

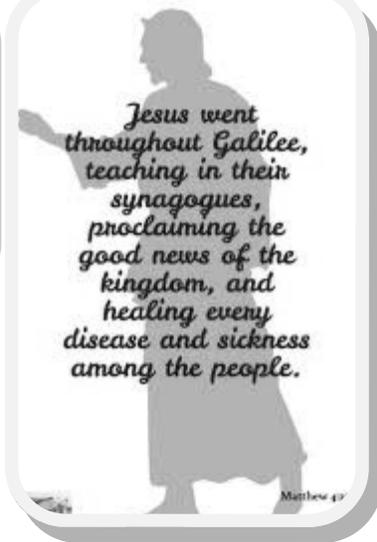
Welcome!

January 26, 2020

9:30 am Worship—Christ Lutheran
Community of Faith-Cottonwood, Minnesota

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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.
(Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2019)

GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.*

Prelude

Call to Worship

Words of Welcome

P: This is the day that the Lord has made,

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Community Announcements and Opportunities to Offer Ourselves

Please rise in body or spirit.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

C: Amen.

P: As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God who searches us and knows us,

C: you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; + your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn – “What Is This Place” ----- [524]

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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Lord God,

C: 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.

Mission Possible Students and Sunday School Students Sing

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading – Isaiah 9:1-4

¹But there will be no gloom for those who were 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 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation – "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am" ----- [814]

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

(Sung repeatedly)

Gospel Reading

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

C: 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Gwen Arneson, Lay Pastoral Assistant

Hymn of the Day – “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” - - - - - [817]

Please rise in body or spirit.

Apostles’ Creed (*The Creed is found inside the back cover of the hymnal.*)

Sharing of God’s Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please share a sign of God’s peace with your neighbors.

Please be seated.

THANKSGIVING

We respond in gratitude for God's never-failing love and mercy.

Offering

Please rise in body or spirit.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

God of wonder, you have created all we have to enjoy, and all we have comes as gift from you. We place our offerings on your table, together with our lives and all you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, who gives us joy and abundant life.

C: Amen.

Prayers of God's People

The congregation will respond to the prayer petitions with, "hear our prayer."

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Sending Hymn – "Take My Life, That I May Be" ----- [583]

Children of all ages are invited to come forward to choose an instrument to play during the hymn.

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A: Go in peace. Let your light shine.

C: Thanks be to God.

Daily Calling to Live Out Our Baptismal Promises:

To live among God's faithful people

To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed

To serve all people, following the example of Christ

To strive for justice and peace in all the earth

In a previous bulletin there was a special *Music Ministry* offering envelope provided in order to receive gifts for support of our congregation's choir. This is the primary source of financial support received to purchase music used in worship. We welcome your continuing donations. Thank you!

Worship Assistants, Thank You For Serving This Sunday, January 26, 2020

Ushers: Captain—Jonathan Olson, Scott Boehne, Greg Golberg, Conner Moseng, Corey Moseng, Michelle Moseng, Cal Teske, Linda VanUden

Musician: Gwen Arneson

Acolyte: Evelyn Keleher

Lector and Assisting Minister: Julie Gregoire

Altar: Michelle Moseng, Heather Velde

PA Operator: Larry Isaackson, Sid Olson, Josh Fragodt

Video Camera Op: Bev Isaackson, Jon Myrvik

Counting: Corey Moseng, Tracy Sterner



The members of Tom Isaackson's family expresses their sincere appreciation for the hospitality and care extended during the death of their father Tom.

We thank the Isaackson Family for the beautiful memorial floral arrangement and green plant placed in the Christ Lutheran Sanctuary.

We have been blessed to open the COTTONWOOD FOOD PANTRY, and are thankful for your contributions. We are also thankful for your CONTINUED contributions to the Kitchen Table Food Shelf in MARSHALL. When giving an offering for the food pantry or food shelf, please specify in your envelope if it is intended for the COTTONWOOD Food Pantry — OR — if it is intended for the Food Shelf in MARSHALL. This will assist our offering counters and recorders in accurately reporting your intent. Thank you!

**** NOTICE OF Annual Meeting of Christ Lutheran Church Congregation**
The Annual Meeting has been rescheduled from January 26 AND WILL NOW
BE HELD Sunday, FEBRUARY 2, following the 9:30 am worship.
In the original notice of meeting, February 2nd was the backup date set.
The meeting is open for everyone.

Our history book for 2019 is available for you to pick up. If you wish a book mailed to your home, please let Rhoda know: christlutheran@christcotton.com OR call the office 507 423 5100.

This Week at Christ Lutheran—January 26

Today, January 26

9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 Fellowship/Refreshments
9:30 Worship
10:45 Worship on Cable

Monday, January 27

4:30 pm Worship on Cable
7:00 Deborah Circle @ Church

Tuesday, January 28

1:30 pm Communion @ West Prairie
2:30 Communion @ Fieldcrest

Next Sunday, February 2

9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 Fellowship/Refreshments
9:30 Worship
FOLLOWING WORSHIP: Annual Meeting
10:45 Worship on Cable

Wednesday, January 29

6:00 pm Mission Possible
6:30 Choir
7:15 Confirmation

On Wednesday, February 5:
 February/March newsletter will be assembled for mailing.

GIVE, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU

“Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” Luke 6:38. This is a directive that Jesus gave His disciples and also to us. So let’s take this to heart and share out of our abundance to help feed the hungry. The world produces enough food for all, yet more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger. ELCA World Hunger is at work to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty in the United States and more than 60 other countries.

Use the envelope included in the bulletin today to give your gift to ELCA World Hunger. “Generosity begets generosity.” Luke 6:38, from The Message.



Prayer Requests

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7 to, “*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*” Your prayers are a gift to those requesting them, and encouragement for one another as we experience challenges, sorrows, or thanksgivings of any kind.

Health Concerns, as well as Others In Our Hearts and On Our Minds:

Landyn Berends (heart transplant, Jan. 22)	Dean Berg	Bob Bode	
Rodney Carlson	Emelia Dahl	Elaine Elston	Norm Evers
Gordy Geistfeld	Adrian Golberg	Gail Gregoire	Sue Gropel
Bruce Hoffman	Marty Javens	Bob Kaeter	Cole Louwagie
Pr. Curt Miller	Pr. Janel	Jori Ella Morrison	Gretchen Noon
Ione Olson	Sonny Olson	Hunter Pinke	Jayla Post
Savannah Rausch	Jake Rodriguez	Lucas Schikert	
Joyce St. Pierre (Travis’s mother, surgery)	Harvey Suer	Gary Vossen (father of Julie Gregoire, lymphoma cancer/undergoing chemo treatments)	

All those dealing with illness, addictions, depression, unemployment, under-employment, and any challenges in their lives.

Independent Living/Assisted Living/Care Center Residents/Homebound:

Shi Aamodt, Arvilla Berg, Darleen Cole, Michele Engholm, Irene Evers, Lavonne Fischer, Marge Gigstad, Janet Gniffke, Adrian Golberg, Virginia Isaackson, Julie Jaeger, Marietta Jarcho, Betty Lovsness, Lila Mauland, Laurie Pickthorn, Donna Neuharth, Bobby Olson, Alnora Pederson, Margaret Rewerts, Marge Seitz

Families of our Congregation.

Mark and Karen Dahl
James Danielson, Hylar
Rob and Shelly Danielson, Jordan Tome, Jada Peterson, Jace Danielson

Death. Pray for the family of Gary Timmerman, as they mourn his death on January 23rd. Pray for the family of former Presiding Bishop of the ELCA Herb Chilstrom, as they mourn his death on January 19th.

Workers in Other Countries, Missionaries, and Local Congregation Missions.

Students and Staff of Kikatiti Secondary School in Tanzania

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