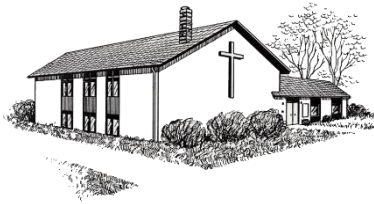


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Our Mission...

to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.

We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.

October 25th, 2026
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The asterisk invites all to stand, if they are able. **Bold print indicates a congregational response.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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~Joanne Diplock

GREETING

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the LAND

We acknowledge that we meet on Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Anisininew, Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and the homeland of the Red River Metis. We also acknowledge that the water we use here comes from the Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. We are grateful for these first inhabitants and their stewardship of the land and its resources through the ages, and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION to the SERVICE

CALL to WORSHIP *(Inspired by Scripture passages including Matthew 22:37)*

*(Written by Rev. Mindi, found on the *re:Worship* blog.)*

We are called to love the Lord our God.

We are called to love with all our heart and soul.

We are called to love the Lord our God.

We are called to love with all our mind and strength.

We are called to love the Lord our God.

And we are called to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Come, let us love our God

and share God's love in this time of worship!

***OPENING HYMN: VU #365 – "Jesus Loves Me"**

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(Warner/Bradbury)

~Joanne Diplock

**1 Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;**

**little ones to him belong,
in his love we shall be strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**2 Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, 'Let them come to me.' R**

**3 Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live. R**

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE ~lit by Peggy Latimer

(Written by Scott Martin, with inspiration from *Godly Play*; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2021*.)

*There once was a wonderful man
who did wonderful things
and they said, "He is the light of the world."*

In his light, the light of Christ, we gather.

LIGHTING of the PEACE CANDLE

*We also light a second candle, this one for peace,
and as we do, we pray for peace:*

**peace in our hearts,
peace in our homes,
peace in our world.**

*As we follow in the ways of Jesus, the Prince of Peace,
O God, we pray for peace. Amen.*

SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

***Peace be with you.
And also with you.***

OPENING PRAYER (Written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes; from his *Unfolding Light* blog.)

**God of love and mercy,
we love because you first loved us.
Open our hearts to your love
as we listen for your word.
May the light of your love fill us, warm us,
re-shape us, and empower us to love,
in the name and the Spirit of Christ. Amen.**

THEME TIME: - Video & Song – "Love the Lord Your God"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION to BAPTISM

STATEMENT of PURPOSE

PRESENTATION of CANDIDATES *Gay Todd, Chair of Worship Committee*

Today, we welcome into the Church Family through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Nico Peter Santin

son of Jesse & Jennifer Santin

and

Samson Layne Verbrugge

son of Marshall and Maria Verbrugge

SCRIPTURE RECORD and TEACHING

QUESTIONS and PROMISES of the PARENTS

*QUESTIONS and COMMITMENT of the CONGREGATION

*Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament,
pledge your love and care to these two families
and to the children about to be baptized?*

We do, God being our helper.

*And do you commit to support and uphold them
within the community of faith?*

We do, God being our helper.

*AFFIRMATION of FAITH: "A New Creed"

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

POURING of the WATER

Gay Todd, Chair of Worship Committee

NICO

- Act of Baptism
- Laying on of Hands
- Declaration and Welcome

SAMSON

- Act of Baptism
- Laying on of Hands
- Declaration and Welcome

GIVING of CERTIFICATE and BAPTISMAL GIFTS

PRAYER after BAPTISM

**Gracious God, keep these children in your care
as they grow in mind, spirit, and body.**

**Keep these parents in your love
as they guide and support their children.**

**Bless these families as they continue to journey
in life and faith together.**

**Support us all, O God, that we may be faithful to you,
and to the promises we have made today.**

Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

***BAPTISMAL HYMN: VU #444 – "*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*"** (Cole-Turner)

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~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**
- 2 Child of love, our love's expression,
love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
into joy and laughter lead.**
- 3 Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you;**

live as one who bears Christ's name.

- 4 Child of God your loving Parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trusting in God's love and care.**

*~Children, Youth & their leaders are invited to head downstairs
for Kid Konnection (Sunday School) and Youth Group~*

WE LISTEN FOR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: *read by Peter Latimer*

Matthew 22: 34-46

When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked [Jesus] a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" [Jesus] said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' " ?

"If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Response to Scripture:

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: #161 MV – "*I Have Called You by Your Name***"**

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(Damon)

~Joanne Diplock

REFLECTION: "Love Story"

~Rev. Susan Reed

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

INTRO to STEWARDSHIP FOCUS: #191 MV – "*What Can I Do?***" (sung 1X) (Rumbolt)**

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~Joanne Diplock

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

**I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS "PAR Skit"

~Dorothy Franklin & Ron Fortier

LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

INVITATION to the OFFERING

THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

~Joanne Diplock

*Offertory Verse: VU#540 **"Grant Us, God, the Grace"**

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(anonymous)

~Joanne Diplock

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.**

*Offertory Prayer (Adapted from Beth W. Johnston; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2026*.)

*O God, you have called us to live lives of love.
We are called to love you with all of our being,
and to love our neighbour as ourselves.*

**We pray that these gifts may enable
this congregation and the wider church
to express that love in tangible ways.
This we pray through the Christ,
whose call informs and guides our lives. Amen.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN: *VU #372 – "Though I May Speak"*

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(Hopson)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**
- 2 Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.**
- 3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.**

*COMMISSIONING *(Written by Robin Wardlaw; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2021*.)*

And now into God's world we go:

**grateful for a love that holds us fast,
ready to share that love with the world,
thankful that we have been blessed,
and eager to be a blessing
in all the places life calls us to be.**

*BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

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~Joanne Diplock

**May the Lord go with you,
let him take your hand.
Keep His love within you,
until we meet again. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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~Joanne Diplock