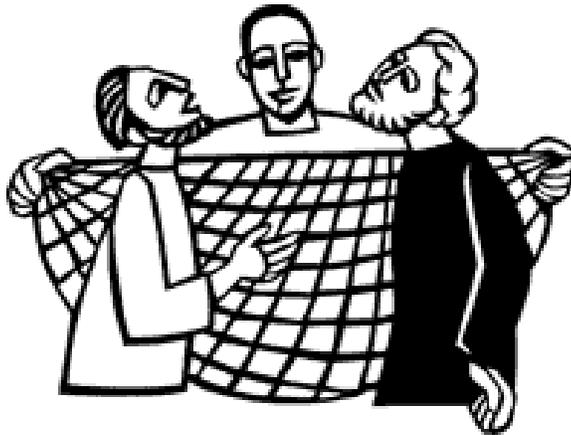


**January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

We will grow spiritually and in numbers as we serve Christ. We will reach out and address the hurts and hopes in our community. We will maintain a church home that is reverently joyous and extend a welcome to all who seek to join us in our mission.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

# Sunday, January 26, 2014

## INTRODUCTION

*Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN:**

**“BE THOU MY VISION”**

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us come into the light of Christ,  
confessing our need for God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy and faithful God,

**we so often choose our own way instead of yours.**

**We think we can evade your commandments. We have spoken in ways that kill,  
strayed with our hearts, betrayed friends, and hated enemies.**

**We have broken our promises. Search us deeply and create us anew.**

**Lift the heavy burden of our sin and free us to follow your way of life.**

**Amen.**

"Call upon me," says the Lord, "and I will answer." Our God has come among us to  
loose every bond and set us free from all that weighs us down.

Receive the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of + Jesus Christ,  
our crucified and risen Savior.

**Amen.**

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God,

**your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us.**

**Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness**

**that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC: Randy Tofteland**

### **FIRST READING:**

**I 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.*

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.

**Psalm 27: 1, 4-9**

*Refrain: The LORD is my light and my salvation. (Ps. 27:1)*

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;**

**to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD**

**and to seek God in the temple.**

For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary,

and raise me high upon a rock.

**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary,**

**sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD. R**

Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

**My heart speaks your message? "Seek my face."**

**Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away? You have been my helper;

forsake me not, O God of my salvation. R

**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.*

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."



Be a sure defense to all whose lives are threatened by pain, personal crisis, or persistent fear (*especially*). Give them shelter from hardship and rest when they are weary Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Shine your light through this faith community into the wider community. Make us a beacon for all who hunger and thirst for righteousness and who are in need of mercy. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Giving thanks that the saints now dwell with you in the fullness of your kingdom, we ask you to keep us faithful to your truth revealed in Christ until you make all things new. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Almighty God, we entrust to you all for whom we pray, confident that you fulfill your promises through Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMN:           “Arise, Your Light Has Come!”**

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## **THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**

Organist: Marlys Beavers  
Greeters: Audrey & Dennis Bistodeau  
Ushers: Wally & Bev Swenson  
Lector: Char Berg  
Coffee Servers: Diane & Del Jones, Judy Wuorio

## **RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK**

Response to God's Word Last Week (01/19/2014)  
Attendance: 9:00 am – 118

## **THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> THRU FEBRUARY 1ST<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

Mon	Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	AA & Alanon	Pastor Off
Tues	Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Quilters	Pastor Off
Wed	Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Bible Study	
		9:00 a.m.	Quilters	
		9:30 a.m.	Hardanger	
		11:00 a.m.	Bible Study	
		7:00 p.m.	Praise Team	
		6:30 p.m.	Confirmation	
Thurs	Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m.	R.O.M.E.O.S.	
		12:30 p.m.	Funtimers	
Fri	Jan 31 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Bone Builders	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ATTENDING a fun day at THE OLD LOG THEATER on February 10<sup>TH</sup>?** The play is called “Almost Maine”, it is a British comedy. Contact John Hudson, Aitkin Community Education at 218-927-7130. Also inform him that you would like the bus to pick you up at Bethesda. To register, find a slip on the bulletin board on the left when entering the fellowship hall, decide on your lunch choice, write a check and mail to the address on the form.

**Please pick up your 2014 OFFERING ENVELOPES and your contribution statements from 2013 for tax purposes!**

**THANK YOU!** to those who took time last week to make a Valentine to decorate our tree in the narthex. Your messages on the Valentine’s are inspiring. More Valentine’s are needed. There are three tables in the fellowship hall with materials to make more decorations. Help yourself and have fun!

**ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION** is holding their annual care conference “Meeting of the Minds” in St Paul March 1, 2014. The conference offers sessions for professionals, family and friends, care partners and persons with dementia. The conference will focus on education, support strategies for care giving, legal and financial planning and cutting edge research. You can register by calling 1-800-272-3900. If you use the internet you can go online at [alz.org/mnnd](http://alz.org/mnnd) for more information. Hold onto this bulletin, take it home and put the number offered above for later reference. Trained support staff is available 24/7! There is NO cost to call and ask questions about you, loved ones, friends, family neighbors. Learn how to help each other. Conference information is on the board in the fellowship hall.

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**-February 2 Next Sunday. Bring your donations of food or money for the food shelves.

**QUILTERS** will meet on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcomed!

**POINSETTIAS** in the fellowship hall really need a home so if you would like to take one home with you after service today please help yourself.

## NEW TESTAMENT QUIZ

1. The word "beatitude" means blessing. Where in the Bible are the Beatitudes found?
2. The New Testament has 27 books. Which book is the shortest?
3. Matthew and Mark tell of feeding the 5,000. In which book of the Bible does Jesus feed 4,000 with fish and loaves?
4. The Great Commandment appears in Matthew 22:34-40, Mark 12:28-31, Luke 10: 25-27. Read and compare the stories.
5. Name the twelve disciples. See Mark or Luke
6. Some of the disciples had two names. What was the other name for Thaddeus?
7. When Jesus was crucified Pilate placed a notice on the cross... What was written?
8. Who took the body of Jesus and wrapped it in spices? Two people
9. Who found the stone rolled away after Jesus was laid in the tomb?
10. In chapter one of Acts the disciples meet and name a replacement for Judas. Who did they name?
11. Read Acts 11:25-26 What happened at Antioch?
12. I Corinthians 14 is also known as the ???? chapter.
13. What is the greatest commandment? What is the second greatest commandment?  
Read Matthew 22
14. Which disciple was called the "rock"? Jesus said on this rock I will build my church.