

## Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2023

### Introit

*Psalm 22:27–31; antiphon: v. 22*



I will tell of your name to my | brothers;\*

**in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you.**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,\*

**and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.**

For kingship belongs | to the LORD,\*

**and he rules over the | nations.**

All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;\*

**before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one**

**who could not keep him- | self alive.**

Posterity shall | serve him;\*

**it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;**

they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,\*

**that he has | done it.**

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\**

*and to the Holy | Spirit;*

*as it was in the be- | ginning,\**

*is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

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### Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading

*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 shone. <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.

### Gradual

*Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*

**Extol him, all | peoples!**

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*

**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*

**bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!**

### 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>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.

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## CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 22

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School—PreK to Adult
- 10:15 a.m. Divine Service
- 12:00 p.m. Evelyn Kurz birthday celebration (100<sup>th</sup>)

### Wednesday, January 25


- 6:00 p.m. Catechism Class
- 7:15 p.m. Funeral Planning Workshop

### Sunday, January 29

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School—PreK to Adult
- 10:15 a.m. Matins & *Installation of Officers*

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### Prayers of the Church

 **+Sanctity of Human Life+** protection of the weak and vulnerable **+Rejoicing+** Josh and Mariah Reyner at birth of son Kaysen James **+Grieving+** Donna Kunze and family at the death of her brother-in-law, Tom Slama **+Healing, Recovery, Strength+** Marilyn Luebke (gall bladder surgery); Jeanette Spiels (Tues. knee replacement); Jeanie Glause (testing for cancer); Harvey Langrehr (recovery from quadruple heart bypass); Janice Kurz (stent for kidney stones); Krisha Uden, sister of Kraig Niemoth (cancer); Russ Kunze (tumor and radiation); Rosie Morthole (back); Sandy Royle (leg) **+Military+** Tyson Rasmussen; Kurt Morthole; Joseph Markvicka; Andrew Panter **+ Missions, Outreach, and Christian Education+** Global missions—Spain; Lutheran Church of Nigeria and Lutheran Bible Translator projects; Nebraska Dist.—St Paul Lutheran, Lowell Township, NE; Heartland Lutheran High School; Concordia, Seward and all our Concordias; Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne and Concordia Sem., St. Louis.

*Please remember these people in prayer during your home devotions.  
Call 687-6314 or email [cniem@kdsi.net](mailto:cniem@kdsi.net) if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.*

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### Memory Verse Challenge—Week of January 22, 2023

The church is encouraged to “**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ...**” (Col. 3:16). The LCMS invites everyone to join together memorizing a verse together each week:



#### John 6:27

*Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.*

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**On Baptism:** “*These two parts, being dipped under the water and emerging from it, point to the power and effect of baptism, which is nothing other than the slaying of the old Adam and resurrection of the new creature both of which must continue in us lifelong.*” (Luther’s Large Catechism—Baptism. The Book of Concord, Kolb/Wenger ed. Augsburg: Minneapolis, 2000. pg. 465.65)

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**January 17 Voters Meeting:** At their most recent meeting Zion voters adopted a budget (posted in narthex), re-elected leaders (to be installed January 29) and passed an amendment that allows any member of legal voting age to join the voting body. Questions about serving in the Lord’s church as voter or officer can be addressed to President Royle, Elders Ben Peters, Tim Morthole, Kraig Niemoth, and Dalbert Kurz, or Pastor Niemeier.

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**Birthday Celebration:** The family of Evelyn Kurz wish to invite you to join them in celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at a dinner in the gym following the Divine Service on today. Cards may also be sent to her Primrose address at 3990 W. Capital Ave, Rm. 222, GI, NE 68801.

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**Funeral Planning Workshop:** Due to weather, the funeral workshop has been pushed back one week. Those interested in attending are asked to set aside Wednesdays January 25 and February 1 (7:15 p.m.) on their calendar. It's not too late to sign up or order resources. See book and signup in narthex for more information.

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**Life is Precious:** “When someone struggles with the overwhelming guilt of a past sin, like abortion, repentance and reconciliation are the only source of relief. There is hope! **‘If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness’** (1 John 1:9). Through all our days, the Lord never leaves us nor forsakes us. He is a patient God, waiting and wanting all to come to repentance and be saved.” *Deaconess Pamela Buhler and Deaconess Chrissie Gillet, Word of Hope – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* ● [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org) ● Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [word-of-hope.org](http://word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679. ●



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### Heartland Lutheran High School

- Did you know that there is a network of more than 1,800 Christian Lutheran preschools, elementary schools and high schools across the nation, the largest Protestant school system in the country? January 22-28 is National Lutheran Schools Week; this year's theme is "Making Disciples for Life." Watch for more this month on related activities and information.
- HLHS thanks you for your support!

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**Stewardship Sentences:** *“Immediately they left their nets and followed him.”* (Matthew 4:12) Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown, their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship, the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: we know that all we have is the Lord's, to be used for His purpose. We are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.

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