

your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG: *Baptized and Set Free* (ELW 453)

DISMISSAL

All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELC's Financial Position - Period Ending December 31, 2018

- Offerings and other income: \$146,591
- Total General Fund expenditures: \$150,100
- Deficit for the year: \$3,509

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: This annual ecumenical service will be held on Sunday, January 20, 4 pm, at St Basil's Church, 900 Rex Ave (near Maitland and Carling). Please see the poster in the narthex for details.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: The annual service will be on Friday, March 1st, 2 pm, at Parkwood Presbyterian Church, 10 Chesterton Drive.

CONSTITUTIONAL UPDATE: In preparation for the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, March 3, 2019, the council is considering updating our current constitution with a proposed model constitution for congregations. A major benefit in so doing gives the congregation greater flexibility and ease in making changes, especially items preferably placed in the bylaws. To download your own copy of the proposed constitution, please go to www.easternsynod.org, click on 'resources' on top of the page, then click on 'constitutional documents'. Look for the document: "Model Constitution and Bylaws 2017".

ANNUAL REPORTS: Please submit your annual reports to the Church Secretary by January 20th.

UPCOMING REGULAR MEETINGS

LECTIONARY STUDY: Monday, January 14, 2 pm. Lectio: John 2:1-11

MEDITATION GROUP: Wednesday, January 26, 5 pm at FLC.

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Baptism of Our Lord Sunday, January 13th, 2019

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)

Setting 10, p. 203



Assisting Today:

Lector: Matthew DiGiuseppe

Assistant: Ian McGill

Counters: Julia Wirth &
Ken Roeske

Next Sunday:

Lector: Krista Quenneville

Assistant: Wayne Fortier

Counters: Peter Nabein &
Pierre Quenneville

Pastor: Martin Malina

Honorary Assistant Pastor: Diane Raddatz

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GATHERING AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: *This is the Spirit's Entry Now* (ELW 448)

GREETING: (ELW p. 203)

KYRIE: (ELW p. 203)

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Glory be to God* (ELW p.204)

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

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 43:1-7* A reading from Isaiah.

¹But 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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: *Psalm 29 (sung in unison)*

SECOND READING: *Acts 8:14-17* 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: *Alleluia* (ELW p. 205)

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

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.**

SERMON (*read along on www.raspberryman.wordpress.com*)

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Christ, When for Us* (ELW 304)

NICENE CREED: (ELW p. 104 or back cover of hymn book)

PRAYERS OF PETITION: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE

GIFT GATHERING AND SONG: *Create in Me...* (ELW 185)

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

MEAL: (ELW p. 206)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: (ELW p. 207)

LORD'S PRAYER: (ELW p. 208)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Lamb of God (ELW p. 191)

Spirit of Gentleness (ELW 396)

Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart (ELW 800)

You Are Mine (ELW 581)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Let us pray. Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on