**January 15, 2025**

**Collect**

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

**Hebrews 2:14-18**Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

**Psalm 105:1-15** 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his

Name; \*   make known his deeds among the peoples. 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*   and speak of all his marvelous works. 3 Glory in his holy Name; \*   let the hearts of those who seek the Lord

rejoice.

4 Search for the Lord and his strength; \*   continually seek his face. 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*   his wonders and the judgments of his

mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*   O children of Jacob his chosen. 7 He is the Lord our God; \*   his judgments prevail in all the world. 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, \*   the promise he made for a thousand

generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, \*   the oath that he swore to Isaac, 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, \*   an everlasting covenant for Israel, 11 Saying, “To you will I give the land of Canaan \*   to be your allotted inheritance.” 12 When they were few in number, \*   of little account, and sojourners in the land, 13 Wandering from nation to nation \*   and from one kingdom to another, 14 He let no one oppress them \*   and rebuked kings for their sake, 15 Saying, “Do not touch my anointed \*   and do my prophets no harm.”

**Mark 1:29-39**When Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up.

Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.