

Today's Scripture Readings

Old Testament *Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

¹All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated

with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:16-30

¹⁶[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." ²⁴And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®.

In Our Prayers this Week—

- *January mission of the month, Sheboygan Lutheran High School.*
- *Peace among nations.*
- *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*
- *Jim Schmitz, hospitalized and recovering from surgery.*
- *Jim Knepprath, recovering from surgery.*
- *Heidi Tupper, recovering from surgery.*
- *Michelle Popp and all expectant mothers.*

All who are battling cancer:

- *Jayne Cotter*
- *Ed Friede*
- *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann*
- *Jennifer Harrill, mother of Andrew Harrill*

Please also keep in prayer

—*our Seminarian, Vicar Luke Konkel;*

—*Rev. Eric Skovgaard, our district president;*

—*Matthew Harrison, synod president;*

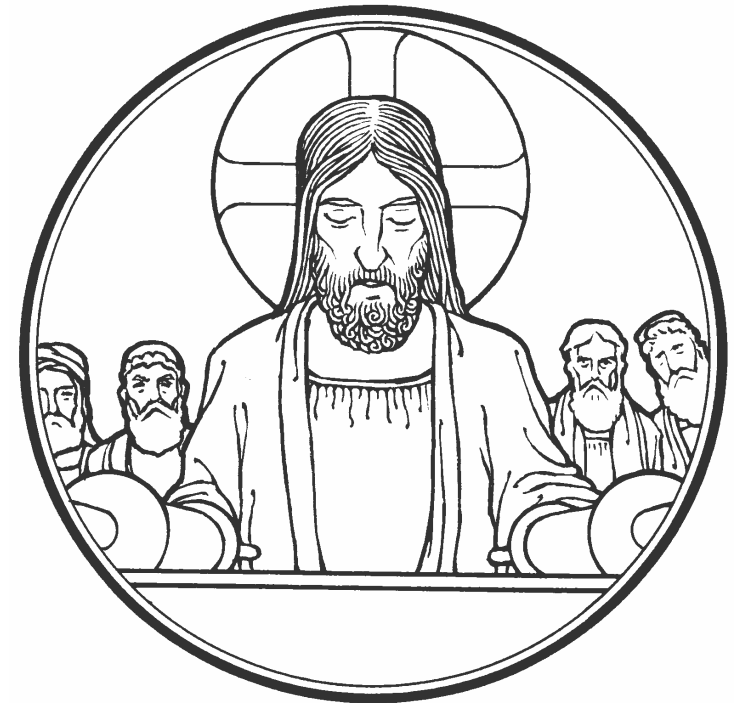
—*the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel;*

—*our circuit congregation, Zion in Glenbeulah and Rev. Don Johnson;*

—*our Missionary Rev. James May and his family in Africa; and*

—*our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel, Bob & Alice Denhardt, Ed Friede, Virginia Dowty and Bob Navis.*

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18-19

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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me...”* Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.

THE LORD IS MANIFESTED AS OUR SAVIOR THROUGH THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL

Then Jesus opens His mouth to preach, gracious words flow from His lips. The Scriptures are, indeed, fulfilled in your hearing (Luke 4:21–22). For Christ was anointed by the Spirit of the Lord *“to proclaim good news to the poor,” “to proclaim liberty to the captives”* and *“to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor”* (Luke 4:18–19). By this proclamation, Christ releases His people from captivity and gathers them to Himself in His Church. So it was when the Lord released His people from Babylon and returned them to Jerusalem. *“Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people,”* sanctified the whole congregation by the reading and preaching of the Law (Neh. 8:8–9). As the people then were urged to *“eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready”* (Neh. 8:10), so are you anointed by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ to share in His feast and to serve the fellow members of His Body with His good gifts, *“giving greater honor to the part that lacked it”* (1 Cor. 12:12, 24).

THE FAMILY ALTAR

① **Verse of the Week** — **Luke 2:22** *“And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.”*

② **Hymn of the Week** — LSB #519 — *“In His Temple Now Behold Him”*

③ **Collect of the Week** — *Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

④ **Daily Bible Readings** — **M:** Zech. 4:1–5:11; Rom. 15:14–33 **T:** Zech. 6:1–7:14; Rom. 16:17–27 **W:** Zech. 8:1–23; 2 Tim. 1:1–18 **Th:** Zech. 9:1–17; 2 Tim. 2:1–26 **F:** Zech. 10:1–11:3; 2 Tim. 3:1–17 **Sat:** Zech. 11:4–17; 2 Tim. 1:4:1–18 **Sun:** Zech. 12:1–13:9; Titus 1:1–2:6

⑤ **Preparing for Next Sunday** — *Lessons for The Purification of Mary and*

Presentation of Our Lord (February 2, 2025):

1 Samuel 1:21–28; Hebrews 2:14–18; Luke 2:22–32; Psalm 84

⑥ **The Whole Story for the Whole Family** — *Week 49*

Day 1 — Christians Day 3 — Sent Out

Day 2 — True Escape Day 4 — Faith Alone

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

JANUARY 26, 2025

Greeters — *Jerry & Betty Payne*

Elder — *Andy Schmitt*; Usher — *Ted Westerman*

Altar Guild — *Chris Borr, Jr.* Altar Guild — *Betsy Marks*

Cantors — *Andrew & Lorraine Harrill*; Acolyte — *Kai Reysen*

Organist — *Mrs. Terry Ourada*

Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

Introit (*sung responsively after confession & absolution*) Psalm 102:18–22; antiphon: v. 13



You will arise and have pity on | Zion;*
it is the time to favor her; the appointed | time has come.

Let this be recorded for a genera- | tion to come,*
so that a people yet to be created may | praise the LORD:

that he looked down from his | holy height,*

from heaven the LORD looked | at the earth,

to hear the groans of the | prisoners,*

to set free those who were | doomed to die,

that they may declare in Zion the name | of the LORD,*

and in Jerusa- | lem his praise,

when peoples gather to- | gether,*

and kingdoms, to wor- | ship the LORD.

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.

You will arise and have pity on | Zion;*
it is the time to favor her; the appointed | time has come.

Collect (*spoken by pastor*)

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.

Gradual (*sung responsively*) 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!

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