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Pastor Fran is away on Study Leave from January 12 - 18, returning January 19. For immediate ministry needs, please contact Cheryl Bauer Hyde @ 306-961-2967

Worship for Sunday, January 9, 2022
Baptism of our Lord

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.

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 condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Fred Mathiason who passed away on January 3, 2022. May the light of Christ's love and grace illumine your way in this time of grief.



BAPTISM † - We welcome Melia Deckmann.
Daughter of Alexander and Ina Deckmann,
sponsored by Christopher and Janelle Samoila,
into the body of Christ as she is baptized today.
Welcome, newest member of God's family!

Today & This Week

January 9 - Sunday School at 11:45 am, right after Worship Service on Zoom (call the Messiah office or Pastor Fran for the link). Resource packets can be picked up from the Messiah office during office hours or call office to arrange alternate pickup.

January 9 – Confirmation at 7pm on Zoom.

January 12 - Wednesday: Bible study at 7pm – Lectionary Bible Study continues on Zoom only. For more information, contact Pastor Fran.

January 16 - Worship Service at 10:30am
 - Sunday School at 11:45 am
 - No Confirmation

January 23 – Holy Communion Worship Service at 10:30am

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.

Canadian Lutheran World Relief: On behalf of everyone at CLWR, our partners around the world, and the thousands of lives who were changed with your support this year— thank you! As the year turns to 2022, please accept our thanks for your incredible friendship, and for making all of this possible in 2021. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to do this work, and we look forward to continuing in partnership next year! May God bless you and your family with health and happiness in the New Year.
 Karin Achtelstetter, Executive Director

ELCIC Task Force on Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia: The task force invites people in the 2SLGBTQQIA community to share stories and experiences to help form the task force's report and recommendations. A set of questions has been developed to guide people through telling their stories; sharing as much or as little as liked. Space is held for both positive and negative experiences, for new stories and those from the past. For more information, please email: tfhbt@elcic.ca.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: ELW#532 "Gather Us In"

GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. And also with you.

KYRIE- p. 184

HYMN OF PRAISE: ACS#915 "When a Star is Shining"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray, Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

A reading from Isaiah.

¹But thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

PSALM 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

A reading from Acts.

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel according to Luke in the third chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead, he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "The Real Deal"

SERMON: "Knowing Who You Are"

Silence for Reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#581 "You are Mine"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Renunciation Questions

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water, you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood, you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Blessed be God now and forever.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

BAPTISM

Melia, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Melia with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Melia, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized. We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you.
We share a sign of that peace.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN: ACS#915 "When a Star is Shining"

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together, blessed are you, O God, sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: ELW, p. 190

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all. Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION HYMNS:

ELW#483 "Here is Bread"

ELW#396 "Spirit of Gentleness"

ELW#838 "Beautiful Savior"

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our precious Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and unto everlasting life. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray, we give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. 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.

Three-Fold Sung Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW#525 "You Are Holy"

DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the Good News.

Thanks be to God.