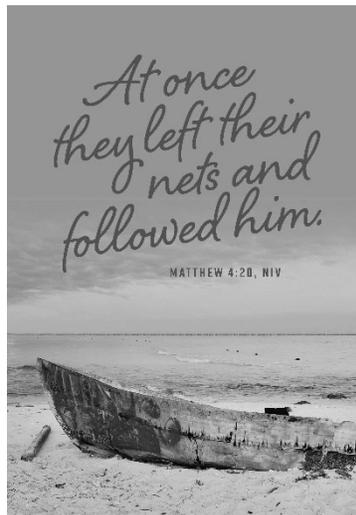


The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

Worship

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Please take a moment this morning to fill out the “Attendance & Communion” Registration Cards (located in the pew card holders). Place your card at the end of the pew.

P – Pastor A – Worship Assistant C – **Congregation** * - Please Stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Please kneel or sit as you are able.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C **Amen**

***PEACE:**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

***GATHERING SONG: “I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light” (Blue Hymnal—WOV 649)**

***GREETING:**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

***KYRIE:**



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Ⓞ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Kyrie

***HYMN OF PRAISE:**



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



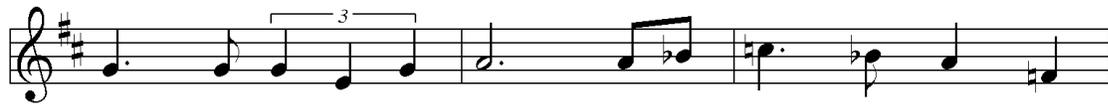
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☒ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☒ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

- P Let us pray: Merciful God, your Son proclaimed the nearness of your kingdom, calling others to follow as his disciples. Help us to receive the gift of your grace given through the cross and follow as his disciples;
- C **through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

A A reading from Isaiah.

¹But 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. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³You 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. ⁴For 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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27:1-14

A ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

C **²When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**

A ³Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;

C **⁴And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.**

A ⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

C **⁶To behold the fair beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.**

A ⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

C **⁸Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.**

A ⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

C **¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.**

A ¹¹You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, LORD, will I seek.

C **¹²Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

A ¹³You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

C **¹⁴Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will sustain me.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A A reading from First Corinthians.

¹⁰I 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. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ 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 may 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 preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For 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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*VERSE:

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹²When {Jesus} heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"The land of

Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — ¹⁶the 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.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ¹⁸While 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. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And 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. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³And 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. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Children’s message: Here’s a Bible verse to memorize (Psalm 27:1), “*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?*” God is your light and your strength. What does that mean for your life? It means everything—faith over fear. Jesus calls you into the light of God’s truth and love. That’s why it’s so great and so important that we gather as God’s people. And maybe there’s someone else out there who needs to be here. We need to keep our hearts open for others, too. Let’s pray...

Fishing at Dawn

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

If we carefully make our way through today’s Gospel reading, we’ll discover important things: that we aren’t as different from ancient people as we may think; that the “light” of Jesus, the “good news” of the Kingdom of Heaven, is still on the move all these years later; and that if fishermen can serve the Lord with their set of skills, then so can we. So, let’s listen to the Gospel reading for today in three sections, seeking to understand what’s being said. As we do so, it may be helpful to read along in the bulletin. We begin with Matthew 4:12-16:

¹² Now when [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in

the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶ 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.”

“*On them a light has dawned.*” Picture a cold January night, after a week of continual clouds and dreariness. Then, imagine that life’s worries and troubles woke you up too early, well before daylight. So, you got out of bed and made the most of it by reading Scripture and devotions, spending time in prayer. In an act of faith, not yet sight, you opened the curtain facing east. Then, after sitting in darkness, rather suddenly the sky begins to brighten—pink, orange and yellow. Finally, the first clear rays of sunshine burst forth. That, God says, can happen to the spirit of human beings, in accord with the Holy Spirit. It’s exactly what happened among the people in the region of Galilee. *On them Light dawned.*

But wait, wasn’t this northern “Galilee of the Gentiles” once part of the Exodus “Promised Land”? It was. Oh, how far it had fallen! But take note of this, it had not fallen out of the attention of Almighty God, even after the passing of centuries. His prophecy remained. Which means that hope remained. And if all of the trouble had originated in the hearts of people who thought that they didn’t need the Lord anymore, well, perhaps they had experienced enough consequences that the Word of the Lord might once again be the most welcome sound in the world. The time had come for God to act, and for people to respond.

Some of the residents of this region were direct descendants of the twelve tribes of Israel, people who literally followed God out of bondage and into freedom, right through the sea. And as they traveled, a bright pillar of cloud went before them by day, and a blazing pillar of fire by night (Exodus 13:21-22). God had once lighted their way, even giving them His Word and commandments. Why, then, were their descendants “*dwelling in darkness...and the shadow of death*”?

As always, it was a matter of a lack of faithfulness. Joshua had led them into the land. Faithful Judges helped them grow strong within their tribal allotments. Then the people coveted a king to unite them and make them look great in the eyes of the world, as if the Lord above wasn’t their sovereign ruler. Three kings arose in succession over a united Israel, the final one being Solomon. Forgetting the ways of God, the nation that had been born of a miracle broke in two. As time passed, both

north and south turned their backs even further on the Lord their God, the very author of their existence.

The northern kingdom, which included the region of Galilee, was the first to go into exile. But in the south, Jerusalem would not have long to wait. God laid it all out for them through the Prophet Isaiah. I'm going to read from his words in chapter 8, words that belong *just before* what we heard in our first lesson. But as you hear these words, I'd also like you to consider our own culture. Are people today, on the whole, seeking out the words and testimonies of God in Scripture, or are we more inclined to follow our own ideas, or supposedly new and wonderful secular ideologies, or perhaps even wander back to myths and ancient paganism? Isaiah, chapter 8 (verses 11-14a, 19-22; RSV):

¹¹ For the *LORD* spoke thus to me with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: ¹² "Do not call conspiracy all that this people call conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. ¹³ But the *LORD* of hosts, him you shall regard as holy; let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. ¹⁴ And he will become a sanctuary, and a stone of offense, and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel..."

¹⁹ And when they say to you, "Consult the mediums and the wizards who chirp and mutter," should not a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰ To the teaching and to the testimony! Surely for this word which they speak there is no dawn. ²¹ They... will be enraged and will curse their king and their God, and turn their faces upward; ²² and they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish; and they will be thrust into thick darkness.

Judgement fell hard upon the godless, and darkness came with it. But for many, it wasn't yet enough to bring about the realization of the importance of returning to the Lord their God. For others, what they had been through prepared them to respond.

So it was that Jesus went to "Galilee of the Gentiles," where people were dwelling in darkness, and in the shadow of death. It was time for Light to rise in their lives, over their homes and communities. Our Lord still causes the rising of a brilliant new dawn in people's lives today, lives troubled by sin, death and the devil. We very much live in the time of God's mission, individual lanterns of hope for hearts and minds weary of the darkness. But remember, it's impossible to share something that you don't first have. We, ourselves, need to soak in that good news

light, until our own burdens are lifted, and joy and peace make us want to sing and share.

Scripture tells of a time when God moved among people whose souls were troubled. The same God lives today, ever true to His Word and ways. And the Lord is looking for laborers in the harvest, fishermen for the sea.

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ 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. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

What was the first word that Jesus spoke? “*Repent*”! Two quick points:
1) Christ began where John the Baptist left off, John who was in line with the whole of the Old Testament. There was continuity within the age-old blueprint of the Almighty. The story of God’s people was always leading somewhere, and still is. Our very lives today cannot be explained by just a random set of circumstances, as if there’s no larger narrative. Yes, some would like us to think that way, for their own wayward purposes. But it’s not true. Truth sets people free, even as it reveals that the whole of life has come from God. The power is felt when Heaven’s purpose is honored at last.

2) Repentance assumes that one is turning away from something, back to the living God. For all that troubles us in this world, sinful pride would have us turn for help everywhere except to the Lord. Experience shows that many people only hear the call of repentance when ready for it, which means being really sick and tired of false solutions and dead-end paths. God’s people need to be both urgent with His message, and also patient enough to understand that some may yet, in the course of time, through hard experience, develop a heart that’s open to a still more excellent way. Perhaps that’s even your story, or the story of someone you know.

Now, if the goal is to gather people back to God, what kind of people might the Lord choose to do the work? Well, how about folks who are not afraid to launch their boats amid the whitecaps of the world? How about folks who know how to *bring them in*, and who don’t give up easily? Bring on the fishermen! They knew what it

meant to rise while it was still dark, in hopes of daylight revealing a great catch. They tossed their nets, not because of what they could see, but because of what they believed was down there. No wonder they were the first whom Jesus called.

And yet, how ordinary they were! The renewal of the world, the sharing of the word of the incarnate Son of God, began in Bethlehem with simple shepherds, and it continued with simple fishermen. Is there not room for *simple us* in this picture?

Perhaps we don't really think about the initial choice of the Lord. We've heard these stories all of our lives. One scholar reminds us of the novelty of the first call of Christ. Quote: "Now our best art and architecture honor [the fishermen]. But only because of Jesus" (pg. 276, George Buttrick; *The Interpreter's Bible*, Vol. 7).

Peter, Andrew, James and John, these were not known to be great scholars. They weren't "holy men" in the sense of escaping to some lonely mountain, far removed from the regular worries of the world. No, they lived in a busy, multi-ethnic city, working hard to pay the bills, but with an ear and a heart open to the God who made them and blessed them, even amid their struggles. They weren't called because they were important in the eyes of the world. They *became* important because of the potential which the Lord Jesus saw. He looks at your life, too, saying, *Serve my Kingdom with all that you've learned, and with all that I'll give you for strength and inspiration*. Evangelism then occurs naturally, wherever you go, wherever another soul stands in need of the healing and light of the Son of God.

²³ And [Jesus] 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. ²⁴ 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, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

As we noted before, the whole northern region around Galilee had been "dwelling in darkness," a consequence of spiritual rebellion. One translation has them "*sitting*" in darkness, all momentum stopped. Without the true and living God, life's vitality soon drains away. We are not the ultimate source of energy and creativity. God is. Apart from God, with one's back turned, griefs pile up, along with burdens and responsibilities, like night without morning. Is there no help?

The Lord Jesus Christ has come! Everything has begun to change. It's like frozen molecules of ice that begin to warm under the rays of the sun, oscillating faster

and faster, until once again it becomes liquid, living water over which the Spirit of God blows like a spring wind, full of promise. Everything suddenly moves because God makes it so, a busy plan in the process of fulfillment through the activity of Jesus. That's who showed up in Galilee. He went to them. Then they started coming to him, and bringing others with them.

Is God not at work in our day, as well? Think of the soul who, in the course of time, has sort of ground to a halt under the weight of the world. No more. A fresh wind blows, just like the breeze over the living water on the Sea of Galilee.

The Lord cares for you. As he healed and proclaimed the Kingdom back then, so think of your own needs, and what they really are. Is Christ not sufficient? He has come, and is with us to the end of the age. He puts peace in your heart and gratitude in your mind. And when the healing light of God's truth has settled in, you find yourself able to notice that others are also in need.

Dawn has come. It's time to go fishing. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***HYMN OF THE DAY: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"
(WOV 784)**



1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
 love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.
 ask - ing for me to fol - low.
 fish nets and will for work - ing.
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.
 Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain / Estribillo



Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi
 you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
 small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

Text: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1936–1991; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

Music: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES, Cesáreo Gabaráin

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***APOSTLES' CREED:**

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS:

A Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, your Light shines forever. Yet the darkness of this fallen world can seem so powerful. Gives us eyes to see and hearts to believe what Scripture proclaims, that the Kingdom of Christ stands victorious. Draw us into your service, as you did the fishermen of old. Forgive us and heal us, that we may have hearts for others, gladly sharing the Good News. Make us children of the Light. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A We thank you, Lord, for the letter to the Corinthians, and for congregational unity in Christ wherever it is found. Bring your people together in all that is good, right and true, one body with many members, all working together for the glory of Jesus. Keep us humble and faithful, understanding that our highest glory is found in the cross of Christ, and our deepest comfort is in his risen word of peace. In all of these ways, keep us congregationally focused. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A As we pray for the needs of the world, we give thanks for the gift of life, itself. Help us and all people to honor the sanctity of life, from the miracle of growth in the womb to the ongoing miracle of old age. We pray for the staff and mission of our ministry partner, Birthright of Eaton. We pray for all who bear earthly authority, that they would be guided by wisdom and humility from above. Strengthen and protect all who have suffered from natural disasters, and from the ravages of war. Watch over all who serve with honor in harm's way on behalf of others. Keep them and their families safe. Teach all of us to honor your will throughout our time on earth. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

- A We pray for healing in body, mind and spirit. We name before you today: *Kelly Coffman, Debbie Creamer, Patty Lipps, Kelly Lambert, Ruth Meyer, Judy Schamel, Dave Stevenson*, and others whom we name in our hearts (pause for silent prayer). Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
- C **Trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

ANTHEM: **“Praise to You, O Christ Our Savior” (WOV 614)**
Choir & Congregation is invited to sing the Refrain along with the Choir

OFFERTORY HYMN: **“Doxology”**

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise

him, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye

heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711
 Tune: Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Maker of all things.

C **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER:**

C **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.**

***BLESSING:**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN: “Rise, Shine, You People!” (Green Hymnal-LBW 393)**

***DISMISSAL:**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Opportunities for Prayer and Bible Study:

Join us on Sunday mornings in between services for a time of coffee & other goodies, fellowship, and a study on the lessons of the day.

Sunday Morning Adult Education & Bible Study between 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. worship.

We study the lessons of the day when there is no theme study.

All are Invited.

Youth Sunday School Corner: January, 2023

Here's what is coming up next in the *Grace Lutheran Sunday School*:

Mark your calendars now for a Valentine's Service Project on February 5. We will be making cards for our homebound friends and having special treats!

If you haven't been part of the Sunday School program yet but would like to give it a try in this new year, it's never too late! Drop-ins are welcome, kids may feel free to bring friends to any of our events, and family members are always invited to sit in on classes. Questions? Feel free to talk to Kelly Hanson or Kelly Coffman.

- ◆ **The Phoebe Women's Small Group Bible Study.** They meet at 7:00 p.m. on the **2nd Monday of each month**. Contact Kelly Mt. Castle (937-336-1223 or email: Kelly.mtcastle@gmail.com).
 - ◆ On the **Second and the Fourth Tuesdays of the Month, Wine & the Word** . They meet at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Carol Perry or Karen & Daniel Schultz (they switch off). If you would like to join this study, please contact Carol Perry at 937-456-6683 or cbperry122@embarqmail.com.
- The Wednesday Morning Prayer & Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and is currently studying the *Proverbs*. Contact: Judy Hacker (937-456-69823).**

These studies are open to any member and our friends. No prior Bible study background is needed. Please bring your Bible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 5, 2023

9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Purpose of Meeting:

To vote on using money from the Lincoln Bequest to cover the cost of re-covering/re-upholstering the pews and kneelers in the Sanctuary.

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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday -Friday: 10—1, 2—5

TODAY **January 22, 2023— Third Sunday after the Epiphany**
8:00 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday **January 23**
Pastor's Day Off
6:30 p.m. Men's Disciple Group (Schamel's)

Tuesday **January 24**
3:00 p.m. TOPS (Catechism Room)
5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (Meeting Room)
6:00 p.m. Men's Disciple Group (GLC)
6:00 p.m. Wine & The Word (Carol Perry's)

Wednesday **January 25**
9:00 a.m. Bible Study (FH)
6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday **January 26**
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)

Friday **January 27 — PRODUCTION DAY**
7:00 p.m. Family Movie Night — "The War Room"

Saturday **January 28**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild for January: Kelly Coffman & Kelly Mt. Castle

Altar Guild for February: Debbie McKinney, Lisa Kiracofe

Offering Counter for January: Susan Kiracofe

Offering Counter for February: Tiffany Ingram

Sunday, January 22– Epiphany 3

	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Greeter:	Gary Pemberton	Dean & Mary Shetter
Usher:	Gary Pemberton	John Kiracofe
Lector:	Patty Barnes	Barb Myers

Sunday, January 29– Epiphany 4

	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Greeter:	Bryan Jackson	Helen Winkler
Usher:	Bryan Jackson	Jeff Kiracofe
Lector:	Amy Jackson	Tiffany Ingram
Communion Assistants:	Amy Jackson	Dorothy Stoltz, Tiffany Ingram
	Jane Coggin	Debbie McKinney

Sunday, February 5– Epiphany 5

	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Greeter:	Tom Barnes	J. Allen & Kelly Coffman
Usher:	Tom Barnes	J. Allen & John Allen Coffman
Lector:	Patty Barnes	Kelly Coffman
Communion Assistants:	Patty Barnes	John Kiracofe
	Carolyn Bradley	Barb Myers

Attendance & Stewardship — (\$4,187 needed wkly)

1/15/2023	8:00 a.m.	30	\$5,132.00
	10:30 a.m.	51	

Great Commission Outreach Partners:

World Mission Prayer League—Chris & Emily and family, Lutheran Military Veterans and Families, Allison— Campus Outreach, Abundant Grace of West Chester

Grace Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund: The purpose of this fund is to extend the ministry of Grace Lutheran Church, apart from the general operation of the congregation. To learn more about our Mission Endowment Fund, please contact the church office and we'll give your question to the appropriate person.

IN OUR PRAYERS

After 4 weeks we will remove names from this list. If you would like to keep someone on the list, please note their name on the back of the “Attendance & Communion Registration” form. Thank you.

URGENT PRAYER LIST:

HEALING: (In Alphabetical Order)

Kelly Coffman

Debbie Creamer: (Cousin of Rob Dell)

Patty Lipps

Kelly Lambert: (Niece of Linda Lambert—she has brain cancer)

Ruth Meyer: (Sister of Paula Murray)— Admitted to hospital for possible stroke.

Judy Schamel

Dave Stevenson

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST ... Jan Spitler, Tom Schamel, Amanda & Shayla Dell, Susan Root, Fran Kester, Teddi Watkins, Ruth & Larry Hardin, Dan Matevia, Jenifer Combs, Jean Bailey, Doug Davis, Pastor Dean & Sandy Haferman, Dave Brumbaugh, Scot Emig, Barbara Worley, Carolyn MacFadyen, Paula Hilleary, Travis Howard, Judy Jay, Will Suggs, Earl House, Barbara Lakes, Becky Hoskins, Kayli Johnson, Joe McHenry, Tom Barnes: and those serving in the military: Capt. Love Hartman; Capt. John Ketteyman; SPC Brandon Mann; Brad Newkirk; 1st Lt. Nicholas Webb, Lt. Col. Kyle Hundley, Brandon Leonard.