

# Sunday, January 22, 2017

Third Sunday after Epiphany



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### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*

*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*

*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

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### 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:

“Here I Am, Lord”

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### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Loving God,

**we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways.**

**Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children.**

**Amen.**

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God’s love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior.

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Lord God, your lovingkindness 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.**

*Please be seated*

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

### **First Reading: 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.*

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>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.

The Word of the Lord.

## **Thanks Be to God**

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

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

<sup>1</sup>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?

<sup>4</sup>**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.**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- on a rock.

**<sup>6</sup>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.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

**<sup>8</sup>My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup>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.

## **Second Reading: 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.*

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>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.” <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>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.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Thanks Be to God**

*Please rise for the reading of the Gospel*

## **Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*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.*

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— <sup>16</sup>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.” <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, O Christ**

*Please be Seated*

**SERMON**

“Fish for People!”

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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**APOSTLE’S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God’s justice, peace, and healing.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, you call us to fish for people. Tear down divisions and unite the church universal in your mission. Make us of the same mind and purpose in service and worship to you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Nurturing God, you call us to care for creation. Breathe into us the joy and beauty of stewardship. Teach us to care for the small seed and the expansive sky. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate God, you call us to care for the stranger in our midst. Sustain refugees from every country (*especially*) and empower organizations that provide food and shelter for them, especially Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Redeeming God, you break the oppressor's rod. Bring an end to tyranny and poverty. Wipe out fear. Uphold all your children who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Heal us with your presence. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Triune God, you call us into relationship with you. Raise up leaders in your church who risk looking foolish for the sake of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Ever-living God, you call us to rest in you. Keep us faithful on earth and bring us to life everlasting with the saints of every time and place. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate. Please rise as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

# LORDS PRAYER

## BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☐ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:**                    **“I Love to Tell the Story”**                    **#661 ELW**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again!**

## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music:                    Jim Christensen  
Greeters:                Char Berg & Marilyn Andrews  
Ushers:                   George & Kathy Larson  
Lector:                   Val Benton  
Hospitality Hosts:     Jerry & Pat Becker, Jack & Paula Spetz

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance:     Sunday, January 15, 2017:     9:00am     93

## THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

**January 23 thru January 29, 2017**

Monday	1/23	12:00 noon	Funeral for Dean Newman (visitation 1 hr prior)
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	1/24	10:00-12:00	Pastor Text Study
		9:00 am	Quilters
Wednesday	1/25	8:30 am	Bible Study
		9:30 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Catechism
		6:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	1/26	8:00am	ROMEOS
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers
Friday	1/27	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Sunday	1/29	9:00 am	Worship

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ATTENDANCE REGISTRY** Please sign and pass the new attendance registry folders which you will find in the pew.

**COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED** Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn. There will always be someone to assist you with making the coffee and running the dishwasher.

**REFORMATION 500 KICKOFF CONFERENCE** is today, Sunday, January 22, 2017 2:00-5:00pm at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin.

## **PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS**

- Minnie Gilbert, home after surgery
- The family of Dean Newman who passed away on Thursday.

**FOOT CLINIC** our next Foot Clinic will be on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00pm. Call the church office at 320 684-2123 (between 11-3, Monday-Friday) to schedule your appointment. Walk ins welcome after 2:30pm.

**FUNERAL** for Dean Newman will be held on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 noon with visitation 1 hour prior.

**CONGRATULATIONS** and Welcome to Jenny Schuett who was hired as our new part-time secretary. Jenny will work as support in the office along with Mary Braun. Thank you, Jenny. It's good to have you on our staff!

**THANK YOU** We thank everyone who shared the life of Irene Long. For your cards, thoughts, prayers and mostly your love. The Irene Long Family.

**CAPITAL FUNDS APPEAL** The council has recommended we pursue a Capital Funds Appeal for the financing the Parsonage, and the first step is to identify a leader for the role of *Capital Funds Appeal Communications Liaison*. This person will oversee the communications to the congregation of what we're doing and how we're going to do it. This person will work with multiple people of course, but will really steer the process and develop the communication plan and roll out. The council is reaching out to people to see if they would be open to accept this important role, but if this is something you're willing to do please reach out to Pastor Terry or anyone else on the council. Thanks in advance for your consideration.