

## Old Testament

Isaiah 9:1–4

<sup>1</sup> But 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> 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

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

<sup>18</sup> 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

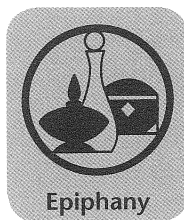
<sup>12</sup> Now when [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup> And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup> "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—<sup>16</sup> 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." <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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

<sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Follow Me

Matthew 4:19



**About the Cover:** Jesus had begun His Gospel ministry much like John the Baptist had: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). By the Sea of Galilee, Jesus sees two brothers, Simon Peter and Andrew, and calls them: "Follow Me." This was an imperative, an exhortation, that by faith they willingly obeyed, for it came from God. We receive the same imperative, for we, too, are to faithfully follow Jesus.

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 18 & 22, 2017

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151

Hymns: (W) 398, (S) 593, 667, 805, 924

Sermon: "Encouragement Desperately Needed" 1 Thessalonians 5:11

## THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 1/11 Wed.): 28	Comm.: 26	Offering: \$ 416.00
Attendance 1/15 (Sun): 100	Comm.: 75	Offering: \$2,074.00
S.S. – 21	Staff – 8	B.C. – 5
Budget Needs: \$3,330.00		Scrip Profit 1/15: \$ 91.00

## KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WEDS (1/25)	3:30-4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion
	8:00 p.m. Church Council
SUN (1/29)	8:00 a.m. S.S./B.C.
	9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
	10:30 a.m. Voters Meeting

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Derek Robley & Kasie Bailke who will be united in marriage on Saturday (1/28).

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in God's glory in honor of River Blattner's baptism.

**BAPTISM** – Being received into God's family by the waters of Baptism is River Janet Grace Blattner, daughter of Mike & Pam Blattner. River's sponsors are Pamela Fels, Carrie Kulibert, & Jesse Kalies. Welcome to God's family!

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

**POSTAGE STAMP UPDATE** – Ladies Aid once again has an outlet for used postage stamps. Please save your cancelled postage stamps for us. Just bring the whole corner of the envelope; we will do the trimming for you. Place in box on top of coat rack.

**LADIES AID IS PLANNING A CHILI DINNER** on February 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**LADIES AID** is requesting your help with their annual chili dinner on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. With several of our members with health issues, we could use some of you to give us a hand on Saturday, Feb. 25 and Sunday, Feb. 26. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can give an hour or two of your time on Saturday a.m. or Sunday a.m., especially with serving.

**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 the next 5 Sunday mornings at 8 a.m. beginning Jan. 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 next Sunday January 29. Help us fill the jar (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.

**MARCH 10-12 CRAFTING WEEKEND RETREAT:** Ladies, take a weekend to get away and get crafting! Choose between creating cards and gifts using stamps, assorted papers and trims; preserving memories by making scrapbooks; quilting; knitting; crocheting; etc. Retreat leader Joan Voigt will lead hands-on workshops throughout the weekend, including Creative Quick Scrapbook kits, cards and stamping, and Make-and-Take projects. Visit <http://luwisomo.org/craft-weekend-retreats> for more information.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON:** "Jesus Heals a Man Who Is Paralyzed: is the lesson from Sunday school today. The miracle of healing the paralytic confirms that Jesus, the Son of Man, has authority on earth to forgive sins, and it confirms what the Son of Man chiefly came to do: deliver us and all believers from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Consider discussing, "In addition to healing the paralyzed man, what else does Jesus tell him? How has Jesus healed us from our sickness of sin?"