

Old Testament

Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 1:15-24

¹⁵Because I was sure of this, I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a second experience of grace. ¹⁶I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on my way to Judea. ¹⁷Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to the flesh, ready to say "Yes, yes" and "No, no" at the same time? ¹⁸As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No. ¹⁹For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among

you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. ²⁰For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. ²¹And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, ²²and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

²³But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming again to Corinth. ²⁴Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith.

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

³⁶And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Rejoice and be
glad Matthew 5:12



About the Cover: Jesus' disciples had just finished listening to His Sermon on the Mount. Afterward, they came to Him, asking for an explanation. What Jesus then says makes His disciples and all who believe in Him overjoyed. "Rejoice and be glad." Why? "For your reward is great in heaven" (Matthew 5:12). No matter what happens here on earth, our real and eternal reward is in heaven with Jesus! Come, Lord Jesus, come!

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 25 & 29, 2017

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Four p. 203

Hymns: 813, 857, 805, 686, 812, 818, 803

Sermon: "Working for Joy" 2 Corinthians 1:23-24

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 1/18 Wed.):	46	Offering: \$1,093.00
Attendance 1/22 (Sun):	137	Offering: \$2,545.25
S.S. – 21	Staff – 7	B.C. – 10
Budget Needs: \$3,330.00	Scrip Profit 1/22: \$ 63.13	

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WEDS (2/01) 3:30-4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion
SAT (2/04) 8:00 a.m. Passionate Believers Conf., Hartland
SUN (2/05) 8:00 a.m. S.S./B.C.
9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
Lutheran Hour Ministry

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

MEN NEEDED to serve as **ELDERS & VICE PRESIDENT** – Prayerfully consider serving our church in one of these capacities. We feel that some of you have the God-given ability to faithfully fill these offices. If interested, contact Pastor Krueger or Joel Koerth (congregation president).

HAVEN2GO, a music group from Concordia University Wisconsin, will be with us again on Sunday, February 12. A free-will offering will be received in support of their ministry. If you are interested in and able to house some of the students on Saturday night, please contact Pastor Krueger.

WHAT A BLESSING to have such a wonderful family who surprised me with a birthday celebration I will not forget. Thanks to my church family for all the hugs and best wishes. I'm truly blessed to have so many wonderful friends. Hope you enjoyed the cake. Love and blessings to everyone. *Thank you, Janet*

VOTERS MEETING is today (Jan. 29) at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All confirmed members, 18 yrs. old and older, are encouraged to attend.

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 the box on top of coat rack.

LADIES AID IS PLANNING A CHILI DINNER on February 26th. 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. 26th. 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.

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 ends today (Jan. 29). Donations will go to Lutherans For Life of Wisconsin.

BRING YOUR GROUP TO CAMP LUWISOMO FOR FUN IN THE SNOW! We have the place and the gear for tubing, sledding, snow shoeing, ice skating, broom ball, and more! Groups can stay right at camp in our retreat center or 12-person log cabins. We also have information on group rates for Nordic Mountain ski and tubing hill. Come out and enjoy the best that winter has to offer! Call Heather at (920) 622-33350 for more information and reservations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON: In Sunday school today, students learned the story "Jesus Calls Matthew." We sinners rejoice, for we, too, have been called from our own pigsty of sin to dine with Jesus around His table and to be a friend of the friend of sinners. Consider discussing, "How did Jesus call Matthew to be one of His followers? How and why does Jesus call us to follow Him?"