

## First Reading

Exodus 1

<sup>1</sup>These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: <sup>2</sup>Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, <sup>3</sup>Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, <sup>4</sup>Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. <sup>5</sup>All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt. <sup>6</sup>Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. <sup>7</sup>But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

<sup>8</sup>Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup>And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. <sup>10</sup>Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." <sup>11</sup>Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. <sup>12</sup>But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. <sup>13</sup>So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves <sup>14</sup>and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

<sup>15</sup>Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, <sup>16</sup>"When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." <sup>17</sup>But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. <sup>18</sup>So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and let the male children live?" <sup>19</sup>The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." <sup>20</sup>So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. <sup>21</sup>And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. <sup>22</sup>Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

## Second Reading

Exodus 2

<sup>1</sup>Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup>The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. <sup>3</sup>When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. <sup>4</sup>And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. <sup>5</sup>Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. <sup>6</sup>When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." <sup>7</sup>Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I

go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" <sup>8</sup>And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup>And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. <sup>10</sup>When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

<sup>11</sup>One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. <sup>12</sup>He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. <sup>13</sup>When he went out the next day, behold, two Hebrews were struggling together. And he said to the man in the wrong, "Why do you strike your companion?" <sup>14</sup>He answered, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid, and thought, "Surely the thing is known." <sup>15</sup>When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and stayed in the land of Midian. And he sat down by a well.

<sup>16</sup>Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came and drew water and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. <sup>17</sup>The shepherds came and drove them away, but Moses stood up and saved them, and watered their flock. <sup>18</sup>When they came home to their father Reuel, he said, "How is it that you have come home so soon today?" <sup>19</sup>They said, "An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds and even drew water for us and watered the flock." <sup>20</sup>He said to his daughters, "Then where is he? Why have you left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread." <sup>21</sup>And Moses was content to dwell with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah. <sup>22</sup>She gave birth to a son, and he called his name Gershom, for he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land."

<sup>23</sup>During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. <sup>24</sup>And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. <sup>25</sup>God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

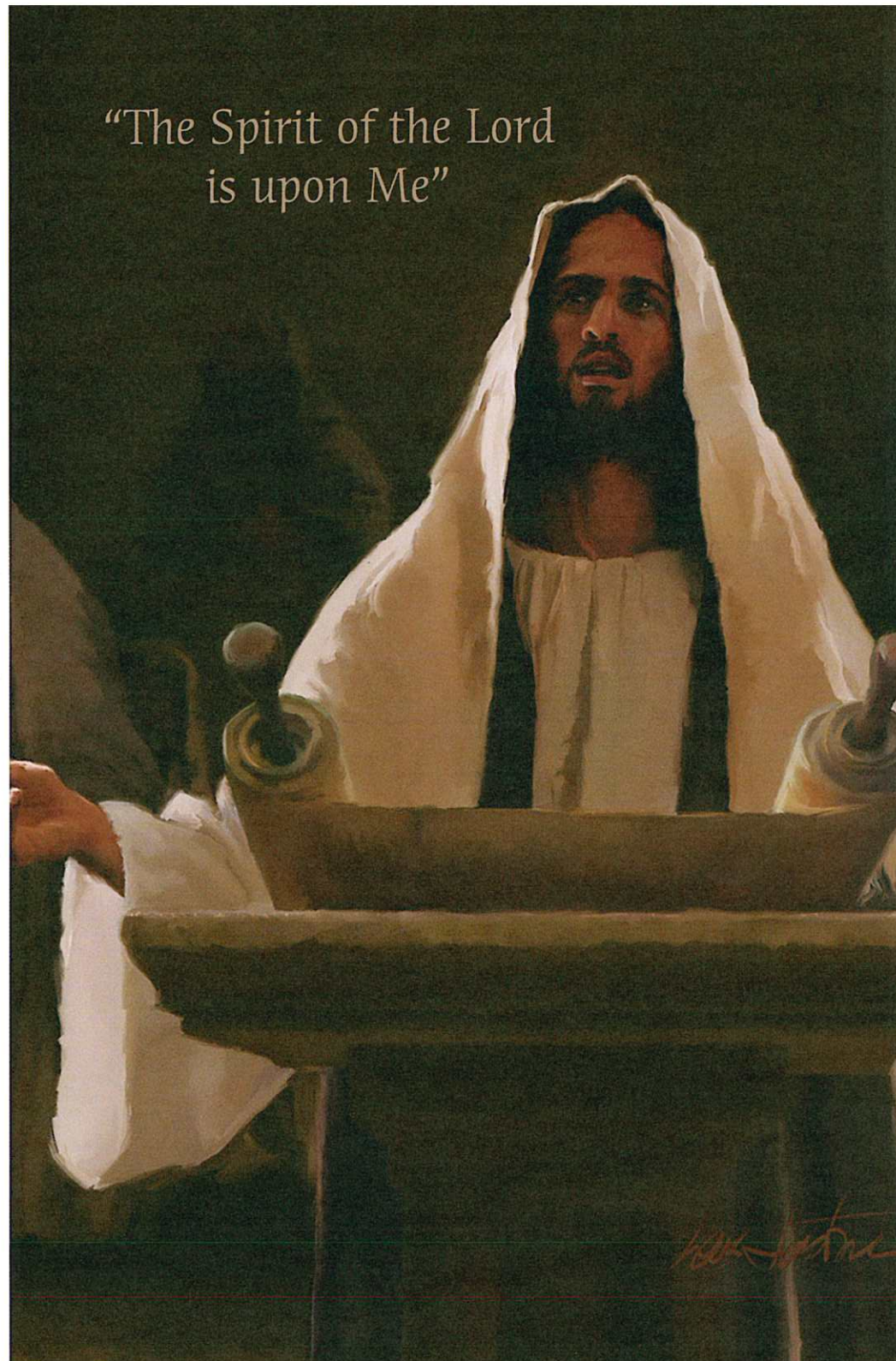
## Holy Gospel

John 15:12-17

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.



**About the Cover:** As Jesus unrolled the scroll of Isaiah to read, those gathered saw the fulfillment of Scripture right before their eyes. The Spirit is upon Him—the Spirit who descended upon Him in His Baptism, drove Him out into the wilderness, and worked through His mission to lift up the poor, captive, blind, and oppressed. This is the year of the Lord's favor. In Christ, we stand in an eternity of the Lord's favor, for He has died and risen to lift us up, heal us, and set us free from sin and death.





# 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 19 & 23, 2022

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151  
Hymns: 839, 549, 735, 487, 805, 861  
Sermon: "Heartbreak Hotel"  
Exodus 1-2

## THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 1/12 (Wed.): 31	Comm.: 30	Offering: \$1,830.14
Attendance 1/16 (Sun): 56	Comm.: 42	Offering: \$1,079.15
Budget Needs: \$3,594		Scrip Profit 1/16: \$39.50
S.S. - 8	Staff - 3	B.C. - 5

## KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (1/26) 3:30 p.m. – Confirmation  
7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.  
7:45 p.m. – Council

SUN (1/30) 8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.  
9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.  
10:00 a.m. – Voters Meeting

**VOTERS MEETING** will be held after church (Sunday, Jan. 30) in the fellowship hall. We are still in need of an elder and a council secretary. A lay delegate for the District Convention (June 12-14 @ CUW) is also needed. There may also be some bylaw changes presented.

**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 30.

**NOMINEES NEEDED** for Council Secretary and Elder. If interested, contact Rick Riemer.

**SCRAP PAPER AVAILABLE** for the taking. It can be found on the table in the narthex. Help yourself! PLEASE!!!

**INK CARTRIDGES** – We will no longer be collecting ink cartridges for recycling.

**GREETER SCHEDULE** – We are still in need of greeters for the 2022 schedule. Please consider being a greeter. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. *Thank you.*

**2022 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** – If you have not yet picked up your envelopes, please do so as soon as possible as some box numbers have changed since last year.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** End-of-the-year giving statements were emailed to those members whose email addresses we have on file. If you did not receive yours, please let the office know. For those members without an email, your statement is in your church mailbox.

**ADULT INFORMATION CLASS** – If anyone is interested in joining our congregation from a non-Lutheran background or is interested in learning the basics of our beliefs as Lutherans, contact Pastor Krueger so a class can be set up.

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

Matthew 8:8 – “But the centurion replied, ‘Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.’ ” The Word of the Lord is powerful and effective. What God says, goes. “Let there be light.” And there was light. His Word is still effective and creative for us: “This is my Body given for you.” “Your sins are forgiven.” This is why it is no burden for us to live according to the Word of God. We know that His Word is always bent on our blessing.