

♥Thank you Bill Bearwald
for your pre-worship music this morning!♥

Reminder of upcoming events



Our sympathy & condolences to Terry & Lois Tomtene and Arthur Tomtene, on the passing of their brother, Gordon Tomtene on December 18, 2019. The Funeral Service will be held on Friday December 27, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at Lake Park Baptist Church, Birch Hills. Please keep the Tomtene families in your prayers at this time.

This year **BOOK MARKS** are being provided for you to memorialize and decorate the Memorial Christmas tree at the back of the sanctuary. Write a personal message for one person or for multiple people on the green or red card attached to the ribbon. Include your name so that after Christmas you can retrieve your book mark.

Isaiah 40:31

But those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength.
They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired.
They will walk and not grow weak.

During the month of December, we will be collecting donations for the Children's Haven. (See the December Newsletter for more details)

Christmas Hampers for Schools

The Caring Ministry and Community Services team will prepare six Christmas Hampers for families associated with the John Diefenbaker and Princess Margaret Schools. The hampers will be distributed to families that struggle during the holiday season and need a little extra support to provide a special meal during the holidays for their family.

During the month of December the Sunday School children may donate toward a 'Gift from the Heart', **Tiny Hearts**, a CLWR (Canadian Lutheran World Relief) program. Donations will be collected and then we will purchase Chickens, Bees, Seeds, and/or Trees at \$5.00 each on behalf of the children. If you would like to contribute to this project, all donations are welcome!



Please join us on:
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24, 2018 ~ 7:30 p.m.

&

Christmas Day Service
December 25, 2018 – 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service w/Holy Communion



December 2019 - Attendance & Offerings		
December 1	96	\$7,672.05
December 8	94	\$5,469.25
December 15	84	\$3,752.00

Welcome to

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Advent 4- Sunday, December 22, 2019

Service Leader: Pastor Fran Schmidt
Organist: Elaine Serfas
Pre-Worship: Bill Baerwald
Greeter: Hazel Schultz
Reader: Iris Jones
Ushers: Jim & Vimy Penner
Communion Assistants: Corrine Amyotte
Donna Deobald

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

For the week of December 22 - December 29, 2019
Monday, Saturday & Sunday – Office Closed
Office Hours: Tuesday: 9am-noon;
Wednesday & Thursday closed,
Friday: 9am – 4pm

SUNDAY– Advent 4 – December 22

9:15 a.m. Christmas Choir practice
10:00 a.m. Coffee On
Pre-Worship Music – Bill Baerwald
10:30 a.m. Worship Service & Holy Communion and Sunday School
3:00 p.m. Baptism – Ezekiel Shane Paul Weinberger

TUESDAY – December 24

9:00 a.m. – 12 noon Office is opened
6:30 p.m. Doors open
7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service



WEDNESDAY – December 25

10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Worship Service w/Holy Communion

THURSDAY – December 26

Office is closed

FRIDAY – December 27

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Office Opened

SUNDAY – December 29

10:30 a.m. Worship Service
No Sunday School.

**Advent 4 – December 22, 2019
4th Sunday of Advent**

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

THE WONDER OF THE HOPE

Choral Introduction
Responsive Litany (on screen)

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Choir and congregation sing x2
"There is wonder"

PRAYER

Gracious Lord, open our eyes to the wonders you have done, open our ears to the promises you have spoken, and open our hearts that we might become the people you have called us to be. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: 7:10-16
Word of God, word of life . . . **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (read responsively)

Second Lesson: Romans 1:1-7
Word of God, word of life . . . **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)

Gospel: Matthew: 11:2-11
The Holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #255 (Vs. 1-2)
"There's a Voice in the Wilderness"

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Introduction

"Christmas is Comin"

SOLO: "In the Bleak Mid-Winter"

"Light of the World"

Prayer

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SHARING OF PEACE

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW, p. 152)

DIALOGUE

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 153)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ELW P. 154)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD (ELW p. 154)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

- #481 . . . "Come to the Table"
- #266 . . . "All Earth Is Hopeful"
- #286 . . . "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord"
- #292 . . . "Love Has Come"

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Three-fold sung Amen.

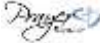
CLOSING HYMN ELW #242

"Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

 **Prayers for healing and on-going health concerns:**
Cordell Haugen, Jean Batiuk (sister-in-law to Ann & Roger Mayert), Donald Light (grandson to Elsie Thompson), Thelma Bauer (sister-in-law to Mrytle Bauer), Mildred Litzenberger, Fred Mathiason (friend of Dennis & Annette Ulmer), Chad Mahlberg (family friend of Merv Bender), Richard & Leslie Wagner (brother & sister-in-law to Gladys Faber), Dorothy Banjac, Alice Greening, Evelyn Finch, Agnes Brown and Audrey Hodgson.
