

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

## SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.



JANUARY 22, 2017

**Third Sunday After Epiphany**  
January 22, 2017  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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Prelude

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*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

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\*Hymn of Praise

*Glory to God*

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\*Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. . . .

C Amen

Anthem

*Standin' In the Need of Prayer*  
Hosanna Handbells

arr. Hurlbutt

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced defeat, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them. The people in the northern parts of Israel have experienced "gloom" and "darkness" because of the destruction wrought by Assyrian military forces. To these people, the prophet announces the shining of a great light of salvation.*

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

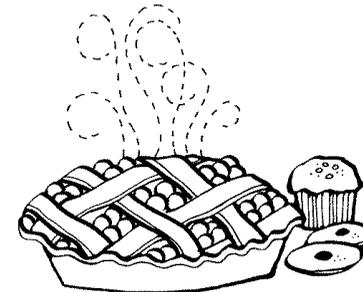
*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ who was crucified for us. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL MEETING  
Next Sunday,  
JANUARY 29TH, 2017**

11:45 a.m. Annual Meeting in Sanctuary

12:30 p.m. Potluck in Fellowship Hall



**POTLUCK**

**This Week at Lutheran:**

Today: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. **Preschool 2 Milestone Class (Fellowship Hall)**  
 10:00 a.m. **Adult Forum on 2017 Budget (Sanctuary)**  
 No Adult Bible Study  
 12:00 p.m. **Youth Mystery Mission Trip Information Meeting (for this year's 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) (Youth Room)**

Monday: 9-3 p.m. WELCA Love Days  
 5:00 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday: **MESSENGER DEADLINE**  
 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 10:30 a.m. **Senior Coffee & Bible Study (\*\*NOTE CHANGE)**

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon  
 9:30 a.m. **Sarah's Circle (Pioneer Pointe)**  
 10:00 a.m. AA  
 10:00 a.m. Caregiver's Support Group  
 1:00 p.m. **Hannah's Circle (Kairos Room)**  
 3:45-4:30 p.m. Children's Choir  
 4:30-5:15 p.m. FLY K4  
 6:00 p.m. Hosanna Handbells  
 6:30 p.m. **Super FLY Minute to Win it! (Required for Confirmation students)**  
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thurs.: 8:45 a.m. Morning Watch – Pastor Erick – KBRF AM 1250  
**No Sr. Bible Study & Coffee (see Tuesday)**

Friday: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Next Sunday, January 29:**

8:30 & 11 a.m. **Worship/Preschool 2 Milestone Blessing**  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
 11:45 a.m. **Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)**  
 12:30 p.m. **Congregational Potluck (Fellowship Hall)**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

(Congregational response read after Gospel is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

**\*Gospel**

Matthew 4:12-23

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

(Congregational response read after Gospel is read: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

**Children's Event**

Pastor Jennifer

**Sermon**

Pastor Jennifer

**Hymn of the Day**

***You have Come Down to the Lakeshore***

**ELW 817**

**\*The Apostles' Creed**

Back Cover of ELW Hymnal

**\*The PEACE is shared**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

**Mission Moment**

\*denotes when to stand

Offering

*Gloria Hodie*  
Hosanna Handbells

arr. Turner/McChesney

\*Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
 it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
 joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

\*The Prayers

P ...Lord, in your mercy,  
C hear our prayer.

OR P ... Let us pray to the Lord,  
C Lord, have mercy.

\*The Lord's Prayer

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

\*Blessing

\*Threefold Amen

\*Sending Hymn

*We are Marching*

ELW 866

\*Sending

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

**Fellowship and Refreshments** this morning in the narthex between services by the families of William & Margaret Ness-Ludwig and Charles & Vanessa Vaughn.

**Visitors!** If you didn't get a "Visitors Bag" when you came in this morning please pick one up on your way out after worship. You'll find them in a basket located on the small table on the ramp coming up from the narthex into the sanctuary.

**Large Print Edition** of the order of worship, the lessons, and the hymns for today are available. If you would like copies for worship, please ask an usher.

**The Lion's Reading Program** for visually and physically impaired listeners is in need of some additional volunteer readers. If anyone is interested, please call Lynn Brand at 218-739-3842 or Ginny Paulson at 218-736-5109. Also, they are looking for a volunteer to help prepare their reading schedule every 10 or 12 weeks.

**The First Lutheran Relay for Life Team** is having a fund raising bake sale on February 12 between church services. If anyone would like to donate some bake goods, it would be appreciated.

**Beginning Experience Support Group** for those who are separated, divorced, or widowed... For more information or to register call 998-4300.

**Luther Crest Campers** - Camp Promo Sunday is February 5th! The awesome Maddie Gray from Luther Crest will join us to get us all pumped up for camp this summer. Parents - the Early Bird registration deadline for Luther Crest is **February 14th**. Come on February 5th to learn more about this great opportunity! Scholarship dollars are available.

**Grades 8-12** - The Summer Trip Informational meeting for Mystery Mission 2017 is TODAY at Noon in the youth room! Come and learn about our Mystery Trip and get excited for a summer adventure! This trip is for this year's (current grades) 8-12.

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Interim Senior Pastor:	Erick Thompson
Associate Pastor:	Jennifer Rose
Visitation Pastor:	Stan Satre
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Larson
Council President:	Elizabeth Abrahams
Organist:	Keith Melberg
Hosanna Handbell Director:	Linda Mellon
Cantor:	Anthony Perez
Lectors:	8:30 -Sara Delaney 11-Laurie Whitehead
Acolytes:	8:30-Ian Stumbo 11- Raven Vallevand
Greeters:	8:30- Greg & Jenny Stumbo family
Ushers:	8:30- Neil Herman, Steve Fitz, Daniel & Carol Roehl
	11-Steve Leitte, Doug Hansen, Steve & Kathy Emerson
	8:30- Paul Dimke 11- Bud Mellon
PA Operator:	