

***God's Promise through his Son***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This word of God that we have received has given us the opportunity to enlighten our hearts and minds to the glorious work of Jesus Christ in our lives

Jesus was born in Bethlehem to fulfill the promise of God. Bethlehem Ephrathah, a small village amid vineyards and olive groves, is the Jewish city where King David was born, and this was exactly where Jesus the Messiah, the King of Kings was born. Bethlehem means House of Bread, and Ephrathah means Fruitful

God will that His Son would suffer many things in this live – as He was born in a wooden manger to begin life on this earth, then would die on a wooden cross, by way of suffering.

As the on sacrificial lamb of God, He made atonement for our sins through his shed blood. He obtained salvation of us sinners on the cursed tree, and was victorious over death, hell and the devil. Isaiah had prophesied it long before: “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter and as a sheep before his shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth” Isiah 53:7

Jesus began His work that God had promised, to save the souls of mankind who had gone astray, bringing them into His tender loving care. He seeks sincere hearts to perform Spirit-led acts of love. His light of mercy must penetrate where the darkness of sin still exists. He says to us in John 8:12 “I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, bu shall have the light of life”

More than ever before, Jesus needs light-bearers as messengers of peace, who proclaim the Gospel to those who are still living peacefully in their sinfulness, not realizing the end of their path.

As Christians we need to show love and grace to those without. There is no sin that cannot be forgiven in Jesus' precious name and blood that He shed for the salvation

of all of mankind. Jesus gave a commission to all who believe to do the work of God the Father in this world.

Chad Kuivanen

Feb 3	Ken Storm	Holy Communion 11am
Feb 10	Charles Korhonen	
Feb 17	Ken Storm	
Feb 24	Chad Kuivanen	Potluck Meal

Sunday School/Adult Bible Studay 10am  
Church at 11:00am  
Bible Study at 7pm on Wednesday.

Church Cleaning Barb Mattila team

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