

Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church

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Worship Service

Sunday, December 9, 2018

9:20 am

Sermon Series: The Greatest Story Ever Told

Prelude – Marilyn Penner

Call to Worship and Prayer – Pastor Victor Engbrecht

Music Ministry - Choir

Advent Reading/Candle Lighting, Video – Ron & Kris Derksen

Worship in Song – Harold Espinosa/Heather Derksen

Let There be Peace on Earth

MH #122 Joy to The World

MH #135 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MH #136 Let All Together Praise Our God

Prayers for the Church - Pastor Victor Engbrecht

Offering/Offertory - Choir

Bible Presentation

Scripture Reading – Darlene Derksen

Luke 1:26-56

Message - Pastor Dean Huber

“The Promise of a Coming King”

Closing Song - Harold, Anita, Mirjam, Heather

MH #130 Silent Night, Holy Night

Vs. 1, 3 English & German

Benediction (Before the last verse)

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

Sound: John Penner **Computer:** Brad Funk

Video: Chris Loewen

Sunday, December 16, 2018

10:00 am Worship Service: Sunday School Christmas Program
(Fellowship Hall)

THIS WEEK AT WINKLER BERGTHALER

Monday	7:00 pm Jr. Youth 7:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting 8:00 pm Men's Prayer Time
Tuesday	9:00 am Women's Prayer 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

Church Prayer & Praise

Together, with our Sunday school, we collected 192 shoeboxes for Samaritans Purse. Pray for the 192 children who will receive the shoeboxes in the coming months.

Mission Prayer & Praise

Pray for the Winkler & District Cheerboard as they discern the various needs in our community and for all the volunteers who deliver the hampers.

Missionaries of the Week

Preston & Myra Wieler

Expression of Sympathy

Ruth Reimer passed away Wednesday, November 28th. Her funeral was held on Monday, December 3rd. She was a sister to Elizabeth & John J. H. Dyck

Betty Neufeld passed away Saturday, December 1st. A memorial reception will be on Wednesday, December 12th. She was the twin sister to Henry & Irene Neufeld.

Helen Stobbe passed away Monday, December 3rd. Her funeral will be held on Monday, December 10th at Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden.

Transfer of Membership

Elaine Dyck has transferred her membership to the Emmanuel Mennonite Church.

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

Sunday School Christmas Program

Come and enjoy our Sunday School Christmas program, in the Fellowship Hall, NEXT 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 the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Committee Annual Reports

In preparation for our annual membership meeting in early 2019, all committee chairpersons are asked to submit a report of their committee happenings for our annual report book. Please prepare and submit (email if possible) your report to Susan in the office by January 14, 2019.

Bethesda Ladies Fellowship Lunch

will be held on Tuesday, December 18, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at Triangle Oasis.

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, 6:15 pm - 9:30 pm

Service Night

Birthdays This Week

	Day		Day
Tina Schmidt	10	Harry Hildebrand	13
Marcelo Froese	11	Mary Wall	13
Carol Klassen	11	Jessica Siemens	14
Margaret Martens	12	Nick Heide	14

****If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office.****

Scripture for This Week:

- Luke 3:1 – 20
- Malachi 2:10 – 3:5
- Obadiah 1 – 21
- Zephaniah 1:1 – 18
- Zephaniah 2:1 - 15
- Zephaniah 3:1 – 20
- Philippians 4:2 - 23

Coming Events

December 16

Sunday School Christmas Program

December 25

Christmas Day Worship Service

January 13

Commissioning Service
for Harold Espinosa

Quotes of the Week

Isaiah 9:6 says “the government will rest upon His shoulders.” Jesus Christ is the One who fulfills the promise of a coming King. He was to be the Messiah—the “anointed one”. He is the hope of Israel, the hope of the church, and the hope of the world.

J. F. MacArthur, Jr.

God honored the strategic righteousness of Boaz and Ruth with the last chapter of the story. It culminates in the promise of a coming king through Boaz and a Moabite. “Boaz fathered Obed, Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David,” and David fathered the Messiah, Jesus Christ. (Ruth 4:21–22; Matthew 22:41–46)

J. Piper

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

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The Greatest Story Ever Told (Series)
December 9, 2018
The Promise of the Coming King (Pt.2)
Luke 1:26-56

There may be times we have difficulties in keeping our promises, but God the Father never has that problem. When He makes a promise he never _____ and he never needs to be _____.

In these verses we have an amazing story-- mysterious and glorious! For here is described how God sent his Son into the world to become a man. Through Him, God was going to _____ sinful man back to himself.

I. The Angels _____ (vs. 26-33)

After the angel had appeared in the Temple to Zachariah, he was sent by God once again to bring good news. I'm sure, this was a _____ for the angel Gabriel to be sent on the most extraordinary assignment ever to happen. For this assignment would begin to unfold the new age of _____, but it would cost God his very _____, His only Son.

The angel was sent to Mary who was _____ to Joseph who was a descendant of David. However, she also, had her lineage through David.

When Gabriel greets her and tells her that she is highly favored by God, it does not mean that she can _____ favor on others, but rather she has received favor from God. Notice that her response was quite different from Zachariah's. Zachariah doubted, but the scriptures say that Mary was _____, because she was wondering why God would choose her. After all, she was no more special than anyone else.

II. Mary's _____ (vs. 34- 38)

Once again, as with Zachariah, the angel tells her not to be _____. He then describes to her how she would conceive a child and give birth to the Son of God. No wonder, Mary inquired immediately how this would take place, because she was still a _____.

When Mary _____ the offer, which the Angel gave to her, it was like music in the Angel's ears because it put in motion the greatest _____ plan of all-time. What a relief it must have been for Gabriel to have this part of the mission accomplished.

III. Mary's and Elizabeth's _____ (vs. 39-45)

Notice, the _____ of the child in Elizabeth's womb. The moment Elizabeth hears Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Although, it is natural that a child moves within the mother's womb, this was _____. The sudden moving of the child shows that the Holy Spirit was about His work. Only, through the _____, was Elizabeth's child able to identify that the baby in Mary's womb was the Messiah.

IV. Mary's _____ Before The Lord (vs. 46-55)

Mary burst out in praise to the Lord because of all that had transpired. When one reads this for the first time, he or she may wonder where did Mary _____ all of this. The answer is very simple. All pious Israelites from their childhood days knew by _____ the songs from the Old Testament. Mary was well _____ in the poetical literature of her nation and this hymn that she sings demonstrates this fact.

From the last verse of this portion of scripture we learn that Mary _____ before Elizabeth had her child. She had spent a wonderful three months with her cousin, but now it was time for her to go. Since, Mary was probably beginning to show that she was pregnant, she wanted to leave before all the people started to come to celebrate the birth of Elizabeth's _____.

We must remember that Mary was only engaged at this time and if she was found to be with child, she could be taken out and _____.

So, what can you and I take home from the word of God today?

First, God is in complete _____ of this world. (Do you believe that?) He sent his Son not too early and not too late. That means if God so timed his Son to be born at the right time, God is concerned about you and I because we are the _____ of this great gift. We can rest assured that nothing happens in our life by _____, but everything has a purpose. We must rest in his ever-sustaining grace as we live each day. Are you resting in His grace this morning?

Finally, we must know how to _____ and praise the Lord like Mary did. The Lord was able to use her because her heart was _____ to the Lord. However, this only came about as she memorized the scriptures and hymns from the word of God. This prepared her for her mission in life. We will never know our mission in life if we never take time to lay the foundation of _____ in our lives.

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Verse 1

Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father,
brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
in perfect harmony.

Verse 2

Let peace begin with me.
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment
and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.