

# Announcements

## This Week

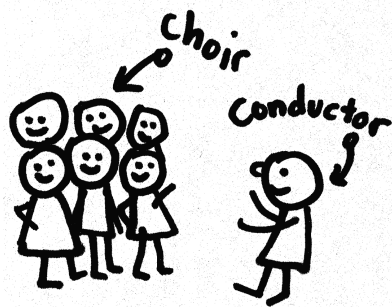
### Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

### Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Worship, 10:30 am



Choir rehearsal will resume Thursday, January 14 at 7:30 pm

**From Bishop Gerhard Preibisch**  
(6 January 2010)

I want to give you an update on Pastor Adolf Manz.

I had the opportunity to visit Adolf in the hospital and celebrate with him Holy Communion on December 29. He was released from the hospital on New Year's day.

I spoke with his son David today . He reports that his dad, Adolf, is doing much better. He mentioned particularly that Adolf has been sleeping better at nights and that this has greatly helped to restore his clarity of mind. The family is very pleased and thankful to see the improvement and wishes to thank everyone for their prayers. They also want to encourage everyone that the prayers continue.

**Please sign up on the worship leaders list for February and March 2010! Thank you!**



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*Holy Communion, Setting Ten*

Worshippers may wish to light a votive candle in memory of a loved one or for meditation. This may be done at any time before or during the liturgy except during community prayers, readings or homily. Since the number of candles is limited and to avoid mishaps, parents and caregivers are asked to be attentive when allowing children to light one.

**INTRODUCTION**

The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters ... the rivers ... fire." On this day the heavens open again, for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*Prelude and Fugue in F*  
*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

J.S. Bach  
Paul Manz

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**GATHERING**

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**ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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**GATHERING HYMN #305 "When Jesus Came to Jordan"**

**GREETING/KYRIE**

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**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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 Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

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**WORD**

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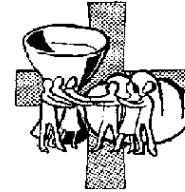
**FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7**

*Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them 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 honoured, and God loves them.*

**FRACTION** The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**"LAMB OF GOD"**

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It is Christ himself who invites all the baptized members of God's family — and all our guests — to come to his table where he gives his body and blood, along with the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation under the forms of bread and wine. After receiving the bread into the open, upraised palm, all may drink from the first (common) cup or if desired, have an individual glass filled from the second (pouring) cup.

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

**#456 "Baptized in Water"**  
*Largo*

Samuel Wesley

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (All rise)**

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**SENDING**

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**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN #796 "How Firm A Foundation"**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Toccata in F*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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This morning we would like to thank and welcome the **Rev. Richard Foster** on his first Sunday filling in for Pr. Hergy who is away for a much needed vacation. Pr. Foster will also be providing worship leadership and pastoral care. For any emergencies, please call the church office at **604 435-6020**.

Voice of the Lord who bursts forth in lightning flashes, speak a word of comfort and reassurance to all those in need *especially*... Illumine their darkness with the light of your healing presence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Voice of the Lord who makes oak trees writhe, speak to our congregation. Strip away those things preventing us from fulfilling the mission you have entrusted to us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Voice of the Lord who makes Lebanon skip like a calf, speak the word of resurrection to us, that we might rejoice in the glory into which you have gathered all the saints who now rest in you *especially*... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Good and gracious God, we ask all these things and whatever else you see that we need with a sure and certain hope in your goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**      *Fur Elise*      L. Van Beethoven

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (*All rise*)

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## MEAL

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**GREAT THANKSGIVING**      p. 206

**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Prayer over the gifts)  
...let us proclaim the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again...**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us;**  
**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the is the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

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. <sup>2</sup>When 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. <sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup>I 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 — <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

*Response after reading:* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 29** (*Sung responsively: Cantor first; then assembly*)  
*The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)*

*Refrain:*



- <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the <sup>1</sup>LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo- <sup>1</sup>ry and strength.
- <sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory <sup>1</sup>due God's name;**  
**worship the LORD in the beau- <sup>1</sup>ty of holiness.**
- <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of <sup>1</sup>glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the <sup>1</sup>mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a pow- <sup>1</sup>erful voice;**  
**the voice of the LORD is a <sup>1</sup>voice of splendor. R**
- <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the <sup>1</sup>cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce- <sup>1</sup>dars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip <sup>1</sup>like a calf,**  
**and Mount Hermon like a <sup>1</sup>young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup>The voice <sup>1</sup>of the LORD  
bursts forth in <sup>1</sup>lightning flashes.
- <sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD <sup>1</sup>shakes the wilderness;**  
**the LORD shakes the wilder- <sup>1</sup>ness of Kadesh. R**
- <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the <sup>1</sup>forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are <sup>1</sup>crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned a-<sup>1</sup>bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for-<sup>1</sup>evermore.

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength<sup>1</sup> to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless-<sup>1</sup>ings of peace. **R**

*Tone:*



## 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.*

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

*Response after reading:* **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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## GOSPEL: Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

*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.*

*Response after announcement:* **Glory to you, O God**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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." <sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>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."

*Response to conclusion:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY #434 "Jesus Shall Reign"

## APOSTLES' 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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Drawn to the light of Christ, made bold in the waters of baptism, and filled with the Spirit, we lift up our prayers in confidence that God loves and listens to us. *A brief silence.*

Voice of the Lord upon the waters, speak to your whole church gathered together in worship.  
Give us the desire to honour the promises made at baptism.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Voice of the Lord who shakes the wilderness, speak to those who suffer from natural disasters,  
bring calm to our planet, and make us instruments of wholeness in your creation.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Voice of the Lord who sits enthroned above the flood, speak to the leaders of this world.  
Equip them with humility, wisdom, and a deep desire to work for peace and equality  
for all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**