

January 27, 2013
Third Sunday After Epiphany
10:45 a.m.

Please enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship in silence.

*Jesus unrolls the scroll and finds scripture to read.
It's no coincidence what he chooses to read,
Or that sitting down he speaks another prophetic word.
The Son of God proclaims his mission to the people.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Please sign the red pad at the end of the pew and pass it along the row.

Choral Introit *excerpt "Psalm of Celebration"* Mark Hayes

Call to Worship (Psalm 72:18-19)

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessed be his glorious name forever. May his glory fill the whole earth.
Amen and Amen.**

*Hymn 24 *"Praise the Lord, His Glories Show"* LLANFAIR

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (sins)

Confession of Sin

Call, Prayer

**God of our Restoration,
Whenever we come home to you,
we realize how far we have strayed
and how much we have forgotten
of your law and your love.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts
or loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us, heal us,
and restore us to our relationship with you;
by the power of your Holy Spirit
through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.**

Hymn 356 *"As the East is From the West"* PSALM 103

Assurance

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Nikolas Axel Horta

Welcome to the Water
Words of Institution
Making of Promises
Prayer Over the Water
Baptism and Blessing
Presentation

Hymn 87 *"Children of The Heavenly Father"*

WORD OF GOD

The Reading of God's Word
Hebrew Scripture
Gospel
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 (p.433)
Luke 4:14-21 (p.835)

*Hymn 420

"Teach Me Your Way, O Lord"

CAMACHA

Children through second grade are dismissed for classes.

Proclamation

The Work of Christmas

Peter Hawkinson

RESPONSE

Choral Anthem

"Good News Celebration"

Dale Wood

Prayers of the Church

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Response (Silver 9, sung twice)

Bless the Lord, O My Soul,

Bless the Lord, O My Soul,

And all that is within me bless his Holy name.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH

*Hymn 412

"Be Thou My Vision"

*Charge

*Benediction

*Tolling, Postlude

**Please stand as you are able.*

Following the Postlude and during the coffee hour, a Stephen Minister will be available near the stained glass windows for anyone interested in individual prayer.

Welcome! We pray that you will experience anew the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as we worship together.

Today, Victoria and Manuel Horta bring their son, Nikolas Axel Horta, for the sacrament of Baptism. Nikolas was born June 9, 2012. Sponsors are Valarie Patrick, Mary Usdrowski and Amanda Carlson. Grandparents are Jim and Patsy Carlson, Juan Horta and Lupita Estrada. Great grandparents are Jose Estrada, Josefa Corona, Fred and Myrtle Carlson and Mae Gustafson.

Our thanks to Tim and Ann Wiberg, sanctuary greeters, Bob Braun, Sam Paravonian, Sam Rivi, Tom Rivi and Rick Schultz, ushers; Brian Madvig, Scripture Reader; Lance and LoAnn Peterson and Dwight and Sue Samuelson, coffee hosts; and Nancy Magill (piano).

The chancel flowers are given in honor and in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Peter and Eleanor Milbratz. The rosebud on the pulpit joyfully announces the birth of Otto Robbins Johnson, born Friday, January 25 to Jeff and Kira Johnson. Otto joins Maeve and Nat at home. Joan Johnson is the proud grandmother.

WINNETKA COVENANT CHURCH
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TODAY IN OUR CHURCH

If you are visiting today, welcome! Please join us in the narthex immediately following worship for coffee and conversation.

10:45 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. High League

MONDAY—JANUARY 28

3:30 p.m. Junior High Merge

TUESDAY—JANUARY 29

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:45 a.m. Playgroup. All are welcome. Contact: Kira Johnson

WEDNESDAY—JANUARY 30

10:00 a.m. Staff meeting
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner: pizza and salad. All are welcome. Cost: \$3.50/adult; \$2.50/child or \$10/family. Cleanup: Choir
6-8:00 p.m. **Annual Celebration** in the sanctuary
6-8:00 p.m. Programs for children age 4 through Junior High. Child care is available for children through age 3.

THURSDAY—JANUARY 31

1:00 p.m. Womens Bible Study-*Jonah, Navigating a Life Interrupted* by Priscilla Shirer. All are welcome. Contact: Claire Macfarland

FRIDAY—FEBRUARY 1

6:30-9 p.m. The Marriage Course
Women's Retreat at Covenant Harbor begins

SATURDAY—FEBRUARY 2

8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship

SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 3

8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. For children, *Rotation Sunday School: The Good Samaritan*. For adults, *The Story*, in Room 203, and *The Wisdom of the Megilloth: Song of Songs, Ruth, Ecclesiastes, Lamentations, and Esther*" led by Paul Koptak in the Upper Room.
10:45 a.m. Worship
Confirmation will not be meeting
High League Superbowl gathering. More details to come.

ADVANCE CALENDAR

Saturday, February 9, 11 a.m. Memorial service at WCC for Marilyn Drotts.

Wednesday, February 13, **Ash Wednesday**. 6 pm-Soup Supper; 7 pm-Worship

February 15-18. Senior High One Life Retreat at Covenant Point.

Sunday, February 17, 7-8:30 p.m. Moody Chorale concert at WCC. More details to come.

February 22-24. Trailblazer Retreat.

July 13-20, 2013. **Intergenerational Mission Trip** to Covenant Mountain Mission in Jonesville, Virginia. More information to come.

NOTICES

Please pick up your copy of the February Network in the narthex following the worship service.

Larger print copies of the morning hymns are available on the table in the back of the church near the sound booth. Children's bulletins are also available in the narthex. Please help yourself as needed.

The Worship Committee is excited about displaying the **Stations of the Cross** once again this Lenten season. We will be working again with artists and authors to produce new works of religious art and written reflections. If you are interested in creating art, writing a reflection, or participating in meditative music, please contact Kurt Peterson as soon as possible.

Offering envelopes for use in 2013 are available to pick up in the narthex after the worship service.

Copies of the Annual Report books are available for you to pick up in the narthex today.

If you would like to provide **chancel flowers** in the sanctuary for a Sunday morning, a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the church office. These may be in honor or in memory of someone if you wish. Questions, please contact the church office.

The Story: A journey together into the story of God's love, continues Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m., and Sundays, 9:30 a.m. *The Story* is scripture condensed into 31 accessible chapters, allowing the stories, poems and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. Materials will be provided. All are welcome.

VERITAS IS COMING! The Executive Board is in the process of planning for an all-Congregation workshop March 8-9 - the Veritas workshop. This Friday evening into Saturday morning working session, facilitated by Peter Sjoblom from the Conference office, will help us chart a new vitality and excitement in our work and path ahead. Everyone has a voice and we encourage you to come and share yours. It will help give us a common language for the issues we may face as a church and chart a healthy momentum ahead. We hope many will participate and provide input into this very important endeavor. Please put the dates on your calendar now and stay tuned for further details and a sign up. **Veritas is coming!**

Do you like to cook? Consider making one of our Wednesday night dinners in the coming months. A number of weeks are currently unspoken for from January through May. Yes, it's for a large group, but there is plenty of help with determining quantities, shopping, preparation and clean-up. It's a great way to use your gifts to serve the church! Contact Mary Beth Kovacic.

A Caring Companion. *Wonderful anytime. Essential sometimes.* Need a companion, someone to talk to, to listen, to pray with, to be supportive, to just be with? Consider a Stephen Minister. Ours is a loving and strictly confidential ministry designed to provide companionship in difficult times. Contact one of our pastors who can answer questions and/or direct you to a Stephen Ministry leader.

Texts for next week: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

Straight talk about WCC Finances - Thank you for helping us meet our 2012 expenses! Yes, our collective 2012 financial gifts, special funds and other receipts covered 100% of our operating expenses and special projects in 2012. We did not meet the approved 2012 budget, however, there were several factors that kept our expenses under budget. Details will be provided in our 2012 annual report.

Your generous contributions in 2012 helped us meet our expenses and fund the many programs we support. It is up to your generous giving, talents, special gifts and faith that helps us maintain and grow our programs and missions each year. Our community recognizes the value of WCC everyday and many of us want to do more.

As we prepare our plans for 2013, you can help. Please be active in this process and dialog with our committees and church leadership. What is your passion? Make a 2013 pledge to support our mission. If you haven't already, 2013 pledges are still being collected. Our collective pledges help us plan our mission and program growth. Please submit your pledge online or send to the church office.

Finally, at our Annual Meeting January 30, we will review our complete 2012 finances and vote on our 2013 budget. Please come and participate.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those in need

Sue Abram
Ruby Anderson
Lee Borre
Daniel Bradley (son of Gayle Bradley Johnson)
John Breidenbach
Richard Carlson (nephew of Jean Larsen)
Curtis (friend of Scott Edwards)
Ray Dahlberg (brother of Marj Hanson)
Carolyn Donnan (sister of Carl Balsam)
Jacqueline Dye (sister of Nancy Carroll)
JoAnna Haak (daughter of Cleo Constantin)
Norton Hoffburg (friend of Maria Moreno)
Joanna (friend of Alisa Siebrasse)
Connie Jackson (sister of Marti Crow)
Frank Kassen
Aaron Klaassen (nephew of Nancy Magill)
Marlene Larson (friend of Mary Nilsen)
David Lopata (friend of Dave and Maria Moreno)
Phyllis Morris
Paul Nilsen
Dwight Peterson (brother of Bonnie Hawkinson and Kurt Peterson)
Jonathan Schwartz (brother of Mike Schwartz)
Susan Magill Smith (sister of Hugh Magill)
Doris Storm
Judy Tenglin (friend of Karen Larsen)
Roger Vanoer
Soren Wysockey-Johnson (son of Doug Wysockey-Johnson)
Kathleen Hanson Zavatsky (sister of Cindy Buettgen, John Hanson and Pamela Hanson)
Stephen Ministers and those for whom they care
Our nation and leaders

Those serving in the military:

Chris Haak (grandson of Cleo Constantin)
Ryan Hengell (nephew of Phil and Barbara Kazanjian)
Chris Hillman (friend of Bill & Sue Kelly)
Bill Kelly
Peter Sudhoff

Those we support who are serving on the mission field:

Kara Bladel (Alaska)
Christine Buettgen (Democratic Republic of Congo)
Don and Lillian Dwight (Taiwan)
Brittany Girle (Juarez, Mexico)
Pamela Hanson (Honduras, on home assignment)
Julio and Katie Isaza (Colombia)
Peter and Anna Kim (China)
Jamie and Erica Rose (Alaska)
Gary and Mary Lou Sander (Colombia)
James and Rachel Ventress (Alaska)

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Ministers to the Congregation

Peter Hawkinson, Pastor

Andrea Johnson, Pastor of Discipleship and Outreach

Christy Bouris, Youth Pastor

Arthur A.R. Nelson, Parish Associate

Dawn Pegis, Director of Music

Dominic German, Music Intern

Joshua Smith, Organist

The Stephen Ministers

Our mission is to be a Christian community and to proclaim the gospel, worshiping together in love, nurturing people in the faith, serving others as Christian disciples, and building a world of justice and hope in the name of Christ.

At Winnetka Covenant Church:

We hold grace as our highest value.

We practice honest, open, direct communication.

We speak the truth in love and listen in love.

We believe the best about each other, valuing others above ourselves, as Christ does.

We allow room for mistakes, acknowledging that mistakes are part of the growth process.