TODAY'S LESSONS: THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street: a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, * ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; * worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; * the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; * the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; * the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord * all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; * the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; * the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel,

preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Sunday Worship Leaders

Next Week Today Lead Cross Hannah Wolf Lead Cross Myrna Burkhalter Owen Sanderson Lector Nick Bell Lector LEM Barbara Hall LEM Diana Brehob Vestry Stephanie Mulkern Vestry Chris Ventura Prayer Room Doug Phillips Prayer Room Erin Biggs Ushers Team 2 Ushers Team 3 LEV B. Hall/S. Dalton

The Calendar

Sunday, January 12

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel
8:45am Holy Currencies Study, Library
9am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
10am Holy Eucharist, Church

10:05am Children's Worship, Prayer Room 11:15am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall

11:30am Holy Currencies Study,

Fellowship Hall

12:30pm MotS Eucharist, Church1:30pm MotS Coffee Hour, Lounge3pm Sonneman Studio Recital,

Church & Lounge

Monday, January 13 Tuesday, January 14 Wednesday, January 15

6pm Intentional About Money, Lounge

6:30pm Finance Meeting

6:30pm CHI Healing, Resource Room

Thursday, January 16

6pm Baptized For Life Dinner, Lounge

Friday, January 17 Saturday, January 18

9am Vestry Meeting, Lounge

Sunday, January 19

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel9am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room10am Holy Eucharist, Church

10:05am Children's Worship, Prayer Room
11:15am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
11:30am Financial Forum, Fellowship Hall

12:30pm MotS Eucharist, Church1:30pm MotS Coffee Hour, Lounge

Spiritual Offerings

Centering Prayer, Room 19 Tuesday 6:15pm

Yoga, Room 213

Tuesday 7:15pm

AA meets

Monday, 8pm, Lounge Wednesday, 8pm, Room 213 Thursday, 11:30am, Room 213 Thursday, 6:30pm, Resource Room Saturday, Noon, Room 213

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Tuesday nights, 7pm

Bridge, Lounge Wednesday 1pm

Listening Group, Lounge 1st & 3rd Monday 7pm

Martial Arts, Fellowship Hall Sunday 2pm Wednesday 7pm

Sonneman Voice & Piano, Choir Room Tuesday and Thursday 3pm-9pm Saturday 10am-4pm

Stretching, Fellowship Hall 2nd & 4th Saturday 10:30am



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THE COMMUNICATOR: PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU

For the churches of Diocese of the Michigan (St. Andrew's [Livonia] and Trinity Church [Belleville]); for the churches of our companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic (Church of the Pentecost [Bonao]); for The Rev. Bonnie A. Perry, Bishop-elect of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan.

The Sick and Suffering: For Kaitlyn, Caroline (Antonuccio), Saundra (Weed), Aaron (Gerstein), the Gerstein family, and Ruth (Harvey).

Armed Forces: For all those serving in harm's way.

Concerns in the World: For those who are suffering from natural disasters and extreme weather conditions.

Departed: Rasean Harvey

To place someone on the prayer list or request a pastoral visit please contact the church office.

Special Events and Announcements: Sign Up Has Begun Baptized For Life Dinners

A series of eight dinners focusing on deepening intercultural relationships and growing our faith as Christians will begin in January 2020. We will host two meals a month that will use the conversation guide, "Eating Together Faithfully". The schedule for this first series of dinners is January 16 & 30, February 6 & 20, March 5 & 19, and Aril 2 & 23 from 6-9pm. It is important to commit to all 8 dinners in the series and do your best to be there. Contact Erin in the church office if you would like to attend this first series. If you can't make this series, second series of 8 dinners will be offered in the summer.

Holy Currencies Book Study

The Holy Currencies book study will continue with a bible sharing time and discussion on chapters 3-4 today. There will be two sessions one at 8:45am in the library, and a second one at 11:30am at a table in the Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to participate even if you have not read the book as the discussion will include Bible sharing and reflection questions that apply beyond the content in the book.

Envelope Boxes

Envelope boxes for 2020 are on the table across from the church office. If you are unable to find yours, contact Erin in the office.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration

Dearborn Area Interfaith Network's annual commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr. will be hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church (21915 Beech St.). The interfaith MLK Service will be held on January 19th at 3pm.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting at Christ Church will be Sunday, January 26 following the 10 a.m. service. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a light breakfast, review reports from the previous year, review our budget for 2020 and elect new Vestry members.

The Vestry is the governing body of a church within the Episcopal Church. The Vestry and Rector are charged with developing and advancing the Mission and Ministries of Christ Church. Bio's of the slate of Vestry members will be published in the January Courier. The annual meeting is the day we gather to celebrate the year past, honor our ministries and the work we have done, and give thanks for the time and commitment of the Vestry.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are given in thanksgiving for or in memory of loved ones. To honor your loved one on a special date, notify the church office, a donation of \$20-35 is recommended, please give as you are able.