

*All who are able please stand.

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PRELUDE- "Selected"

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP- "Father God in Heaven" Lord

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The God who called his Son from the home in Nazareth to be baptized as the Messiah, calls us from our homes to be his special people, to fulfill his purpose, to perform his ministry. Come, let us hear his call and be baptized by his Spirit.

*HYMN- "The God of Abraham Praise" #21

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison)

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE- "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" vs.1 #492

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE LESSON- 1 John 1:1-22

We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy. This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. But if we are living in

the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM- "Jubilation" Fetteke

SILENT PRAYER

Prayer List- Geryl Anderson, Mary Andrews, Darcy Cassidy, Anna Fijol, Penny Gustafson, Pauline Guyette, Lola Harper, Billy Hinds, Kristen Kent, Barb Knight, Ken & Lois Macomber, Kristine Thompson, Ren Yeo, Hany.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases/Trespas)

OFFERTORY- "Selected"

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER

Accept the offerings that we bring, O Lord, in response to the peace, blessings and love that we have known from you. We offer our thanks through these gifts and ask that others may know of your blessings and grace in this community and beyond. In Jesus name we pray. AMEN.

*HYMN- "In Christ There Is No East or West" #137

TEXT- John 10:24-33

The people surrounded him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus replied, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father's name. But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." Once again the people picked up stones to kill him. Jesus said, "At my Father's direction I have done many good works. For which one are you going to stone me?" They replied, "We're stoning you not for any good work, but for blasphemy! You, a mere man, claim to be God."

MESSAGE

*HYMN- "Rise Up, O Men Of God!"

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE- "Selected"

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Announcements

The Chancel Flowers this morning are given in loving memory of grandparents Edwin Aldrich and Cora Spaulding Aldrich by Elizabeth Aldrich and grandchildren.

Thanks to Margie and Jessica Schnurpfeil for hosting coffee hour this morning.

Thanks to Heather Reiter for working in the nursery this morning.

A reminder that there will be a brief Church Committee Meeting today after church at 11am in the Thurston Room.

The church office is in the process of compiling the 2010 church directory. Please see the form inside this bulletin to update your families' information. Please fill out and place it either in the offering plate or the Church Administrator's mailbox. Thank you!

A reminder to pick up your 2010 offering envelopes in Mason Hall if you have not done so already. Also, please be sure to fill out and return and 2010 pledge card to the church office.

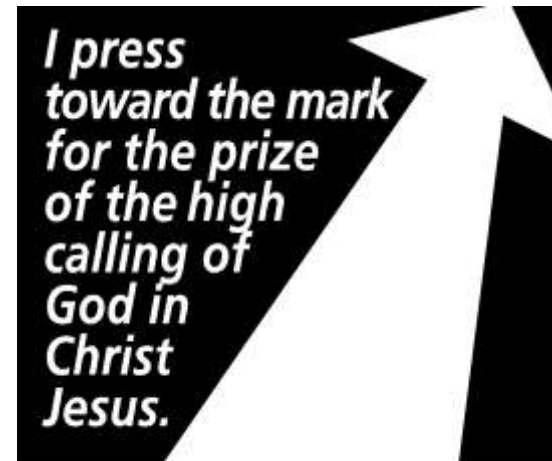
Join us January 24th, after church, for a book discussion on The Shack by William P. Young. A light lunch will be provided for the discussion participants. Location will be determined as the date gets closer. Questions? Ask JoAnne Guyette during coffee hour.

This Week In Our Church

Church Committee - Today 11am
Children's Choir - Today 11:15am
Music Committee - Monday 6pm
A Cappella - Monday 7pm
Village Bells - Tuesday 6:45pm
CE Committee - Tuesday 7:30pm
Chancel Choir - Wednesday 7pm

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Philippians 3:14

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