

Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church

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Worship Service

Sunday, December 2, 2018 9:20 am

Prelude – Harold & Lorna

Call to Worship and Prayer – Pastor Victor

Advent Reading/ Candle Lighting (Ed & Debbie)

Worship in Song – Harold & Lorna

MH #127 Angels We Have Heard On High

MH #135 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

MH #115 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Prayers for the Church – Pastor Victor

Offering/Offertory – Harold & Lorna

Scripture Reading Diedrich Martens–

Luke 1:1-25

Message - Pastor Dean

“Part 1 The Promise of a Trail Blazer”

Communion

Closing Song – Harold & Lorna

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Benediction

“Loving God, Loving Each Other, and Loving Our Community”

Sound: Ed S. Computer: Stephanie B.

Video: Peter F.

Sunday, December 9, 2018

9:20 am Worship Service:

10:30 am Sunday School (Ages 3 - Grade 12)

10:30 am Special Needs Sunday School

10:45 am Adult Sunday School (Meeting Room)

THIS WEEK AT WINKLER BERGTHALER

Monday	7:00 pm	Jr. Youth
	8:00 pm	Men's Prayer Time
	7:00 pm	Missions Committee Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am	Women's Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
	12:00 pm	Leadership Team Meeting
	2:00 pm	Home Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Education Committee Meeting
Thursday	7:00 pm	Sr. Youth
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	10:00 am	Prayer Meeting

CHURCH FAMILY - PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Persons With Health Needs

BTHC: Ernest Peters, Ray Wiebe

Church Prayer & Praise

Mission Prayer & Praise

Thanks from Don & Char Epp: They had several nights/days of a fierce and dramatic spiritual battle like they had never seen before. "We appreciate you standing with us and holding strong in this fight with us, even sending scripture verses to remember at this time. I can't tell you how it helped knowing we are not alone". Praise to "Dios I Katangkayan" the Almighty God!

Please see more detailed information on the bulletin board under their photo.

Missionaries of the Week

Don and Char Epp

Our Daily Bread Devotional

December/January/February regular print devotionals are available in the church library.

Keys and Valuables

We have many people coming and going on Sunday mornings. Please do not leave keys, money, or valuable items in your jacket or coat pockets.

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF OUR CHURCH

Assani & Yvette Muhanuzi

We ask for your continued help in providing a meal for **Mondays only** for Assani & Yvette and family. There is a signup sheet on the small bulletin board. For more information call Anna Friesen (325-9421).

Sunday School Christmas Program

Come and enjoy our Sunday School Christmas program, in the Fellowship Hall, on Sunday, December 16th at 10:00 am. Following the program, coffee and cookies will be served. If you can help with some baking, please sign up on sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Baptism and Membership Classes

Are you interested in exploring the Christian faith? Would you like to learn more about our confession of faith in a Mennonite perspective? Do you have questions about baptism and church membership? Then the WBMC Christian Faith classes are for you! If you are interested or have any questions please call Pastor Dean or Pastor Victor (325-9563).

Classes will begin in the New Year.

CITY CENTER YOUTH NEWS

Jr. Youth (Grades 7 & 8)

Monday, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

“The Problem With Christmas”

Sr. Youth (Grades 9 - 12)

Thursday, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Series: “Who is God?”

COMMUNITY AND OTHER EVENTS

“From Everywhere to Bethlehem”

in the Winkler Park, TODAY, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Bring your family and see the Christmas account presented as an outdoor drama. Admission: A non-perishable food item.

Winkler Community Senior Choir

Christmas Concert Sunday, December 9th, 2:30 pm at Emmanuel Mennonite Church. Dessert and coffee to follow. A free will offering will be taken.

Birthdays This Week

	Day		Day
Agatha Wiebe	2	Ursula Poetker	7
Abe L. Friesen	2	Nettie Fehr	7
Marlene Peters	3	Zane Epp	8
Anne Friesen	5	Jim Suderman	8
Mary Demke	6		

Anniversaries This Week

Abe & Martha Derksen (52 years)	3	Leroy & Sheri Dyck (23 years)	3
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**If we have missed your birthday or anniversary,
please notify the church office.**

Scripture for This Week:

- Luke 21:20-38a
- Deut 31:1-18
- Deut 31:19-30
- Deut 32:1-22
- Deut 32:23-44
- Deut 33:1-17
- Deut 33:18-29

Coming Events

December 16

Sunday School Christmas Program

December 25

Christmas Day Worship Service

Quote of the Week

At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart?

Pastoral Staff: Dean Huber, Victor Engbrecht, Harold Espinosa
 Administrative Secretary: Susan Klassen
 Custodians: Edwin Siemens, Hank Klassen, Carol Klassen
 Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - Noon; 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

JESUS OUR SAVIOR

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Let them shout from the mountaintops. Let them give glory to the Lord. Isa. 42:11-12

Unison

Refrain: Go tell it on the moun-tain, O-ver the hills and ev-ry-where;

Fine

Go tell it on the moun-tain That Je-sus Christ is born.

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si-lent flocks by night, Be-
 2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When, lo! a-bove the earth Rang
 3. Down in a low-ly man-ger The hum-ble Christ was born And

D.C.

hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho-ly light.
 out the an-gel cho-rus That hailed our Sav-ior's birth.
 God sent us sal-va-tion That bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

TEXT: Traditional Spiritual, stanzas written by John W. Work II
 MUSIC: Traditional Spiritual; arranged by Bill Wolaver

GO TELL IT
 Irregular meter

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Sermon: **Part 1 The Promise of A Trail Blazer**

Scripture Reading: **Luke 1:1-25 (ESV)**

As we enter the Christmas season, once again, we are reminded of the historical _____ of the scriptures and the work, which went into recording and preserving them.

This is the beginning of the story of the Life of Christ. Indeed, this is the greatest story ever told. In Luke's account of the gospel, he paints a picture of the _____ forerunner of Christ. Then, he goes into great detail to describe our beloved Lord's immaculate conception, his virgin birth, his sinless life, his precarious death, his miraculous resurrection and his ascension on high. It is because Christ allowed himself to be _____ and punished in our place that we may have the forgiveness of sins.

I. The Discouraging _____ (vs. 5-10)

This story opens in the timeframe of _____ Herod of Judea. Herod was known as "Herod the Great." Although, he was called King, this was only done by the _____ of Rome whom he was very dependent on. His reign was deeply stained with blood. He trusted no one, not even his own family and he even had a number of them put to death. The expression "in the days of Herod" thus point to a dark period in the _____ of the Jewish nation.

In this paragraph we're also introduced to two people named Zechariah and Elizabeth. Both husband and wife were of _____ descent. Although, they were God fearing and upright in the sight of God, they had no children. As well, they were both well _____ in years.

II. The Wonderful _____ (vs. 11-17)

Three times a day the people gathered for prayer in the Temple court or square outside the actual _____. It was Zechariah responsibility to offer the incense offering when he was signaled. As the people would see the smoke ascending, they would fall prostrate before the Lord and spread out their hands in silent prayer. This was the most solemn experience that any _____ could experience.

Now, this is when the angel of the Lord appeared to him. Zechariah was overcome with fear, but the angel assured him that he had no need to be afraid. A matter of fact, God had _____ his prayer.

This new child, who would be given the name _____, would be very special. Many people would rejoice over his birth and he would be great in

the Lord. He was never to drink wine, and he would be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth. He'd go before the Lord, in the _____ of spirit and he would turn the hearts of the fathers toward their children. He'd also turn the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, and in doing all these things, he would _____ the people's hearts for the coming of the Lord.

III. The Promise Begins to Be Filled _____ (vs. 18-25)

Notice, the reaction that Zachariah has after the angel tells him the good news. He _____ the angel because he didn't believe this was possible because Elizabeth and him were so advanced in age. Since, Zechariah doubted the promise by asking the angel for a sign; the angel struck him dumb until the baby would be born. Thus, Zechariah ended paying a price for his _____.

In the meantime, the people were wondering what happened to Zechariah. After all, when any priest was finished his duty, he was to come out immediately. The people were _____ that maybe he had been struck dead by the Lord.

However, when Zechariah finally came out, they realized something _____ had happened to him and that he had seen a vision.

Whether the people were able to _____ what Zachariah was trying to relate to them, we do not know. However, they knew something extraordinary had transpired.

So, what can we learn from all of this today.

First, like Zechariah and Elizabeth, we will all go through _____ times whether it is political or personal.

Second, when we receive a promise from God, or are being blessed by God in a special way, we must take special _____ to remain faithful.

It is very easy to stray from the Lord's will when everything is going well. Since, Zechariah and Elizabeth were both _____ in the sight of the Lord, the Lord could trust them with a very important responsibility. They kept on being obedient in spite of the hard circumstances in life. The Lord honored them, in a miraculous way, by giving them a child who would prepare the way of the Lord. John would be that promise and he became the _____ for Jesus Christ

In the same token, every _____ is a trailblazer for the Lord by the life that he or she lives. It may be something you say or do which may open

someone's heart towards the Lord. So, we must remember to be obedient no matter how bad our circumstances may be. God has a _____ for each of our lives