**Welcome to OUR SAVIOUR’S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord Jan. 06 & 09, 2022

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*\* All who are able please stand L: Leader; P: People*

Prelude Accom.: Craig Bowden

Words of Welcome and Good News

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sisters and brothers, today we recall: Jesus came to the waters of baptism.

**P: In baptism, our Creator claims us and frees us from the power of hatred and death.**

L: In baptism we are joined to Christ, and joined together in unity, recalling

**P: “There is no longer Jew or Greek there is no longer slave or free there is no longer male or female for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”**

L: In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry and makes us signs of divine love. It is the mark of acceptance into the church and the beginning of our growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

**P: Therefore, on this day, the whole church, the Body of Christ, remembers and celebrates.**

L: Let us worship God!

\*HYMN: “Arise Your Light Has Come” B164/Projected

\*INVOCATION

***ALL: Loving God, we thank you for the waters of baptism that continually renew us drowning the old and bring to life the new through faith in Jesus. Wash away everything in us that does not reflect your praise and glory and transform our lives to reflect the life of Jesus. Amen.***

\*Response & Invitation: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” by Thomas A. Dorsey

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired,**

**I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night,**

**lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

WITNESS OF FAITH: Isaiah 43:1-7

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 29

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

***ALL: Gracious God, we confess that too often we live as though we are fearful, not faithful. When we encounter the waters of chaos and confusion, we don’t easily pass through them, but we obsess about the height of the water instead of the sight of the other side. You promised to walk through the rivers with us. Help us believe. And help our unbelief.***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Thus says the God who created you and formed us in God’s image: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine, your sins are forgiven.” This is the good news!

**P: I Belong to God.**

Passing of the Peace [A blessing from our minister]

WITNESS OF FAITH: Acts 8:14-17

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

A TIME FOR LEARNING WITH OUR CHILDREN: Baptism of Jesus Projected

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed Projected

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

**I can feel God’s mighty power and God’s Grace**

 **I can hear the brush of angel’s wings**

 **I see glory on each face**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

VISUAL REFLECTION: “What is Baptism?” Luther House of Study Projected

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

**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 debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,**

**and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

HYMN: “None But Jesus” Hillsong Worship Projected

MEDITATION: “The Spirit Moves” Rev. Kevin Mundell

HYMN: “When Peace Like a River” B438/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering options by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.]

L: When we give our tithes and offerings, we are witnesses to the transforming love of God in Christ. I invite you to give as generously as you have received.

OFFERTORY

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***ALL: Accept these gifts, we humbly pray, O God. Let them give you honor and glory as we serve the needs of your people. And let the called and redeemed of God say, Amen.***

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM: OUR PROMISES

L: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be a disciple, to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, to resist oppression, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ, as best you are able? (Pause)

L: And do you promise, according to the grace given to you, to grow in your faith and to be a faithful member of the church, celebrating Christ’s presence and furthering God’s mission in all the world? (Pause)

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM: REAFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISM

L: If you choose, you may come forward to recall the promises of your baptism—made either by you or on your behalf by your parents/guardians. If you have never been baptized, consider whether you would like to start the journey toward your formal commitment to God through Jesus with baptism.

L: I would invite any who wish to, after our sung benediction to come forward before they leave and remember their baptism by dipping their fingers in the water and making a sign of the cross on their forehead while saying, “I am God’s beloved!”

PRAYER OF RECOMMITMENT

***All: By your Spirit, Almighty God, Grant us Love for others, Joy in serving you, Peace in disagreement, Patience in suffering, Kindness toward all people, Goodness in evil times, Faithfulness in temptation, Gentleness in the face of opposition, Self-control in all things. Then strengthen us for ministry in your name. Amen.***

\*BENEDICTION: “Go Now In Peace”

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

\*Postlude

**THIS WEEK’S COMING EVENTS**

**Thurs. January 6 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**6:30pm Worship Service in Sanctuary**

**Fri. January 7 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Sun. January 9 9:00am Worship Service in Sanctuary**

 **10:15am Christian Ed Classes**

**Mon. January 10 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **6:30pm Church Council Meeting**

**Tues.**  **January 11 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Wed. January 12 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **5:15pm Confirmation Session Fourteen**

**Thurs. January 13 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **6:30pm Worship Service**

**Fri. January 14 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Sun. January 16 9:00am Worship in Sanctuary with Officer Lindsey Michaels**

 **and the Turkey Dinner Donation**

 **10:15am Christian Ed Classes, Adult Ed TBD**

 **10:15 Altar Guild Meeting in Conference Room**

**FUTURE COMING EVENTS**

**Mon. January 17 5:30pm Christian Ed Meeting**

 **6:30pm Evangelism Meeting**

**Tues. January 18 5:30pm Missions Meeting**

**Wed. January 19**  **5:15pm Confirmation Session Fifteen**

**Thurs. January 20 6:30pm Worship in Sanctuary**

**Sun. January 23 9:00am Worship in Sanctuary**

 **10:15am Christian Ed Classes**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** If any of your contact information changes, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

**WORSHIP & COMMUNION:** Our next Drive-Thru Communion will be happening on February 6th. On January 2nd, we had 12 participants.

**LOOSE COIN UPDATE:** We are still using the loose coins in the offering plate for special projects. You can still give by specifying on the envelope that it is for Stewardship loose coin offering. Thanks to all for your continued support.

**BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINES:** If you are interested in getting information placed in the bulletin, or would like to sponsor an item through the Altar Guild, these requests are needed by **Tuesday, 11am.** This deadline ensures our delivered bulletins are received before Thursday/Sunday Service!

**WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY!**

We welcome all visitors and guests, and we are glad you can join us for our services.

**Large print bulletins and regular bulletins with copies of the hymn for those wanting a print form, are available in the vestibule and online, if you would like one mailed to you, please let us know. Weekly hymns are being printed and some are available in the vestibule by the bulletins.**

 Worship Services are Thursday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 9:00am.

Both services are live streamed, and a video recording is placed on our social media sites to view at any time. For those videos, please visit: www.oursavioursuccripon.com or “Our Saviours United Church of Christ” Facebook page & Youtube Channel

Either the Thursday or Sunday service will be broadcasted via radio at 11:00am on 1600AM WRPN

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**  The office hours are: Monday-Friday, 9AM-NOON. If you need to get into the church at an unopen time, please call the church office and leave a message, or call a church council person.

**CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK**:

In-Person: Thursday 6:30 – 25 Sunday 9:00-56

Livestream Views: Thursday – 58 Sunday: 62

General Fund: $1092 Capital Improvements: $249 OCWM: $176

Thank you so much for your continued support of mailed in and online contributions.

**Sunday Worship Team 9:00 am**

**Audio Operator:** John Kwiatkoske **Liturgist:** Dianne Heyn

 **Organist:** Craig Bowden

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**LIVE STREAMING:** If you are viewing the worship from one of our social media platforms, make sure to leave a comment or like our post to know you’re worshipping with us! If there is an issue with the stream, or you have any feedback, please reach out to Conrad.

***Birthday Greetings to our Young at Heart (50+)***

***Darcy Triemstra,*** *January 10,* ***Deanna Gehrke,*** *January 13,*

***David Hahn,*** *January 13*

**ALTAR & ORGAN FLOWERS; RADIO BROADCAST; BULLETIN SIGN-UP:** 2022 Sign-up is available on the stand outside of the office! This sign-up is for ALL SPONSORSHIPS! Altar flowers are $25 and Organ flowers are $16 each. Radio Broadcasts are $50 per sponsor & $25 per sponsor per bulletin. You can also send a letter with payment into the office or call the office to sign up. Please remember to send payment in for your signed-up slots.

**PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY:** Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff at 920-748-2367.

**MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION:** In the Month of January, 100% fruit juice, canned fruits and vegetables, instant potatoes, cereal, and rice are the recommended items during this time.

**STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPE BOXES:** Available in the East Narthex! Please pick them up at your earliest convenience.

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES:** Church Health Services in Beaver Dam has a large amount of medical equipment and supplies which have been donated to them by individuals and organizations. These products are given out free to individuals. If interested just ask me and I will look for your request next time I am there! – Nurse Monica

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**  Billi Kaufman, Bill Waltenberry, Roger Fenner, Lorraine Fischer, Steve McSorley, Bob Schouten, Caroline Sowersby, 15 unspoken, and all others.

**NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS FOR THE BODY, MIND, AND SOUL:** Most New Year’s resolutions do not succeed because of the drastic lifestyle change. The collapse then creates a failure mindset, decreasing the motivation to start the plan back up again. The following are just a few of the areas that can bring significant improvements to your mental, physical, and spiritual health without extreme changes in your daily routine.

First, get more quality sleep. This cannot be emphasized enough because getting more sleep helps both your body and mind. Lack of sleep may increase your risk of weight gain, heart disease and depression. Remember that adults should get 7 or more hours of sleep per night, and depending on the age a child, should sleep anywhere from 8-13 hours per 24-hour period.

Secondly, rethink your dieting mindset to increase your chances of success. Frequent dieting is in fact bad for both your mental and physical health. Think positively instead, such as “I’m going to like eating healthier including more whole foods. And if I do some physical activity, it will be easier to lose weight.” We also have a nice big church to get a good walk in when the weather is bad outside! Cut back on sweetened beverages and foods also. High sugar intake is linked to an increase of obesity, heart disease, pre-diabetes, and cavities both in children and adults. Starting by decreasing the total amount of the product may be easier than quitting abruptly. Good dental care is also important since brushing and flossing regularly can decrease bad breath and gum disease which may be related to Alzheimer’s and heart problems.

Last but not least, change your negative body talk to encouraging yourself, which will be more motivating. But, more importantly, research shows that a pessimistic attitude is related with higher levels of body dissatisfaction and decreased self esteem in both men and woman. In addition, it can inspire others to do the same. Keep being your own cheerleader!

**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it well. Psalm 139:14 ESV**

Monica Gagnon (Gon-yo), Parish Nurse

Jillian Kuba, MS, RD, 23 *Healthy New Year’s Resolutions You Can Actually Keep*, Healthline.com, December 23, 2019