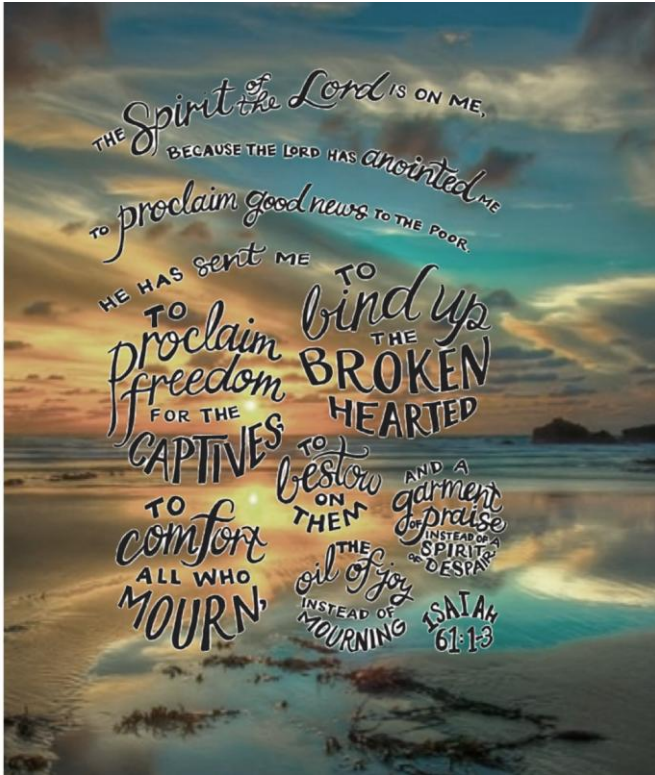


January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

**Mission Statement: To Bring People to Christ
And Nurture Them in the Faith**



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*Please stand if able

Prelude. Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

Praise Team

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We are marked as God's beloved ones.

People: What have we done to deserve God's grace?

Leader: God's grace is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

People: Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,

Leader: God's love and grace never vanishes from us.

People: Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us, AMEN.

*Opening Prayer

***Congregational Hymn . . "Rejoice, The Lord Is King" . . Hymnal # 715**

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Praises and Offerings

***Doxology**

Scripture. Isaiah 61:1-3; Mark 5:1-20

The Year of the LORD's Favor (Isaiah 61:1-3)

61 ¹The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—

to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes, the oil of joy
instead of mourning and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed Man (Mark 5:1-20)

5 ¹They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes.

²When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. ³This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. ⁴For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

⁶When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. ⁷He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!" ⁸For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you impure spirit!"

⁹Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." ¹⁰And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

¹¹A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. ¹²The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." ¹³He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

¹⁴Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened.

¹⁵When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ¹⁶Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. ¹⁷Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

¹⁸As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. ¹⁹Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." ²⁰So the man

went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

Congregational Song . . . “Cast Out, O Christ” . . . Green Book #3072

Sermon. “Broke to Oak” Rob Bacon

*Congregational Hymn. Hymnal # 568
“Christ For The World We Sing” Vs 1 & 4

Benediction

Postlude. Deb Mitchell



Announcements

- **Pastor’s Office Hours** : By appointment. Rob’s number 515-460-8885; Carol’s number 515-460-8969
- **Bulletin Announcements**: Please forward bulletin announcements to office@maxwellmc.org by Wednesday. The bulletin is posted on the church’s website <https://www.maxwellmc.org> under the bulletins tab.
- **Fellowship Sign-up**: Please be sure to sign up to bring refreshments for fellowship time.
- **January 12 @ 5:15 – 7:00 pm**: Youth Group
- **January 20 @ 9 am**: Sewing Group
- **January 25 @ 8:00 am**: Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study
- **January 26 Time TBD**: Youth Group
- **February 1 (Saturday)**: Benefit for Kelsey Fisher (Info in foyers).
- **February 14 @ 6:00 pm (Friday)**: Valentine’s Day Banquet, More details will be coming in the next few weeks.
- **Shut-in Birthday**: Barb Caple will celebrate her 90th birthday on January 19. Address: Story County Long Term Care, 630 6th Street, Nevada, IA 50201. Barb and Linden have been members of the Maxwell Methodist Church for 70 years. Barb and Linden joined on November 28, 1954.