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**+ THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY +**  
**Service of Prayer & Preaching**  
**January 22, 2023**

***As We Gather:*** Jesus Came for Gentiles, Too

The Gospel of Christ is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Gentile (Rom. 1:8–17). Even in the Old Testament, the Gentiles were beneficiaries of God's saving power. Though unimpressed at first with the Word of God, a Syrian commander is persuaded to receive that Word, and in the water he is cleansed and brought to faith in the God of Israel (2 Kings 5:1–15a). Evil is overcome by good (Rom 12:16–21). So also in the New Testament, a Roman centurion demonstrates great and humble faith in the Lord (Matt. 8:1–13). All he needs is the Word of Christ, for he trusts that Jesus' Word of healing has authority to accomplish what it says. And indeed it does. The centurion's faith is praised by our Lord above that of any Israelite. For the last shall be first, and the first last. Apart from faith in Christ, there is no salvation—not even for a Jew—but only weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**Hymn 'I Know My Faith Is Founded'**

LSB 587



1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my  
2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by  
3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,



God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -  
night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And  
grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let

moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not  
 take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -  
 me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -  
 fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man  
 side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good  
 par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -  
 wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is  
 Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with  
 her - it As all You said holds true. In life and  
 all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And  
 me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then  
 death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where  
 trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.  
 I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.  
 I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

*Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.*

*Tune: Conventus novi, 1540, Augsburg*

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## **Opening Versicles: Common**

LSB 260

**L** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C** Teach me Your paths.

**L** Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C** Your Word is truth.

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Refrain*



■ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



With joy will you draw wa - ter from the



wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,




make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

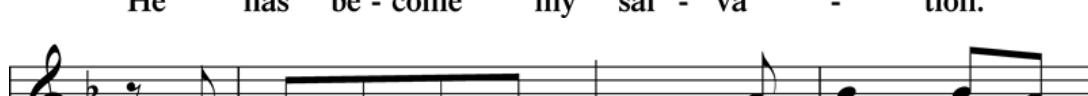
*Refrain*



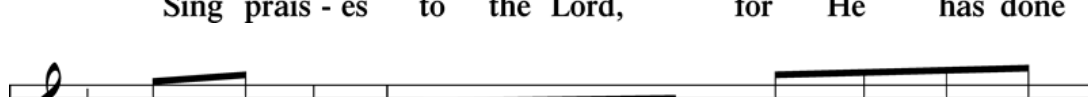
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

1Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. 2Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. 3She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." 4So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." 5And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. 6And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." 7And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

8But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." 9So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. 10And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." 11But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. 12Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage.

13But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" 14So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

15Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Introit

*Psalm 97:1, 10–12; antiphon: vv. 6, 9*





A This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**Reading**

*Matthew 8:1–13*

1When [Jesus] came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. 2And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” 3And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. 4And Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”

5When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, 6“Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” 7And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” 8But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. 9For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” 10When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. 11I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, 12while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” 13And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

P This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsory: Common**

LSB 263

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## **Ten Commandments**

**You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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



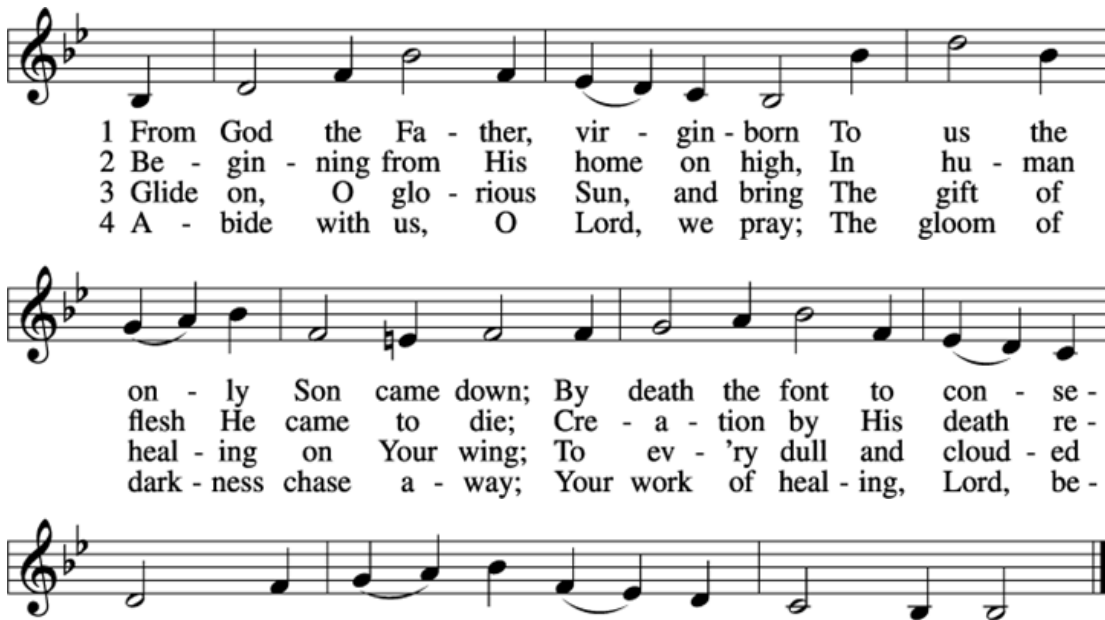
## Lord's Prayer

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.

## Sermon

### Sermon Hymn 'From God the Father, Virgin-Born'

LSB 401



1 From God the Fa - ther, vir - gin - born To us the  
2 Be - gin - ning from His home on high, In hu - man  
3 Glide on, O glo - rious Sun, and bring The gift of  
4 A - bide with us, O Lord, we pray; The gloom of

on - ly Son came down; By death the font to con - se -  
flesh He came to die; Cre - a - tion by His death re -  
heal - ing on Your wing; To ev - 'ry dull and cloud - ed  
dark - ness chase a - way; Your work of heal - ing, Lord, be -

crate, The faith - ful to re - gen - er - ate.  
stored, And shed new joys of life a - broad.  
sense The clear - ness of Your light dis - pense.  
gin, And take a - way the stain of sin.

- 5 Lord, once You came to earth's domain  
And, we believe, shall come again;  
Be with us on the battlefield,  
From ev'ry harm Your people shield.

- 6 To You, O Lord, all glory be  
For this Your blest epiphany;  
To God, whom all His hosts adore,  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

*Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.*

*Tune: Antiphoner, 1753, Grenoble*

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## **Prayer**

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## Collect of the Day

**L** 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.

**C** Amen.

## Collect for the Word

**L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

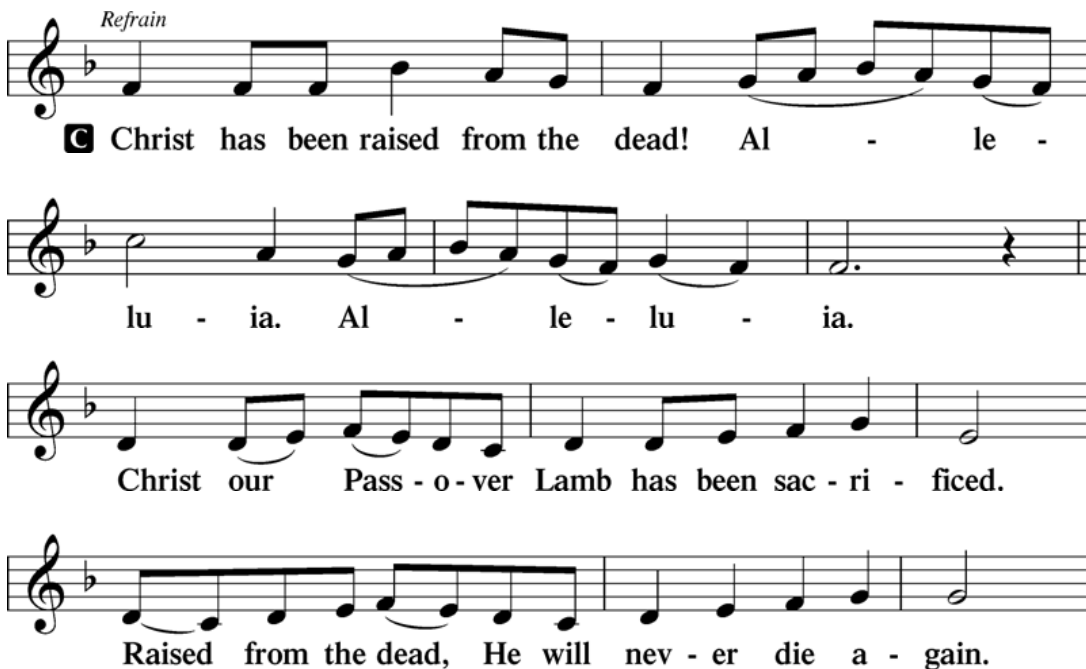
## Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

*Refrain*



**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

*Refrain*  
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*Refrain*  
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Blessing**

### **Benedicamus**

LSB 267

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### **Benediction**


LSB 267

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.


C Amen.

## **Closing Hymn 'I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name'**


LSB 734



1 I trust, O Lord, Your ho - ly name; O let me not be  
 2 Bow down Your gra - cious ear to me And hear my cry, my  
 3 You are my strength, my shield, my rock, My for-tress that with -  
 4 With You, O Lord, I cast my lot; O faith-ful God, for -  
 △ 5 All hon - or, praise, and maj - es - ty To Fa-ther, Son, and



put to shame Nor let me be con-found - ed. My faith, O  
 prayer, my plea; Make haste for my pro - tec - tion, For woes and  
 stands each shock, My help, my life, my tow - er, My bat - tle  
 sake me not, To You my soul com-mend - ing. Lord, be my  
 Spir - it be, Our God for - ev - er glo - rious, In whose rich



Lord, Be in Your Word For - ev - er firm-ly ground - ed.  
 fear Sur-round me here. Help me in my af - flic - tion.  
 sword, Al - might-y Lord— Who can re - sist Your pow - er?  
 stay, And lead the way Now and when life is end - ing.  
 grace We run our race Till we de - part vic - to - rious.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Guests:** Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today! If you are visiting us for the first time, please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Exodus 34:29–35, 2 Peter 1:16–2, and Matthew 17:1–9.

**Stewardship:** Matthew 8:8 – “But the centurion replied, ‘Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.’” The Word of the Lord is powerful and effective. What God says, goes. “Let there be light” (Gen. 1:3). And there was light. His Word is still effective and creative for us: “This is my body, which is given for you” (Luke 22:19). “Your sins are forgiven” (Matt. 9:2, Luke 5:20, etc.). This is why it is no burden for us to live according to the Word of God: we know that His Word is always aimed at our blessing.

**Sunday School:** “A Soldier Believes” is the focus of today’s Bible lesson. In Philippi, Paul and Silas cast the spirit of divination from a slave girl, but her angered owner has the two thrown into prison. Around midnight, Paul and Silas are praying and singing to God when suddenly an earthquake shakes the prison. The jailer, thinking his prisoners have escaped, prepares to take his own life. Paul and Silas interrupt his plan as they share the Gospel with him and his whole family, whom Paul then baptizes. Discuss how God uses events in our lives to give us opportunities to share His Word.

**Building Healthy Families for Jan. 22nd:** Did You Know: God gives you many opportunities throughout the week to meet people who don’t know Him as their Savior. At work, in recreation, at community events, in person and online, they are there if we take the time to see and notice them. Who will come across your path who needs a word of hope, an act of kindness or an expression of love motivated by God’s love for you? Keep an eye out for them and for ways to live out 1 John 4:19 this week (...He loved you first!) ~[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org).



**Life Quote for Jan. 22nd:** “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 ~ [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**A Life Thought in the Church Year for Jan. 22nd:** In the day of trouble the people of Christ seek not the finger of death but the face of the Lord (Psalm 27:5, 8). Though carrying surprise pregnancy may appear foolish, though enduring unto natural death may seem senseless, though advocating the sanctity of life may earn us ridicule, the word of the cross preserves us—and our neighbors—in the very power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18).

**Lutheran Hour Ministries for Jan 29th:** Hear “Hopelessly Hopeful” based on Colossians 1:27 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Having hope for humanity is not the same thing as hoping in humanity. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

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**Cleaning:** Household(s) responsible for the week of 1/29—2/4 is **Dale Schultz**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 2/5—2/11 is **Kevin Schultz**. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available for **\$75.00**. Please contact Amber Carnine at 641-990-5985 or [immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net](mailto:immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net). Make payment to Amber Carnine and leave payment under her office door, in her box at church, or you can mail payment to the church. We do ask that you let Amber know ASAP but the deadline is by Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean. If your household is willing to be a cleaning substitute, please let us know also. **Beginning January 1, 2023, the cost of cleaning sub is raising from \$50.00 to \$75.00.**

### **Birthdays**

*none this week*

### **Baptismal Birthdays**

*none this week*

## **Confirmation Memory Work for January 25th**

5th/6th Grades:

*First Article of the Creed and meaning (all of it)*

7th/8th Grades:

*Second Article and meaning (all of it)*

## **ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS**

**Jan 15, 2023**

Attendance	45
General Fund	\$2335.00
Missions	\$150.00

### **WEEK AHEAD**

Today      9:00am      Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
              10:30am      Bible Study/Sunday School  
                         Usher: Ben Louden  
                         Greeter: Johnson  
                         Servers: Tammy Smith/Julie Roberts  
                         Acolyte/Crucifer: Finn/Elizabeth  
                         Elder: Steve Haase

Tuesday 10:30-12:30pm      Pastor in class

Wednesday 4-5:30pm      5th/6th Grades Confirmation  
                         5:30-7pm      7th/8th Grades Confirmation

Thursday 11:00am      Bible Study

Next Sun. 9:00am      The Transfiguration of Our Lord  
                  10:30am      Bible Study/Sunday School/Popcorn Sunday  
                         Food Pantry Sunday  
                         Usher: Dan Huebner  
                         Greeter: Kadera  
                         Servers: Marrina Kaloupek/Lindsey Wyckoff  
                         Acolyte/Crucifer: Cole/Sloane  
                         Elder: Joel McDonough

## 2022 Giving Totals

**General Fund**      \$232,312.94

**Building Fund**      \$9325.00

### **Missions**

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca	\$455.00
Iowa Lutheran School	\$375.00
MICA	\$190.00
IDE Student Aide	\$1413.00
Lutheran Hour Ministries	\$707.00
Orphan Grain Train	\$761.00
LC-MS World Relief	\$510.10

**LWML Noisy Bucket**      \$385.67

### **Memorial Fund**

Carmen Wiebold	\$325.00
Dorothy Latcham	\$100.00
Lyle Latcham	\$100.00
Kathy Mergen	\$100.00

**Thrivent**      \$220.00

# CHURCH LUNCH



**Sunday, January 29th**

We will be having a meal after the presentation  
by Missionary Cody Mock.

Sloppy Joes will be provided and a sign-up is on  
the entryway table for those who wish to bring  
sides, salads, or desserts.

***Please join us!***