**Messy Church Celebration**

**the Baptism of Tali**

**4.30pm Sunday 18th October 2015**

**Immanuel Auditorium**

**ELISE TO TALK ABOUT MIRACLES**

**NIGEL – THE GREAT MIRACLE OF LOVE**

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOGD1WkJJok**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOGD1WkJJok)

**from 3:30 – 4.30**

When I was 13 years old - (In 1986) – there was a band called the Euyrithmics. – and they wrote an amazing song called the miracle of love!

In the song the singer says:

**I’ll show you something good.**

**When you open your mind you’ll discover the sign that there is something you’re longing to find.**

According to the song that sign – is the miracle of love!

**The miracle of love will take away your pain.**

**When the miracle of love comes your way.**

According to the song receiving the miracle of love is like making a new start:

The singer says:

**I’ll show you something good.**

**If you open your heart you can make a new start.**

When I think of the miracle of love I think of God

The miracle of love is God coming to us and saying you belong to me forever.

We celebrate the miracle of love in Baptism.

In baptism God comes and says: You belong to me forever. I will love you forever.

**And so let’s remember God by sharing the words we often share at school worship**

**INVOCATION**

**We begin in the name of God who creates us and keeps us in his care.**

**In the name of Jesus- Who died and rose again to make us free.**

**In the name of the Holy Spirit – who comes into our hearts through listening to his word and baptism. Amen**

**OPENING MESSAGE EXPLAINING GOD’S PLAN**

In the big picture of Life the Bible teaches us that:

God created us to be in relationship with us

But as people we have turned our back on God and we sin against God by disobeying him.

We all fall short of the Glory of God.

But. God so loved the world. …. John 3:16 - Jesus

He saves us dying to be the sacrifice that takes away the sin of the world and rises again to show us he has won the victory over sin death and the devil.

Jesus teaches us that following him is all about discovering God’s love, grace and mercy and walking in relationship with him…

It’s about walking in the miracle of love:

Watch this…. which explains it so well.

**Mpeg: LIFE WITH GOD**

After his resurrection Jesus appeared to his disciples many times – before he ascended into heaven he said

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

**ADDRESS**

So ….The word of God teaches that we are born sinful and unclean, but God washes us clean in the waters of baptism, and we are born again as his children. Through baptism our heavenly Father forgives us our sins and unites us with our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we share in his death and resurrection. And the Holy Spirit renews us and gives us eternal life.

This is the true miracle of love.

Now at Immanuel Primary year three students learn about the Miracle of love that is baptism!

And after this unit at the last Messy Church – Tali spoke with me and said that she wanted to receive this miracle of love

And be baptized.

And as part of the Baptism unit – year three student design their own symbol to describe what baptism mean for them.

Check out Tali’s symbol.

**SHOW TALI’S BAPTISM SYMBOL**

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Child: Tali

Parents: Mark and Sheri

Mark a teacher at Mt Carmel College

Sherri – Psychologist

Siblings: Kara anf Aisha

Sponsors: Holly

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PARENTS AND SPONSORS**

In life we need people to encourage us and support us. When we baptise we love to acknowledge those who will encourage and support the person being baptised.

Mark Sheri as parents and Holly as sponsor, the support you offer to Tali as she grows as a follower of Jesus is important.

I encourage you to support her growth as a disciple of Jesus by talking about Jesus and sharing the stories of Jesus with Tali, by caring for Tali and praying for Tali, by meeting together with other Christians for worship, and by supporting Tali’s learning in the Christian faith.

If you intend to encourage Tali in these ways then please respond : Yes with the help of God.

PARENTS & SPONSORS: **YES, WITH THE HELP OF GOD.**

**SIGNING WITH THE CROSS**

When we are baptized we are joined to Jesus, as Jesus lives, so too we will live. Tali, receive the mark of the holy cross +, as a sign that Christ the crucified has redeemed you.

**RECEPTION OF THE GOSPEL**

Tali, receive the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ who says: Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

When Jesus taught his disciples to pray he gave them his own prayer. (I invite parents and sponsors to place hands on Tali as we pray)

Tali receive God’s blessing as we pray together:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and forever. Amen.**

**TRANSITIONAL BLESSING**

Parents and Sponsors, Family and friends

The Lord watch over you, as you go out and as you come in, now and forever. Amen.

**MMMMMMMM MIRACLE**

**RENUNCIATION AND CONFESSION**

Tali, before I baptize you today I have a couple more questions I want to ask you:

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,… who creates us and keeps us every day?

**Yes, I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord… Who died and rose again to set us free from our sin.

**Yes, I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit…. Who comes into our hearts through listening to his word and baptism?

**Yes, I do.**

**DESIRE FOR BAPTISM**

Tali, do you want to be baptised? (Say 'Yes, I do'.)

**Yes, I do.**

**BAPTISM**

**TALI MAE HODGKISS-ROBERTS,**

**I baptise you in the name of the Father +**

**and of the Son +**

**and of the Holy Spirit +. Amen.**

**LAYING ON OF HANDS**

 (May) God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you new birth by water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his Spirit, so that you receive eternal life. Amen.

**PRESENTATION OF CANDLE**

Tali, because you now belong to the Lord, you are in the light. So live as children of the light.

**PRAYER –**

Let us pray for Tali.

Holy Spirit you come into our hearts through listening to your word and baptism. We thank you for washing Tali with your love this day by giving him the forgiveness of sins and new life through baptism. Help Tali to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, so that she will one day enter the joy of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**RECEPTION –**

When we baptize here at Immanuel, the person being baptized comes under the spiritual care of the Immanuel faith Family – Immanuel Lutheran Church of which messy church is part of.

So please receive Tali whom God has given to us as our sister in Christ. Pray for her and be a good example to her.

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AND BAPTISM BEAR**

**CELEBRATION**

Together, let us all celebrate that God has made Tali his child forever through baptism!

(Let’s celebrate with applause.)

**BLESSING –** *To Child Parents and Sponsors.* The peace of the Lord be with you always! Amen!

**BLESSING TO ALL –**

**GOING OUT SONG: mpeg – May the Lord Bless you.**