

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND READINGS

JANUARY 13, 2019

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

43 But now 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."

Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

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.

Psalm 29 will be led by the cantor. The congregation joins in on the refrain.

Refrain: **The Lord will give strength to his people;**

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. Give unto the Lord, you mighty ones,
Give unto the Lord glory and strength.
Give unto the Lord the glory due his name.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **R:**

2. The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders; the Lord is over many water.
The voice of the Lord is full of majesty. **R:**

3. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
Yes, the Lord splinters the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes them skip like a calf;
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox. **R:**

4. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
The Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth,
And strips the forest bare. **R:**

5. The Lord sat enthroned at the Flood
And the Lord sits as King forever. **R:**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-17

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John 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. ¹⁷ His 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."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and 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."

ASSISTING MINISTER: Marty Goetz

LECTOR: Marcy Miller

GREETERS: Gailyn and Mark Matscherz

USHERS: Thom and Colleen Cipro

CRY ROOM: Located downstairs in the youth room. Also available are coloring books and crayons on the last pew in a green basket.

CALENDAR

TODAY 10:00 Sunday School

MONDAY 12:30 Willing Worker's Meeting

7:00 Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY 10:00 Annual Report info due in office

7:00 Adult Bible Study



NEW PRAYER REQUESTS: The family of Brent and Nicole Williamson on the death of Nicole's grandmother Marie Simpson, Tom Wilson father of Mike Wilson diagnosed with lung cancer and scheduled for a procedure on January 17 to determine treatments.

CONTINUED PRAYER: Shonna Ash, Tom Brosenitsch, Cynthia sister of Bev Brosenitsch diagnosed with breast cancer, Sally Benjamin, Pete Carlino, Nellie Chmara, Jenny, Judy Hart, Adrienne Haegg, William Loveridge.

[The complete prayer list is in the January newsletter.]

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING LAST SUNDAY: 35 - \$1803.00

FOOD CUPBOARD – JANUARY

Boxes of potatoes and boxes or bags of rice mixes.

2019 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND LUNCH

Mark your calendars for an extremely important congregational meeting and lunch on Sunday, January 27, immediately following our 9:00 worship service. We will be discussing and voting on the Enabling Resolution and Shared Ministry Agreement with Zion Lutheran. Please sign the sheet in the narthex, if you are planning on attending. Lunch will be provided by the Council members. **Annual report information is due in the office this coming Wednesday, January 16, by 10:00 AM.**

READING “LUKE” AS A SYNOD

The latest set of discussion questions for adults, youth and children while reading through Luke are currently posted on the Synod Facebook page and will continue to be posted weekly. You are invited to share your thoughts in the comments section as well to share these posts within our own congregation and communities. **Don't use Facebook?** Download the Reading Schedule: Part 1 which lists the same discussion questions being shared synod wide online.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2019 offering envelopes in the back of the church. Also if possible, please pick up envelopes and deliver them to family members that are not here today.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

Daily devotionals for January, February and March are in the narthex bookshelf and on the table by the office for you to take home.

2019 FLOWER CHART

Is now up in the narthex. Please consider providing flowers for the Altar in the coming year.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Please see Cheryl Whitehouse if you are able to provide a dessert the weeks of January 21 and January 28. We will need to provide 30 regular desserts and 12 diabetic each day.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Did you make a New Year's Resolution to strengthen your faith? Consider trying our Adult Sunday School class. We will be studying Baptism today and starting next week, we will be Meeting Jesus. Class meets immediately after worship in Strobel Hall. Hope to see you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

We are still looking for someone to volunteer as our Sunday School Superintendent. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please see Linda Flora. Elizabeth Muthler has done a wonderful job with this small group of young people and we want to thank her for her many years of service.

ABIDING MINISTRIES

Paper Towels

Toilet Paper

Dishwashing Liquid

Multi-purpose cleaner products

Men's or Boy's boxers and briefs all sizes

Lady's or girl's underwear & bras all sizes

Men and Boys belts all sizes

Socks all sizes

This is the last day for you to leave your donation. Pastor Bev will deliver the supplies the week of January 14.

Thank you for your donation!

VISITORS

If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the welcome cards in the pew racks. Also, please feel free to take home a monthly newsletter. We welcome all visitors and invite you to make our church your church.