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Pastor Fran is away on study leave from January 12 - 18, returning January 19.
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Worship for Sunday, January 16, 2022
2nd Sunday after Epiphany – Service of the Word

Sunday Worship Service: In person and live broadcast on-line, begins at 10:30am. The wearing of masks is mandatory, and Covid vaccinations and hand sanitizing are encouraged. Offering is collected as you enter the Sanctuary. The service is taped for later viewing on the Messiah website.

Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:

We pray for comfort and healing for all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit; give them courage and hope in their time of need.



We offer our prayers and condolences to:

- Donna Braaten and her family on the death of Gordon Braaten, who passed away on January 5, 2022. The celebration of life for Gordon was held on January 12.
- the family and friends of Edith (nee Sundbo) Akers. Edith passed away on January 5, 2022, and her funeral service was held on January 11.

May God comfort all who mourn.

Today & This Week

January 16 - Sunday School at 11:45 am, right after Worship Service on Zoom (call the Messiah office for the link). Resource packets can be picked up from the Messiah office during office hours or call to arrange alternate pickup.

January 16 – No Confirmation

January 19 - Wednesday: Bible study at 7pm – Lectionary Bible Study continues on Zoom only. For more information, contact the Messiah office or Pastor Fran.

January 20 – Thursday: Worship Service at Good Shepherd Villas

Christian leaders across Canada are coming together for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18 - 25). Find a prayer gathering in your area, or sign up for a prayer slot to cover a week of non-stop prayer here: citymovement.org/events. See information below for the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism bible study series.

Next Sunday

- January 23 - We welcome Chaplain Richard Engel from LuMinHoS in Saskatoon to share a brief "Temple Talk" about this ministry.
- Holy Communion Worship Service at 10:30am
 - Sunday School at 11:45am
 - Confirmation resumes at 7pm on Zoom

Other Announcements:

Messiah Newsletter: The next newsletter will be published by January 30, so please have any announcements and articles submitted to the Messiah office by Tuesday, January 25. Thank you!

KINASAO SUMMER STAFF POSTINGS: Be challenged and supported; Help kids grow in their faith and share the love of Jesus with others; Make lifelong friendships; Develop leadership skills; Be part of a Christ-centered community; Have the occasional whipping cream pie thrown in their face; HAVE FUN; and help kids have the best week of their summer! Available positions include: Program Coordinators; Counsellors; Program Activity Assistants; First Aid Attendant; Lifeguards & Waterfront Supervisor; Maintenance Assistants; Housekeeper; Kitchen Assistants; Head Cook; Media Assistant; Outdoor Education Camp Staff.

Employment Dates: Program Coordinators: May 2 - August 21, 2022
 Maintenance Staff: May 2 - August 21, 2022
 Program & Kitchen Staff: May 9 - August 21, 2022

Kinasao summer staff are paid minimum wage for 40 hours each week with the exception of supervisor positions. Any additional hours are considered volunteer work. Application forms must be received by Kinasao by January 31 2022. Questions about the application process or employment at Kinasao, email Kristi Stolee, Assistant Director at kristi@kinasao.ca or go to www.kinasao.ca – Staff & Volunteers.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism has made the difficult decision to postpone the in person Ecumenical Worship service in light of the current wave of the Omicron variant. Please watch for further details regarding a new date and time, and consider registering for the 8 Day Online Bible Study series:

Tuesday, January 18 - Tuesday, January 25 from 12:15-1:00pm daily except Sunday, January 23 at 3pm
 Register here - https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEKdeGhrzgtEtd2wehNGffCCV1v3D_2PfZ6
 For more information, please contact Shawn at shawn.sanfordbeck@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca, or call 306-441-6367.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: ELW#641 "All are Welcome"

GREETING

KYRIE-p. 184

HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW#876 "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray, Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

A reading from Isaiah.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 36:5-10

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.

⁷How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

¹⁰Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Miracles

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW p. 188

GOSPEL READING AND SERMON: Pastor Jane Gingrich, BC Synod, Kamloops

HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to John in the second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the

inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#866 "We are Marching"

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you.

We share a sign of that peace.

PRAYER

God blesses us through prayer.

OFFERING HYMN: ELW#692 "We Lift Our Voices" 2X

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray, God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made, praying God of grace, and responding, hear our prayer.

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Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray....

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.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

Amen. Three-Fold Sung Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW#671 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.