

Moe Parish Worship

Baptism of Our Lord

January 7, 2024

Preparation for Worship – We Bow Before You, O Lord!

Prelude Organist
Welcome and Announcements
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Opening Hymn....."Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing".....#2
Liturgical Reading....."Psalm 84".....#705
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Instruction in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!

First & Second Lesson Lector.....
The Gospel.....Matthew 3:13-17
Children's Sermon.....Pastor Chris
Passing of the Peace (greet as you are comfortable)
Hymn "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds".....#94
Sermon.....'Divine Initiative".....Matthew 3:13-17.....Pastor Chris

Dedication in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!

Offering Hymn....."Pass Me Not".....#337
Response....."We Give Thee But Thine Own".....#620
Apostle's CreedInside cover of hymnal
Words of Institution and Holy Communion
Prayers of the Church
The Lord's Prayer
Closing Hymn....."Lord, Speak to Me".....#450
Benediction

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Prayer of the Day

Dear Lord, We need the life and grace that you alone can give. Open the heavens to us and pour out Your Holy Spirit, so that we may live as your beloved children. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

First Lesson Ecclesiastes 2:1-9 [1](#) I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure"; but surely, this also was vanity.[2](#) I said of laughter--"Madness!"; and of mirth, "What does it accomplish?"[3](#) I searched in my heart how to gratify my flesh with wine, while guiding my heart with wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the sons of men to do under heaven all the days of their lives.[4](#) I made my works great, I built myself houses, and planted myself vineyards.[5](#) I made myself gardens and orchards, and I planted all kinds of fruit trees in them.[6](#) I made myself water pools from which to water the growing trees of the grove.[7](#) I acquired male and female servants, and had servants born in my house. Yes, I had greater possessions of herds and flocks than all who were in Jerusalem before me.[8](#) I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the special treasures of kings and of the provinces. I acquired male and female singers, the delights of the sons of men, and musical instruments of all kinds.[9](#) So I became great and excelled more than all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me.

Second Lesson Romans 7:7-12 [7](#) What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet."[8](#) But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead.[9](#) I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.[10](#) And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death.[11](#) For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me.[12](#) Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

Gospel Matthew 3:13-17 [13](#) Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.[14](#) And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"[15](#) But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.[16](#) When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.[17](#) And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: Jan. 7th-Jan. 14th, 2024

Today: SUN: Jan. 7th Holy Communion

**10:00 a.m. Parish Worship at Romsdal
Informational Meeting on Youth Center
following worship**

WED: 6:15-7:15 p.m. Confirmation at Lands

SUN: Jan. 14th

**8:30 Worship at Lands followed by Annual Meeting
Coffee and Cookies will be served**

9:45 a.m. Parish SS at Trinity

9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study at Trinity

11:00 a.m. Worship at Trinity

Please remember in prayer: Marlys Anderson, Sue Sandvig, Orville & Carol Sorlie, Allen Perry, Lynn Rodway, Gary Johnson, Sarah(daughter of Jon & Joyce Thvedt), extra prayers for Kayla Koopsma Christensen's family, the family of Ward Twedt, nursing homes, hospitals, schools, and all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

REMINDER: Annual reports due today for Lands. Parish reports are also due. Please submit to Paul Sogn at least 1 week prior to your annual meeting. Thank you!

Change of Date Romsdal Women's Group will meet on Wed., Jan 17th (prev. 1/10) at 10:00 a.m. at Romsdal.

Annual Meeting Schedule

Lands-Next Sunday, **Jan. 14th, following the early worship service.
Coffee and Cookies will be served.**

Romsdal-Sunday, **Jan. 21st following the late worship service.
A potluck meal will be served.**

Trinity-Sunday, **Jan. 28th following the late worship service.
A potluck meal will be served.**

Parish Copier After many good years of usage, the current copier is being replaced with a new, color copier that will provide an important upgrade and dependable service. The current copier is black and white only, Kyocera Model M3040idn (pictured) and includes a stand. Copier is currently fully functional. Sealed bids will be accepted until Feb. 5th and will be opened on Feb. 7th at the Parish Council meeting at Romsdal. Please submit to Paul Sogn or your church chairperson.



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