

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016

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

**FIRST LESSON. PSALM 19:1-7a, 14**

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

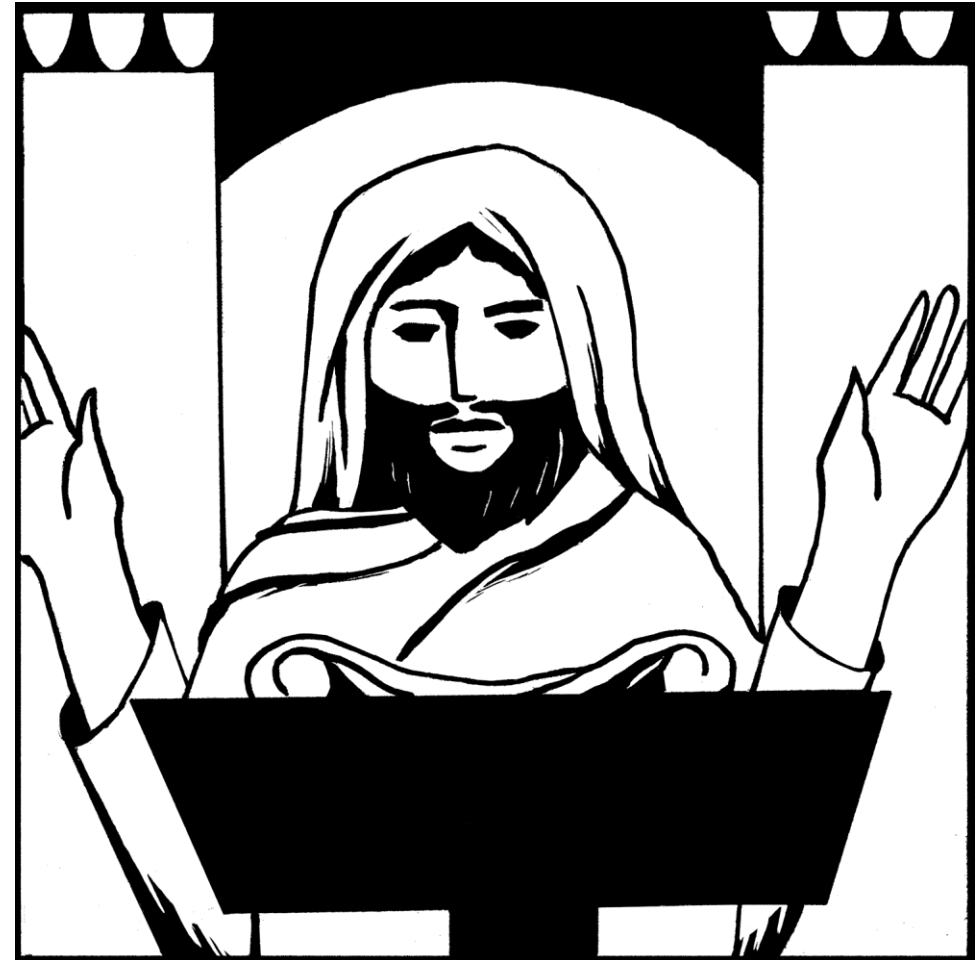
**SECOND LESSON. 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

**GOSPEL. LUKE 4:14-21**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



JANUARY 24, 2016

Third Sunday After Epiphany  
January 24, 2016  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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The salvation promised in the Bible is not just going to happen “someday” far off in the future. It is happening already today. Jesus takes “someday” and pulls it into this day.

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Choral Call to Worship**

*I Will Call Upon the Lord*  
Sunday School students

**Preschool 2 Milestone Blessing**

**\*Processional Hymn**

*Brightest and Best of the Stars*

**ELW 303 (v. 1-3)**

**\*Apostolic Greeting**

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**\*Kyrie**

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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**

*Meditation on Beautiful Savior*  
Hosanna Handbells

arr. Cathy Moglebust

**First Lesson**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

*The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that the joy of the Lord is their strength.*

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

**Second Lesson**

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

*The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.*

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

**The Nominating Committee elected by the congregation at last year’s Annual Meeting has recommended to the church council the following members as nominees for their respective positions.**

**Council Positions**

Vice President – Greg Peterson  
Youth – Tonya Bergren  
Finance – Richard Felstul  
Fellowship – Terry Gervais  
Personnel – Joe Ellig  
Secretary – Deb Opatz  
Property – Mark Hermes  
Stewardship – Logan Sonmor

**Nominating Committee** (Vote for 6)

Adam Vaughn  
Lisa Wolfe  
Ashley Shuck  
Kim Ward  
Margaret Kratzke  
Marlene Wilde  
Harriet Wicklund  
Jasmine Sonmor  
Diane Prischmann  
Angela Haarstad  
Kathy Rosendahl  
Audrey Jackson

**Northwest Synod Assembly** (vote for 4)

Derek & Elizabeth Abrahams  
Greg & Joanne Peterson

**PioneerCare Designate**

Ron & Teri Spangler

**Preschool 2 students who will receive their Milestone Blessing this morning are:**

Connor Anderson, Jordynn Anderson, Alexander Cheshire, Valerie Clark, Maegan Ecker, Dexter Felstul, Lucia Flugstad, Brinley Harris, Cade Johnson, Brianna Knudsvig, Ella Kwapinski, Wyatt Lappegaard, Sean Rufer, Jude Shearer, Elly Stortroen, James Vaughn, Emma Wagner

**This Week at Lutheran:**

Today: 8:30 & 11 am Worship/Preschool 2 Milestone Blessing in worship  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. **Adult Forum on 2016 Budget**

Monday: 9:00 a.m. WELCA Love Days  
 5 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wed: 7:00 a.m. **XY Men's Bible Study at Café 116**  
 9:30 a.m. **Sarah Circle (Pioneer Pointe)**  
 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon  
 10:00 a.m. AA  
 1:00 p.m. **Hannah Circle**  
 3:45-4:30 pm Children's Choir  
 6:00 p.m. Hosanna Handbells  
 6:30 P.M. Confirmation  
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir  
 7:30 p.m. High School SENIOR FLY

Thurs.: 7:30 a.m. **BBC @ Taco John's**  
 8:45 am Morning Watch – Pr. Saul – KBRF AM 1250  
 9:30 a.m. Sr. Bible Study & Coffee

Friday: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Next Sunday, January 31:**

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
 NOON. **CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK & ANNUAL MEETING**

Senior Pastor: Saul Stensvaag  
 Associate Pastor: Jennifer Rose  
 Visitation Pastor: Stan Satre  
 Sunday School Superintendent: Cindy Larson  
 Council President: Lisa Wolfe  
 Organist: Keith Melberg  
 Lectors: 8:30 –Mark Hermes 11- Denny Hystead  
 Acolytes: 8:30- Tucker Henkes 11-Nycole Mouritsen  
 Cantors: 8:30- Diane Boen 11:00- Steve Guttormson  
 Greeters: 8:30 –Smestad family 11 –Dave & Becky Kantrud  
 Hosanna Handbell Director: Linda Mellon  
 Sacristan: 8:30 – Mark and Susan Hermes  
 PA Operator: 8:30- Margaret Ness-Ludwig 11-Bud Mellon

**\*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 sung after Gospel is read: Praise to you, O Christ)

**\*Gospel**

Luke 4:14-21

**Sermon**

*Not Someday but TODAY!*

Pastor Saul

**Hymn of the Day**

**Arise, Your Light Has Come!**

**ELW 314**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism** (11:00)

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**Children's Event** (8:30)

Pastor Saul

**\*The Apostles' Creed** (8:30)

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**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**\*The PEACE is shared**

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

**C** And also with you.



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