

Old Testament

Isaiah 9:1–4

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ 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.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² 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." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ 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.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12–25

¹² When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶ 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." ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ 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. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ 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.

²⁴ 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. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.



About the Cover: The stark light of Epiphany cuts through the darkness to show us our Savior. Paradoxically, the darkness of Good Friday is but a shadow cast by the life-giving words of our Lord from His cross. Out of God's love for His people stumbling in the darkness of sin, He has given the light of salvation in His radiant love.



The people
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Isaiah 9:2

3rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 18 & 22, 2023

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151

Hymns: 825, 839, 856

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 1/11	(Wed): 43	Comm.: 38	Offering: \$1,006.09
Attendance 1/15	(Sun): 55	Comm.: 47	Offering: \$1,732.00
Budget Needs: \$3,098.21		Scrip Profit 1/15: \$14.00	
S.S. - 4		Staff - 4	B.C. - 9

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (1/22) 10:00 a.m. – Voters Meeting
WED (1/25) 1:45 p.m. – Confirmation
6:00 p.m. – Choir
7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.
Installation of Officers
SUN (1/29) 8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.
9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.
Installation of Officers

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Vincent Sucivic (grandson of Duane & Karen Loose), Caden Blattner, Damian Wetzel, Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules & Carol Clausing, Sandy Haberland, Joan Zutz, Elaine Zeamer, Lori Krueger, Nancy Davidson, Terry Brandenburg, and Dallas Wenzel.

THANK YOU to Pastor David Hintz for leading us in worship Wednesday night and sharing the message of God's Word with us!

BAPTISM – Being received into God's family by the waters of Baptism is Dante Everson Gifford, son of Domminic & Nicole Gifford.

Dante's sponsors are Sue & Richard Hammond. Welcome to God's family!

VOTERS MEETING will be held after church (Sunday January 22) in the fellowship hall.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING – There will be an altar guild meeting on Saturday, January 28 at 10:00 a.m. We will be meeting in the church sanctuary.

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 changes since last year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED – We are in need of Sunday school teachers for this year. If interested, contact Amanda Zoellner.

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 Brandmahl so a class can be set up.

GREETER & USHER SCHEDULE – We are still in need of greeters and ushers for the 2023 schedule. Please consider being a greeter or usher. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. *Thank you.*

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” (Gen. 1:3). And there was light. His Word is still effective and creative for us: “This is my body, which is given for you” (Luke 22:19). “Your sins are forgiven” (Matt. 9:2, Luke 5:20, etc.). This is why it is no burden for us to live according to the Word of God: we know that His Word is always aimed at our blessing.