

*Grace Lutheran Church  
Welcomes You!*



*By Grace you have been saved!  
"We have decided to follow Jesus and  
There's no turning back!"*

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**January 22, 2023**

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***We pray always for . . .***

*Grace Bentzinger, Bill Bohling, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels,  
Eric Fass, Kathy Helgren, Eugene Rosenthal & Haleigh Werner*

***We also remember in our prayers . . .***

*Anna, Vanessa, Diana & Meshack, orphans we are sponsoring  
in Tanzania.*

*Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the south office. You may email the church office  
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***You may contact Pastor Helgren by calling 402-864-4201 (church)  
402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613(cell)***

**Today 1/22/23**

*Worship – 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.*

**Tuesday 1/24/23**

*Piecemakers Blanket Making – All Day*

**Wednesday 1/25/23**

*Kids for Christ – 4:00 P.M.  
Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.*

**Next Sunday 1/29/23**

*Worship - 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.*

*We are again hosting Tanzanian orphan Scholarships. The cost for each child this year will be \$450 and includes tuition and board. Last year we raised \$1,800.00 - enough to host 4 children. Donations towards this project should be designated on your offering and then one check will be sent to Sheridan Lutheran in Lincoln. These donations can be given until the end of January. Sheridan will be sending us information sometime in January.*

*The offering Envelopes have been delayed at the warehouse – due to lack of employees, they will be coming.  
If you do not wish to receive a box of envelopes, please let Joyce Roesener or Diane Wilken know.*

*The ELCW Yearbooks are available to pick up.*



# Today's Readings

Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 22, 2023

## Prayer of the Day

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.

## First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

There 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 Naph-tali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

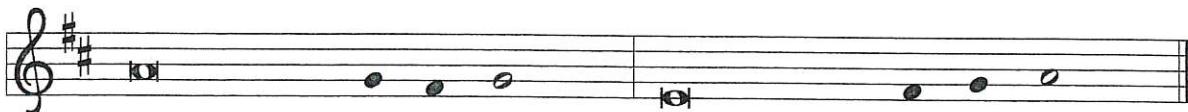
<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For 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.

## Psalm

Psalm 27:1, 4-9; tone 6



The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then I shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will I give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up on a rock.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup>My heart speaks your message— I “Seek my face.”

Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away— you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

Now 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. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What 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." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

## Gospel

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across  
the Jordan, Galilee of the  
Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup>the 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."

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

<sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can 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 proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For 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.

## Matthew 4:12-23

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

<sup>23</sup>Jesus 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.

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Next Sunday's Readings: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12.

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**TODAY**, January 22<sup>nd</sup> the Faith Lutheran Luther League will be hosting a Soup Dinner at the Talmage Community Building from 11:00 am to 1:00 p.m. Chicken Noodle or Chili Soup, Sandwiches, Desserts, & Drink Everyone is Invited! Freewill donation

*Dear Church Family,*

*Thank you so much for the PTO Christmas Wish List items for teachers. You have all been so generous. The items we received have already been put to good use in our classrooms, helping enrich the education of our students. Your support of not only the teachers but also the students means so much. Thank you again for all your generosity!*

*- Nick & Lisa Weber*

*Next Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a Freewill Soup Luncheon from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at St. John's UCC in Syracuse. This luncheon will benefit Eric Fass and his continued recovery from a TBI sustained on July 24, 2021*

