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**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 22, 2023**

**WELCOME**

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Description automatically generated with medium confidenceThe Rev. Benjamin Hogue serves the Office of the Presiding Bishop’s Development Staff as a Mission Funding Director, covering Synods in the Northeast and mid-Atlantic. In his role, Ben engages with donors and congregations who give generously to the ELCA’s mission programs, including ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, International Women Leaders, Young Adults in Global Mission, Fund for Leaders, Missionaries, and more! Ben’s favorite part of his work is hearing from and sharing stories with passionate Lutheran leaders about the way God is moving and working in the world.

**Adult Sunday School**

Join us TODAY for adult Sunday school to learn from the Rev. Benjamin Hogue about ELCA World Hunger.

**Introduction of the Day**

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

Announcements

Prelude *“Meditation on a Folk Tune”* -James Kasen

(Please stand)

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

who makes all things new,

whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,**

**and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.**

**Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love,**

**forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another**

**for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass

and new things I now declare.”

God’s mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING *SONG*** *“Here I Am, Lord” ELW 574*

**Apostolic Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

**And also with you.**

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**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**(Please be seated)**

**FIRST READING:****Isaiah 9:1-4**

1There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.  
 2The people who walked in darkness  
  have seen a great light;  
 those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
  on them light has shined.  
 3You have multiplied the nation,  
  you have increased its joy;  
 they rejoice before you  
  as with joy at the harvest,  
  as people exult when dividing plunder.  
 4For the yoke of their burden,  
  and the bar across their shoulders,  
  the rod of their oppressor,  
  you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Table

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**PSALM:****Psalm 27:1, 4-9**

1The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then **|** shall I fear?  
  The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I **|** be afraid?  
 4**One thing I ask of the Lord; one | thing I seek;**  
  **that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God | in the temple.**  
 5For in the day of trouble God will **|** give me shelter,  
  hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- **|** on a rock.  
 6**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.**  
  **Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to the Lord.** R  
 7Hear my voice, O Lord, **|** when I call;  
  have mercy on me and **|** answer me.  
 8**My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”**  
  **Your face, O Lord, | I will seek.**  
 9Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- **|** vant in anger.  
  Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of **|** my salvation. R

**SECOND READING: :****1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

10Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. 11For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. 12What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” 13Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15so that no one can 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.) 17For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.  
  
 18For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

**Gospel Acclamation**

**GOSPEL:****Matthew 4:12-23**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

12Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. 13He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:  
 15“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
  on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
 16the people who sat in darkness  
  have seen a great light,  
 and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
  light has dawned.”  
17From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”  
  
 18As he walked 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. 19And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” 20Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 22Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.  
  
 23Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**  Reverend Hogue

(Please stand)

***Hymn of the Day:*** *“The Son of God, Our Christ” ELW 584*

**The SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** page 227

We welcome to our church family through **The SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM,** SAMUEL CURTIS SHEARER, son of PHIL AND LINDSAY SHEARER. Godparents are Emily Mohr and Jesse Woodrow. Godparents of the church are Barb and Steve Shearer.

**Prayers of the Church:**

**P:** Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**(Please be seated)**

**(10:45) ANTHEM*:*** "Will You Come and Follow Me” -John L. Bell

***Communion Instructions****:* Please come forward for communion to receive a wafer and the wine. If you are in need of gluten-free wafers, please let the Pastors know when you come to receive. The cups can be disposed of in the trash cans.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Timeline

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**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

Timeline

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**Sharing of Holy Communion** *“I Come with Joy*” ELW 482

**“***Dearest Jesus, at Your word” ELW 520*

**Prayer after Communion**

Holy One,

we thank you for the healing

that springs forth abundantly from this table.

Renew our strength to do justice,

love kindness,

and journey humbly with you.

**Amen.**

**Blessing**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice

and breaks the oppressor’s rod

☩ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,

today and always.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:**  *“I Love to Tell the Story” ELW 661*

**Sending** P: Grow in faith. Share God’s love. Serve others.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude*:*** *"Trumpet Tune in G-Major” -James Kasen*

**Worship Ministry Leaders**

**ALTAR GUILD :** Vicki Skonezney, Laura Keller

**FLOWER DELIVERY** : Joan and Tom Kutz

**LECTOR :** (8 am) John Quirk (10:45) Gareth Pahowka

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Kroft Family

**Schedule of worship services:**

**Saturday: 6 pm**

**Sunday: 8 am**

**Sunday School: 9:15 am**

**Sunday: 10:45 am**

**Prayer Concerns or Needs:** If you have prayer concerns

or needs, please notify St. John's Prayer Chain by calling

the church office at (717)761-5121. "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests ... and always keep praying for all the saints."

- Ephesians 6:18.

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| HOMEBOUND: | Henrietta Moser |
| CHILDREN’S GARDEN: | Children’s Garden |
| ST JOHN'S MINISTRY: | Evangelism Ministries |
| CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE: | First Lutheran, Carlisle – Pastor Leber |
| MILITARY: | Adam Fodness |

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Free Dinner—5—6:00pm

8th Grade Confirmation Class 6:15—7:30 pm

Bells—6:15—7 PM

Choir 7—8pm

Won’t you join us for all or part of each Wednesday night?

We have a place for you!

**Youth Group Calendar Bulletin**

**January 22, 2023 (Today)**

Youth Group meeting

Join us for fun, food and learning as we gather in the Youth room at St. John’s and learn more around our theme “I Am Alive”. Friends are encouraged to join.

Middle School from 4-5pm

Dinner all together 5-6pm

High School from 6-7pm

**February 12, 2023**

Youth Group meeting in the Lounge

Middle School from 4-5pm

Dinner all together 5-6pm

High School from 6-7pm

**February 25, 2023**

Open Mic night at St. Matthews York

Do you have a song or a talent you want to share? Meet up with other youth in our synod for an open mic night hosted by the youth of St. Matthew York. All ages are welcome!

Drivers needed.

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Description automatically generatedLEAD PASTOR – The Rev Sarah M Keilholtz**

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR – The Rev Elizabeth P. Eckman**

**PASTOR EMERITUS –The Rev Michael L Seifried**

**SEMINARIAN – Bethany Ketchem**

**MINISTER OF MUSIC – Thomas A Notestine**

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