The Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer:

Maintaining and Furthering the Mission of the Church:

Offering:

Offertory: *“Ave Maria”* Solo: George Oberdorf

*Doxology:

*Prayer of Dedication:

The People Take the Word into the World

*Blessing and Benediction:

*Parting Hymn:

Postlude:

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Nancy Blank

JANUARY SCHEDULE

~January Session Meeting will be Wednesday January 14 at 4:00 pm.

JANUARY NEWSLETTERS are at each entrance. Please note in the newsletters to use a special email created to send articles, stories, photos, and suggestions to Larry & Denise Kollert.

PRAYER CHAIN LIST IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. COPIES OF LIST ARE AT ENTRANCES.

We need USHERS FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH etc. Sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board or talk to BJ Brown-Ferguson.

**The TUESDAY morning Bible Study continues at 9:30 am in Hannah Hall.

Choir Rehearsal Wednesday evenings 6-7:30. New comers are welcome!!!

Ladies afternoon Bible Study January 21st (Lesson 7 on Luke 8.) 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 1pm.

Monthly Ladies Luncheon February 13th at L & B Inn at 11:30.

Men's Breakfast 1st & 3rd Wed. at 9am at Old Pueblo. Next date: Wed. Jan. 21st.