

Old Testament

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

¹All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. ... ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ... ⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹²For 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. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should 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. ¹⁶And if the ear should 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. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The 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." ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater

honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

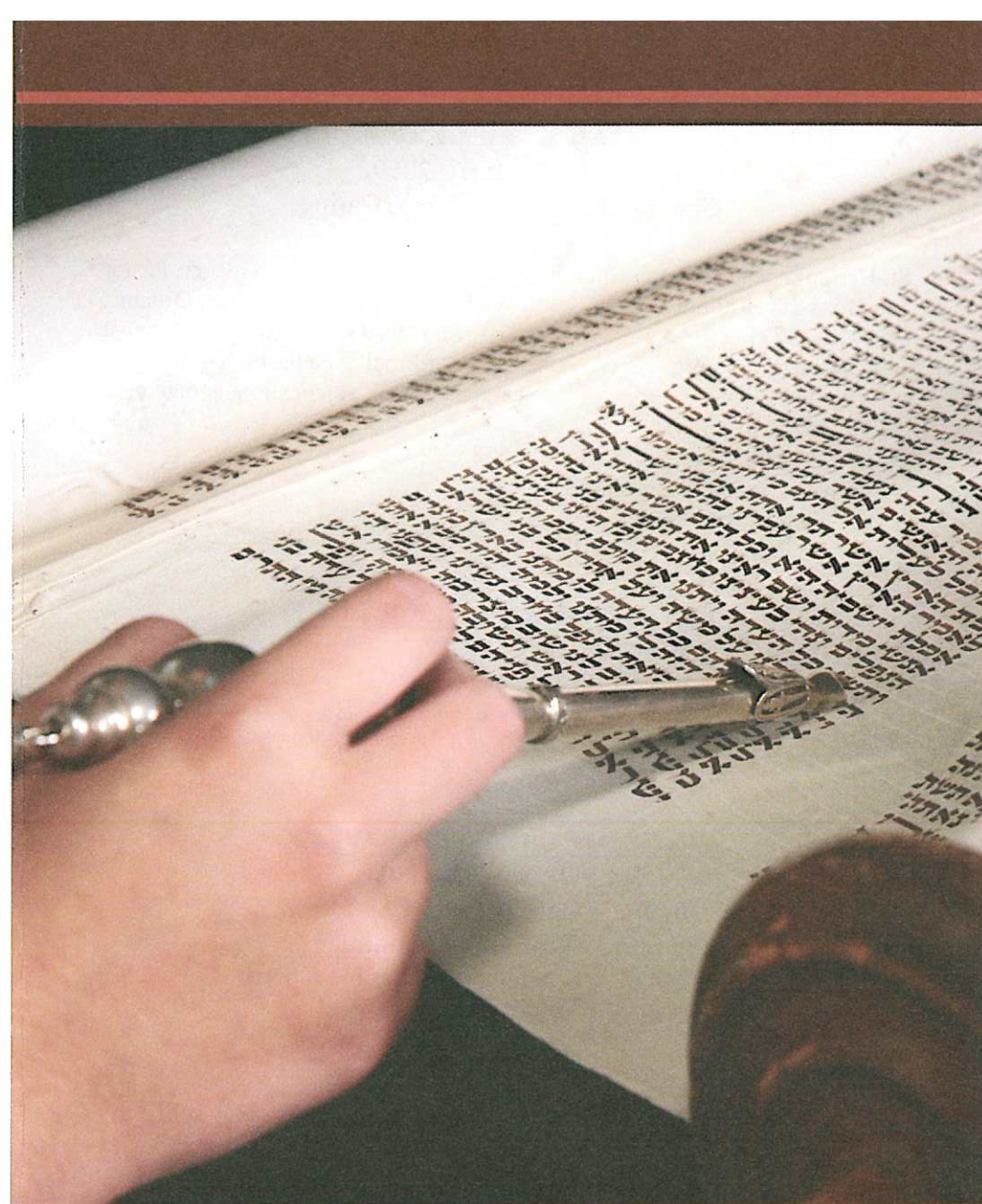
²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:16-30

¹⁶And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." ²⁴And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.



To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor

Luke 4:19



About the Cover: As the scroll of Isaiah is unfurled, God's fulfillment of His promises is poured into the ears of the people. This is "the year of the Lord's favor," and it is found in Jesus, the one whose arms would be spread out upon the cross. Those promises are true for us. God continues to roll out His promises into our ears by His Word.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 23 & 27, 2019

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Hymns: 398, 655, 948, 839, 805, 658
Sermon: "Not Just Another Service"
Luke 4:16-30

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 1/16 (Wed): 32	Comm.: 30	Offering: \$466.00
Attendance 1/20 (Sun): 95	Comm.: 75	Offering: \$1,806.00
S.S. – 20	Staff – 8	B.C. – 4
Budget Needs: \$3,386.00		Scrip Profit 1/20: \$17.75

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (1/27) 10:00 a.m. – Voters Meeting
WED (1/30) 3:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.
SUN (2/3) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School/Bible Class
9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Kay Koffarnus who will have surgery on Tuesday.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to God's glory by Hank & Lori Horn.

PENNIES FOR LIFE – Today (Sunday) is your final opportunity to support God-given life through your pennies. Help support unborn babies! How precious is the gift of life!

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES – Please give us the updates or the OK by next Sunday (2/3).

VOTERS MEETING is today (Sunday) right after church in the fellowship hall. The agenda includes the election of some officers; presentation of updated constitution and bylaws.

"SOUP"ER BOWL CHALLENGE – Who's going to win the Super Bowl? Rams or Patriots? Let your voice be heard by voting with cans of soup. You have until the end of the service on Feb. 3 to make your prediction. Place your can(s) in the appropriate stack in the narthex. Soup will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Join the fun!

LADIES AID IS PLANNING A CHILI DINNER on February 24. We will serve from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You can take out or eat here right after the church service. If you wish to take out, please bring your own container. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board if you would like to help purchase some of the ingredients or bake a pie. Please have items here by Wednesday February 20th.

LADIES AID IS REQUESTING YOUR HELP with their chili dinner on Saturday Feb. 23 for preparing and on Sunday, Feb. 24 for serving. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you are available to help.

NEEDED – We are still searching for members to fill some service opportunities. We are looking for at least two individuals that would be willing to serve as Elders and also two members to serve on the Stewardship and Evangelism Committee. As we begin the New Year, it is important that we fill these positions so that an undue burden is not placed on the members that have so graciously already volunteered to serve. Please prayerfully consider serving and contact either Peter Kittel or Bob Behnke by today (Sunday) if you are interested.