

As many of you may already know, the Bickners are moving to Tennessee. Trinity Gallup and Shepherd of the Valley Navajo have decided to form a dual parish. Pastor Tim Norton will be installed at Trinity Gallup today at 4 PM with a dinner following the service. All are welcome to attend. If you stay for the dinner, please RSVP to Becky Isaacson, i_becky@hotmail.com; 505-979-1615.

St. John the Baptist is not the Christ, only His forerunner (Acts 13:25). He was called from the womb to bring Jacob back to God through his Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Is. 49:5), just as Christ was the true servant of the Lord. Miraculously conceived by Zechariah the priest of barren Elizabeth, John was marked to be the greatest born of women (Matt. 11:11). The Church rejoices over the Lord's mercy just as Elizabeth's neighbors and relatives did at John's birth. But when Zechariah's tongue was loosed, John was not the subject of his song. *"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people"* (Luke 1:68). John is the voice *"[preparing] the way of the LORD"* (Is. 40:3); Jesus, the virgin-born Son of God, is that Lord. John is *"the prophet of the Most High."* He is born to *"give knowledge of salvation to [God's] people in the forgiveness of their sins,"* because Christ, the Dayspring, is visiting (Luke 1:76–79). Thus, what John preaches is the comfort of iniquity pardoned by Jesus, the promised Savior of Israel (Acts 13:23) and *"the nations, that [His] salvation may reach to the end of the earth"* (Is. 49:6).

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WORSHIP PREPARATION

Today as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion we will receive the Body and Blood of our Savior for the forgiveness of our sins. Because Holy Communion is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, we invite those who are members of this congregation or another congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to commune. Other guests wishing to receive the Sacrament should speak with the pastor before the service.

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Today's Hymns:

Opening: 904, "Blessed Jesus, At Your Word"

Sermon: 688, "Come, Follow Me', the Savior Spake"

Communion: 623, "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly..."

655, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in..."

716, "I Walk in Danger All the Way"

Closing: 919, "Abide O, Dearest Jesus"

Today's Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Epistle: Romans 7:1-13

Gospel: Matthew 10:34-42

Today's Sermon: "The Toughest Job You'll Ever Love"

Prayer List: Lennis Walker, Snyder and Holcomb Families, Deborah Perleberg, Tyler, Jeanne, DJ, Macie, Lisa, Thompson Family, Kerry, Roy and Dale Esau, David Lukow, Carol Unger, Deborah Unger, Shanda Unger, Shea and Jessica, Debra Mobley, Jack McKeever, Annette Lewis, Jason Hobbs

CALENDAR for THE WEEK

Thursday- Worship Service w/HC.....3 PM

Next Sunday- Bible Study.....9 AM

Next Sunday- Worship Service w/HC.....10:15 AM

Last Week's Attendance

June 18- 7

June 21- 44

Prayer ministers will be available after the service today to pray with you.

Zion is in need of people to help with the powerpoint and the music. If you would like to help out or want more info, please see Candace, Lorna or pastor. Thank you for your help and consideration.