

## CROSSROADS UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE

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Baptism of Jesus

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### *We Gather As God's People*

#### Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle to remind us of the presence of Christ.

**All: The light from this one candle shines equally for each of us.**

One: We light this candle to remind us of the love of Christ.

**All: The light from this one candle shines equally for the world.**

Introit: #109 [MV] *My Soul is Thirsting for You* (refrain only)

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission

#### Call to Worship:

One: As Jesus came out of the water, a voice from the skies said,

**All: "This is my son, my beloved, with whom I am very pleased. Listen to him!"**

One: As Jesus sat at the table, he said to those gathered around,

**All: "You are my friends, for I have told you everything God has told me."**

One: At the font and at the table, we meet Christ.

**All: In the church and in the world, we meet Christ.**

One: In our tears and in our laughter, we meet Christ.

**All: In the sacraments, in the love, in the meeting, in this community, we worship God.**

Hymn: #101 [VU] *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

#### Opening Prayer

One: Rejoice, people of God! Baptism is a celebration of new life.

**All: Signs of new possibilities are all around us.**

One: Just as a young child is received into our community of faith through baptism, Jesus was received by God in the waters of the Jordan, ready to begin his public ministry.

**All: We praise God for these gifts! Alleluia!**

One: Jesus saw the heavens opened and the Spirit of God descending on him like a dove.

**All: We also need God's Spirit to empower us with life and love.**

One: Jesus heard a voice from heaven confirming his identity as the Son of God.

**All: We also need to hear God say to us that we're his children.**

One: God was our Lord's constant companion through all the circumstances of life: rejoicing in joy and grieving in sadness.

**All: We also are comforted and assured by this awareness of God's presence.**

One: Welcome us, O God, as you did Jesus that day.

**All: We know we're loved and cherished by you and in this community of faith. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Hymn #4 [MV] *All Who Are Thirsty\**

Time With The Young and the Young-at-Heart

### *We Listen For God's Word*

Prayer of Illumination

One: The voice of God has called us to worship.

**All: God's voice has power and strength;**

One: God's voice is still and small;

**All: God's voice flashes like flames of fire and shakes the wilderness;**

One: God's voice is soft and loving, calling us by name and saying, "Don't be afraid, you are my beloved."

**All: We come, listening for your voice, Gracious God, in the words we're about to receive. Your voice gives us strength and blesses us with peace and wisdom. Amen**

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29 (756 VU)

Matthew 3:13-17

Reflection

### *We Respond to God's Word*

Hymn: #100 [VU] *When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized* (vs.1-4)

Prayer of Confession

One: God has called us to this time of worship and confession.



**All: We come, O God, bearing our sins and griefs, our disappointments and concerns.**

One: God calls us to come as children, open and vulnerable.

**All: We come, O God, looking for answers, looking for love.**

One: God calls us to come as beloved children and confess in trust and in hope.

**All: We come, O God, in answer to your call, to confess and worship you.**

*(time for silent reflection)*

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

One: Baptism marks us for life as one people in Christ: Christ upon us, the water of baptism; Christ within us, the cup of new life.

**All: We accept the grace of the Risen One. Amen.**

**Offering, Doxology (#542 VU We Give You But Your Own) and Dedication**

#### **Prayers of the People**

**Hymn: #453 [VU] *Out of Deep, Unordered Water***

#### **Commissioning and Benediction:**

One: We joined Jesus at the Jordan;

**All: there he was baptized.**

One: Then he went among the people,

**All: calling them to follow him, and we followed, too.**

One: Today, he calls us to go out into the world

**All: and share the Good News.**

One: God is with us!

**All: God is with us, indeed, as we go from this place!**

**Response: #218 [MV] *May the Love of the Lord\****

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Worship times:** Dec. to Mar.: MUC 9:30 am, WUC 11:30 am.

**Bulletin Sponsorship:** If you would like to dedicate a service to a loved one, please send a cheque of \$6.00 (no cash please) to Lynne Swanson (Box 390, Wawota, SK S0G 5A0). This will cover the cost of the new bulletin covers. Please indicate the week and name(s) of your loved one(s).

**Annual Reports:** IF you are responsible for any year end committee/board reports – please forward them to Debbie ([ucwawota@gmail.com](mailto:ucwawota@gmail.com)) as soon as you can. Thank you in advance!

**Nominations:** Please consider serving on a Church Task Group in the coming year.

#### **Wawota**

**Twoonie Draw for M & S: IF** you're already wishing for spring!

**Bible Study:** Tuesdays - Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**DLV events:** Pastoral care visitation Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 p.m.

**WUC Potluck Lunch:** Sunday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup> directly after Service (12:30 pm) Please plan to stay and enjoy.

**RTR Fundraising Committee** still have a selection of pies available – please talk to any member to fill your order. Linda, Wendy, Garry, Shelly, Chris, Neena, Jerri, Sandra & Debbie wish you a very happy & healthy New Year and thank you for your continued support in all of our fundraising efforts!

#### **Maryfield**

**Bible Study:** Thursdays - Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Haven.

**Villa worship/communion:** Thursday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.