

Old Testament *Exodus 14:10–14*

¹⁰When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” ¹³And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

Epistle *Ephesians 6:10–20*

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the

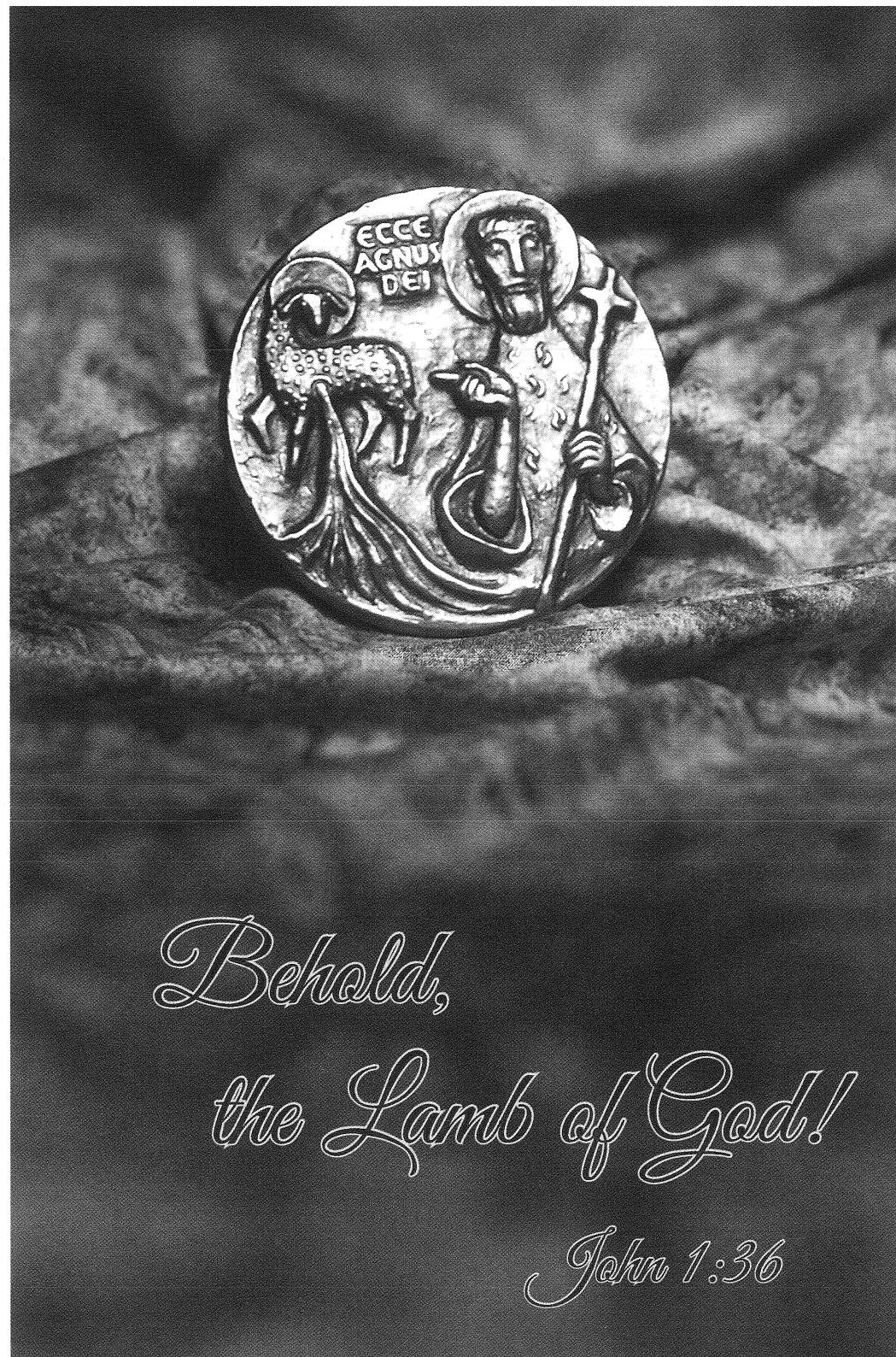
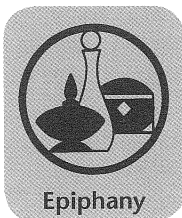
breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 7:24–29*

²⁴“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

²⁸And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, ²⁹for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

About the Cover: John the Baptist was about the work of preparing the people for the coming of Jesus, the Messiah. John was the last of God’s prophets. As John saw Jesus walk by, he recognized Him as the sacrificial Lamb of God. Just as God had promised, here in the flesh was the perfect Lamb who would be the offering for the sins of the whole world. We rejoice for God’s gift of Jesus, our salvation!



*Behold,
the Lamb of God!*

John 1:36

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 11 & 15, 2017

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Special Order of Service

Hymns: 575, 656, 668, "God Knew Your Name," 805, 563, 728, 861

Sermon: "Here We Stand" Ephesians 6:10-20

Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 1/04 Wed.):	46	Offering: \$	738.00
Attendance 1/08 (Sun):	87	Offering: \$	2,293.50
S.S. – 11	Staff – 6	B.C. – 4	
Budget Needs: \$3,330.00	Scrip Profit 1/08: \$	82.63	

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (1/16)	February Newsletter Items Due
TUES (1/17)	9:45 a.m. Circuit Pastor's Conference, Rantoul
WEDS (1/18)	3:30-4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. Elders
THURS (1/19)	3:15 Trustees
SUN (1/22)	8:00 a.m. S.S./B.C. 9:00 a.m. Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Roger Bladow who is recovering from surgery.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped to undecorate the church. Many hands made swift work. Thank you!

VOTERS MEETING is set for Sunday, January 29 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

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.

A MAN NAMED MARTIN – Learn how this monk's crisis of faith and search for spiritual truth helped ignite the Protestant Reformation. Raised in a strict, church-going family; possessed of an erudite mind and driven work ethic; resolute to comprehend God and the obedience He demanded; bound and determined to share the Spirit-inspired truths God revealed – all reflect the qualities of Luther's remarkable life. Once liberated by God's grace that "the righteous shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17) – and not works, indulgences, penances, or special papal favors – Luther went head to head with the Roman Catholic Church. And the history of Christianity was forever changed. Join us on Sunday mornings at 8 a.m. beginning January 22.

ADDRESS, PHONE, & EMAIL CHANGES! Please check and update the information we have for you on the sheets in the narthex, including any changes or additions.

PENNIES FOR LIFE runs through the month of January. Be sure to deposit your pennies in the jar in the narthex (one penny for each year you've been alive.) *Please do not put junk pennies or Canadian pennies in the jar.* Donations will go to Lutherans For Life of Wisconsin.

GREETER SCHEDULE FOR 2017 – A Sign-up Genius schedule has been created for Greeters. You can access the link via <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054daaab2da5fa7-2017>. It is also posted on the Home page of the church website. In addition, we have also placed a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those without internet access.

2017 FLOWER CHART & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP – If you would like to donate flowers or sponsor bulletins for next year, please sign up now on the sheets posted on the bulletin board.

2017 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.

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT WINTER GETAWAY! Check out Camp LuWiSoMo which offers a wonderful chance to escape and see the beauty of nature while you ice skate, snow shoe, sled/tube, or play a game of broom ball. Come up for the day or stay for the weekend: LuWiSoMo has retreat center rooms and 12-person log cabins available for groups to reserve to extend the fun. Call Heather at (920) 622-3350 for more information and reservations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON: Today in Sunday school, the lesson was "Jesus Heals Many." Through many miracles, Jesus shows us His power over sin. Ask your children to tell you, "Who did Jesus heal? What were some of the sicknesses the people had?" Talk about sin—yours, theirs, and the world's—and how Satan holds the world in bondage, causing sickness and death. Assure them that Jesus is the Holy One of God who defeats Satan and frees us from his hold, granting us eternal life in paradise. Emphasize that Jesus has power over sin and sickness, saving the lost by His death and resurrection.