

Old Testament

1 Samuel 16:4-13

⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." ¹¹Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." ¹²And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

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.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:31-34, 44

³¹He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³²It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

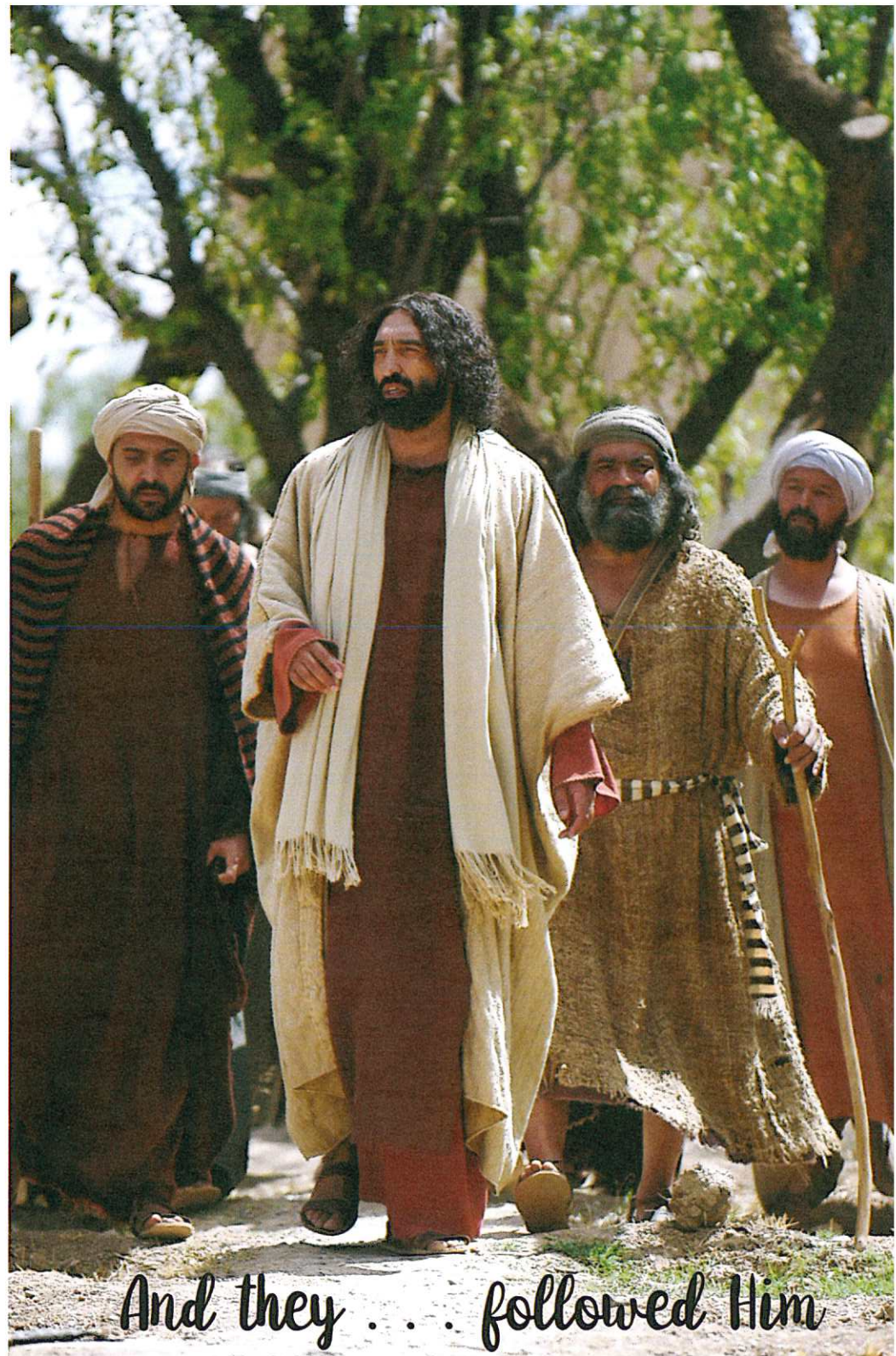
³⁴All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. ...

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.



Epiphany

About the Cover: The call of Jesus is one to follow, and that is just what the first disciples did. The words of Jesus were all that they needed. Though Peter would later deny Him three times, the Lord still called Peter again after His resurrection. The words of Jesus were all that Peter needed. So it is for us. He keeps calling us into a new life of following Him by the power of the Holy Spirit. The words of Jesus are all that we need as well.



And they . . . followed Him

3rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 20 & 24, 2021

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151
Hymns: 847 (Tune: 491), 544 (Tune: 405), 844, 849
Sermon: "From Invisible to Indispensable"
1 Corinthians 12:12-26

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 1/13 (Wed.): 37	Comm.: 36	Offering: \$355.00
Attendance 1/17 (Sun): 48	Comm.: 42	Offering: \$1,561.04
Budget Needs: \$3,541		Scrip Profit 1/17: \$25.75

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (1/27) 3:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.
7:45 p.m. – Council

SUN (1/31) 8:00 a.m. – Voters Meeting
8:15 a.m. – S.S.
No B.C.
9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Scott Eickert who will undergo eye surgery on Monday.

VOTERS MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 31 at 8 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The agenda includes the election of a board member, some proposed by-law changes, a referendum regarding the Synod convention, nominations for District/Circuit positions.

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES – Please email or drop off in the office the contact information – name, address, phone #, email address – for all congregation members in your household (and also extended family) even if the information has not changed since last year.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - Looking for people high school age and older to help with audio/visuals, especially on Sundays. Duties include: counting people in attendance, video recording – starting and stopping the recording, ringing the bells. If interested, contact Pastor Krueger or one of the elders.

NEEDED: LAY DELEGATE TO SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT CONVENTION - June 13-15 - Are you 18 years old or older and a confirmed member of the congregation? Then you are eligible to be our lay delegate to the South Wisconsin District Convention to be held June 13-15. If you are interested in serving as our delegate, contact Pastor Krueger.

PENNIES FOR LIFE – You are encouraged to donate a penny for every year of life which God has granted you. Deposit your pennies in the jar in the narthex. *Please do not donate junk pennies or Canadian pennies.* Donations will go to Lutherans for Life of Wisconsin. Deadline is January 31.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Matthew 17:7 – “**But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Rise, and have no fear.’**” When Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us, cares for us, and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

SPEAK UP
FOR THOSE WHO
CANNOT
SPEAK
FOR THEMSELVES

PROVERBS 31:8