

*Immediately
they left their
nets and
followed him.*

MATTHEW 4:20, NIV



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
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WELCOME TO ALL guests and visitors. It is great to have you here with us to receive the gifts of God in this place. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher. We look forward to seeing you again!

COMMUNION: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with the Pastor.

THOSE SERVING IN JANUARY;

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PASTOR MANZ' OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Monday	12:00pm - 4:00pm
Tuesday	10:00am - 2:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 1:00pm
Thursday	10:00am - 2:00pm
Friday	Off

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF INVOCATION

The People That in Darkness Sat.....LSB 412

Stand

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 22:27–31; antiphon: v. 22

P I will tell of your name to my brothers;

C in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

P All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

C and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

P For kingship belongs to the LORD,

C and he rules over the nations.

P All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

C before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one
who could not keep himself alive.

P Posterity shall serve him;

C it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

P they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,

C that he has done it.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will tell of your name to my brothers;

C in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS p. 154 ♪

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There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made 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 dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
 on them has light shined.
 You have multiplied the nation;
 you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
 For the yoke of his burden,
 and the staff for his shoulder,
 the rod of his oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

GRADUAL

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

C For great is his steadfast love toward us,
 and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
 bring an offering, and come into his courts!

EPISTLE READING

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ 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 may 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 preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Stand

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12–25

P The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the
Gentiles—
the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

While walking 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 fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with

Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON HYMN

O Christ, Our True and Only Light.....LSB 839

SERMON

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OSL Education Opportunities:

Adult Bible Class: Sundays @ 10:30-11:30am, leader – *Pastor Manz*

Wednesday Bible Study: 1-2:30pm, leader – *Pastor Manz*

OSL West (3rd Thurs of the month): 10:15-11am, leader – *Pastor Manz*

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

25 January 2026

Isaiah 9:1–4

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

Matthew 4:12–25

The Lord Manifests His Glory through His Office of the Holy Ministry

By His coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, the Lord Jesus shines the light of His Gospel upon *“the people who walked in darkness”* and *“who dwelt in a land of deep darkness”* (Is. 9:2). He also has *“multiplied the nation”* and *“increased its joy”* (Is. 9:3) by calling disciples to Himself from the ends of the earth. For this purpose, He calls Peter and Andrew, with James and John, to follow Him and be *“fishers of men”* (Matt. 4:19). As Jesus did, they also go forth *“proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people”* (Matt. 4:23). They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the very power and wisdom of God. This word and preaching of the cross divides *“those who are perishing”* from *“us who are being saved”* (1 Cor. 1:18), but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, *“in the same mind and the same judgment”* (1 Cor. 1:10).

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

January 25 – “Not Just Books” Fair

January 27 and 29 @9a - Quilting

February 3 @6p – Men’s Group

February 10 & 12 @9a – Quilting

February 10 @5:30p – Trustees Meeting

February 16 @6p – Elder’s Meeting

February 17 @5:30p – Council Meeting

February 18 – Ash Wednesday

February 25 @7:00p - Lent Midweek Service

@7:30p - 8:30p - Confirmation

This Week at Our Savior

Day	Date	Time	Description
Sunday	25	9:00a 10:00a 10:30a	Divine Service Fellowship Bible Study “Not Just Books” Fair Acolyte – Blake Sorensen
Monday	26		
Tuesday	27		
Wednesday	28	1:00p 7:00-8:30p	Bible Study Junior Confirmation
Thursday	29	6:15-7:30p	Adult Confirmation Class
Friday	30		
Saturday	31		
Sunday	Feb 1	9:00a 10:00a 10:30a	Divine Service Fellowship Bible Study MITEBOX SUNDAY Acolyte– Sophia Manz



Happy Birthday to:
January 27 – Doug Ringger
January 29 - Thelma Pettet
January 29 – Esther Schulz



Happy Anniversary to:
 No Anniversaries this week.



Acolyte for January:
 Blake Sorensen
Acolyte for February
 Sophia Manz

LWML is once again holding their annual "Not Just Books" Fair". Wouldn't it be great to check off your first January resolution win - to declutter your shelves - with this perfect opportunity to donate those dusty items and bring new joy to others! "Not Just for Books" Fair welcomes all forms of media entertainment - DVDs, CDs, VHS.tapes, puzzles, games, and of course, books, books, books! Items for sale will be in the East and South sides of Fellowship Hall. The "Not Just for Books" Fair officially opened for business last Sunday, Jan 18 and is open again this Sunday, Jan. 25 and next Sunday, February 1st. The event is going to be changed to a "bag" sale. A "bag" sale is when you fill up a provided plastic grocery bag with the items you want and pay \$1.00 for the entire bag full of merchandise.

Proceeds from the Fair will go towards Mites.



The new volunteer lists are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex next to the mailboxes. There are several empty spaces to be filled. Please consider giving of your time and talents and signing up for one or more of these opportunities.



Remember in your prayers.....

- Rick Schiller, who will be having prostate surgery in Pella on Monday, January 26.
- Tom Tisdale.
- Dianne Breckenridge.
- Karen Doak, who has stage 3 kidney disease.
- Shane Hoffman, a former member, as he continues to recover at home from meningitis.
- Marge Mesner, Bob's mother, who is recovering from a stroke.
- Stephanie Wellik, who is under hospice care.
- Carole Zimmerman for skin cancer.
- Esther Schulz for continued healing for her leg.
- Marva Doerring, who is in long term Skilled Care at Newton Village and has Covid.
- Nancy Janssen who is in Valley Vista.
- The Ministry of The Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa

Our Missionaries

Rev. James & Angela Sharp & Family – Puerto Rico
Pastor Carl & Chenhsi Li Hanson, Korea.
Cody & Aurelie Mock & Family - Latvia



In case of hospitalization or desire for a pastor visit, please contact Pastor

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Please let Mickey know if you have an addition
or update to the Prayers for the congregation. Thank you.