

Sunday Morning Divine Worship Service

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 29, 2010

The Baptism of Damian James Rizzo

MISSION STATEMENT: *Inspired by the grace of God, Christ Lutheran Church seeks to make Christ known and to exemplify God's compassionate love through worship, fellowship, and service.*

NOTICE: As a courtesy to other worshipers, and out of respect for The Lord, please silence all cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices, including children's toys. Thank you.

LISTENING ROOM: A speaker has been installed in the Rainbow Room downstairs for parents who feel they need to attend to their children's anxious needs, but would still like to hear the worship service. Free child care is now available.

WORSHIP THEME: The Pentecost season focuses on our life in the community of believers we know as the Church.

Today we get to witness again the miracle of Baptism. This morning we look at baptism in terms of re-birth, or being born again. Sometimes when we hear "Born-again Christian," it can sound fanatical or insincere. Today's Scripture readings and message hope to change our view of what it truly means to be "born-again in Christ."

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good

C: And His mercy endures forever, Amen.

P: God's blessings on your worship of Him.

ENTRANCE HYMN..... "Rock of Ages"

Sing through 3 times

There is no Rock
There is no God like our God
No other name
Worthy of all our praise
The Rock of Salvation
That cannot be moved
He's proven Himself
To be faithful and true
There is no Rock
There is no God like ours

Chorus:

Rock of Ages
Jesus is the Rock
Rock of Ages
Jesus is the Rock
Rock of Ages
Jesus is the Rock
There is no Rock
There is no God like ours

3rd Chorus add:

There is no Rock
There is no God like ours

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

(Congregation may be seated)

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM (see insert)

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom
There is peace, There is love, There is joy

It is for freedom You’ve set us free
It is for freedom You’ve set us free
I’m free I’m free I’m free I’m free

(Repeat above once, then continue below)

So we will walk in your freedom, walk in your liberty
We will walk in your freedom, walk in your liberty
So we will dance in your freedom, dance in your liberty
We will dance in your freedom, dance in your liberty

(Repeat all above, just once each stanza)

PRAYER FOR THE DAY/THE COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray (*Brief silence*) Heavenly Father, You welcome us into the membership of Your Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. As a result, You have been born again by the water and the Spirit.

C: So, by Your Spirit, bring us to better appreciate our second birth as the better one, and help us to more appreciate our life in You as the one to live everyday.

P: We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

THE EPISTLE READING.....Titus 3:1-8 NIV

In his letter to Pastor Titus, the Apostle Paul gives words of wisdom to this older pastor to speak to his congregation on the island of Crete. Here the main theme for believers in Christ is to do good works, even though they don't save us.

¹Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, ²to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men.

³At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. ⁸This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

L: This is the Word of Lord.

C: Thanks to God.

CHILDREN'S LESSON: "What is a blessing?" Text: Numbers 6:24-26

THE BLESSING OF JASON FOOTE

SERMON HYMN..... "Your Grace is Sufficient for Me"Martin J. Nystrom

THE GOSPEL READING.....John 3:1-19 NIV

P: The Holy Gospel according to Apostle St. John, the 3rd Chapter:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus explains to a religious expert what means to be "born-again."

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

³In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

⁴"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

⁵Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

⁹"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,^[f] that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON..... "We'll leave the light on for you".....John 3:1-19

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs:

P: Lord in Your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING..... "Set Me On Fire"

I am so tired...of compromising
I am so tired...of lukewarm living
So here I am...with arms wide open
Lord here I am...my heart wide open

Chorus:

Set me on fire
Set me on fire
Set me on fire
Set me on fire

I am so tired...of compromising
I am so tired...of lukewarm living
So here I am...with arms wide open
Lord here I am...my heart wide open

Chorus

Take this heart of mine
Place your love inside
I want to go against the grain
I want to go against the grain

Chorus

Take this heart of mine
Place your love inside
I want to go against the grain
I want to go against the grain

Chorus twice

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THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord makes His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and gives you His peace, both now
and forevermore.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN..... "Footprints".....Jason Foote

**During your times of trials
When you see only one set of prints
It was then that I carried you
To the end of your suffering**

**And I will always be there
When you call my name
You say a little prayer
And I will walk by your side
Until the day that I
Call you home, you're not alone**

**Do you remember that day I was so down
I went the wrong way, but you turned me around
From that day on I turned to you
Knowing you'll be by my side**

**And you will always be there
When I call your name
I say a little prayer
And you will walk by my side
Until that day that you will
Call me home, I'm not alone**

P: Go in peace to live your baptism, born-free to serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Hallelujah.

POSTLUDE

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Worship Leaders:	Rev. Dan Eddy
Musicians:	Disciples Praise Band
Greeters:	The Hunt Family
Ushers:	Jason Stout, Peter Crest & Brent DuBois
Lector:	Jim Hunt
Acolyte:	Rebecca Foote
Hostesss:	Janet Schmitz
Flower Guild:	Jennifer Penney
Child Care:	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Welcome to all who are visiting today.** We are glad to have you with us. Please sign the guest register located in the Narthex. May your worship here be a blessing to you, as your presence is a blessing to us.

***We invite all baptized Christians** who trust in Christ's forgiving presence in the Sacrament to join us at the Altar for Holy Communion. Children not yet communing may come for a blessing.

***Please join us downstairs** in the fellowship hall for coffee and conversation after the service. The congregation has set up a rotation for hosting this event. Today's hostess is Janet Schmitz.

***RECYCLE** your Sunday Bulletin! If you are not planning to keep your copy of today's bulletin, please deposit it in the recycling bin in the Narthex.

***Audio copies of the Worship Services, Sermons, and Adult Bible Studies** are now available on C.D. in the Narthex or request your copy from Pastor Dan today.

***Prayer Request:** If you would like to add a person or concern to the prayer list, please call Pastor Dan at (314) 775-7371 by Thursday noon for prayers Thursday evening and to include in the Sunday Bulletin.

* Offerings August 1-15, 2010	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Total month to date:	\$10,566	\$ 12,000
Weekly average:	2,641	3,000
Total year to date	\$88,499	\$104,000
Weekly average	2,682	3,000

***Ladies Brown Bag Bible/Book Study** is doing THE ARTIST'S WAY through the summer each Thursday, noon - 2PM at Janet Schmitz'. July 1 we will be covering Chapter 2. Each week we will read the next chapter prior to meeting, journal 3 pages daily and go on a solitary 'Artist's Date'. The Artist's way is a spiritual journey to free up your mind to be able to reach the creative gift that God, our Creator, has uniquely given to each of us. If you would like to join the 'Artist's Circle' you can get a book at Buttonwood Books. Mention you are part of a book club and you will get a 15% discount. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Herth.

*** Inquirer's Class** - Saturdays, September 18 and 25 from 8am – Noon at the church. There will be food, fun, and fellowship. Before the class, you read a short book, *I have Good News for You*, which has thought-provoking study questions at the end of each chapter. These questions form the basis for our exciting discussions. The cost is only \$25 a person which covers the costs of the book and meals. The class is open to anyone, but is limited to 15 people. So sign up now by contacting Pastor Dan at dan.eddy@verizon.net or call 314-775-7371.

***Worship start time switches to 9:30 am starting Sunday, September 12:** It's Rally Sunday with Sunday School, Confo, Post-Confo, and Bible study starting. After that join us for a Rally Sunday Cookout and Play time. It's open to all members and guests.

***Save The Date...**Saturday, September 25, 5 pm at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset for a Fundraising dinner for Dan & Patty Schmelzer of Capstone Ministeries. Join us for an evening of celebration, good food, original African art, a great visual of the mission and an inspiring dialog with Dan & Patty as they tell their story. Donation of \$50/person or \$100/couple. Reservations required, please call Lynn at 781-545-5271 to reserve your seat today.

***Scrip orders** are being collected on Sunday, September 5. Please see Lynn Eaton or Janet Schmitz for more details and an order form.

Church Clean-Up Day
Saturday, September 11
8 am to noon

Come help get our church get ready for the fall season.
There is something for everyone to do...
Yard work (bring your own tools, please)
The Michael J. Kelley Trail needs sprucing up,
Windows always need to be cleaned.
The kitchen needs to be cleaned and sorted through.
Perhaps some painting!
See Dave Isbrandt for more details.

THIS WEEK AT CLC

Today: August **29** Worship 9 am
 Fellowship 10 am

Monday: **30**

Tuesday: **31**

Wednesday: Sept. **1**

Thursday: **2** Women's Book Group 12-2 pm
 Prayer Service 7pm

Friday: **3** Men's Book Group 6 am

Saturday: **4**

Sunday: **5** Worship 9 am
 Fellowship 10 am
 Scrip orders due



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Hebrews 13:1-17: Verse 16 contains a great stewardship thought: ***“Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”*** Maturing stewards seek to do those things that honor God and help our fellow man. Whether we are giving money, time and volunteer help we offer it as a sacrifice pleasing to God.