

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Sharing the Peace.

The Offering

*The Offertory *“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”* p. 86

*Offertory Prayer p. 87

We give you thanks, O Lord, for your tender mercies and for all that you have so faithfully provided for us. May our gifts be a sign of our love toward you and our desire to do your holy will. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

*Great Thanksgiving p. 88

“Holy, Holy, Holy” p. 89

*The Lord’s Prayer **Grey book #440**

Communion

“Lamb of God” p. 92

Distribution

“Thank the Lord” p. 92

Prayer after Communion

P: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have fed and refreshed us with this Holy Sacrament. Strengthen us in faith and fervent love toward one another, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whose body and blood we have humbly received.

C: Amen

*The Blessing

P: Go with the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and may the Light of God’s Word ever shine within your hearts and lives so that his holy name is praised throughout the world.

C: Amen

*SENDING HYMN *“How Great Thou Art”* **#532**

P: Go in peace. Let your light shine!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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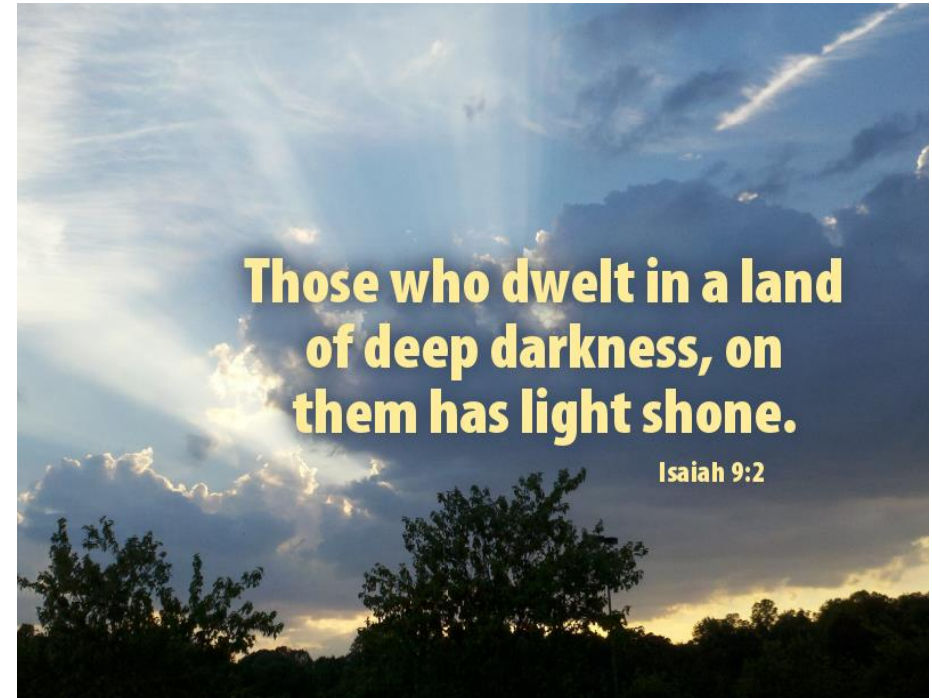
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40041 150th Ave

Leland, Iowa



Third Sunday after Epiphany January 22, 2023

Mission: To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to all through worship, education, outreach, and fellowship.

Communion given the 1st and 4th Sundays in January

Please be advised, the service is livestreamed and posted on the internet.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*Stand as you are able)

Prelude/Enter joyously to worship the Lord

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession & Forgiveness p. 77

P: Arise, shine, your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. We are gathered in this Season of Light to worship God, the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. (Isaiah 60:1)

C: Amen

P: Let us humble ourselves before the Lord of all, confessing our sins of which we are aware and for those things that grieve Him of which we are unaware.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P: Gracious God who sent the Light of the World into the darkness of our human sin.

C: We come before you asking for your gracious mercy for all the things we have done and left undone. We have lived in darkness rather than seeking your light; we have ignored your call to serve our neighbors; and we have neglected to show our gratitude for all you've done for us. Forgive us, dear Lord. Let the light of Christ shine upon us and restore us to your salvation, that we might live holy lives here and now, and be with you in eternity. Amen.

P: Lift up your eyes all around and see! Your heart shall thrill and exult in the Lord's mercy. The Holy One of Israel, the Lord your God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit forgives you all your sin and grants you salvation in his holy name.

C:Amen

*Opening Hymn "Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now" #253

*Greeting p. 78

P: May the glorious light of the Son of God shine upon you, the abiding love of the Father fill your hearts, and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*The Kyrie p. 78

*Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast" p. 81

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

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; 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

PSALMS

Psalms 27:1-9

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 83

"Glory to you, O Lord" p. 83

*HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-25

"Praise to you, O Christ" p. 83

Children's message

Sermon

Pastor Tony

HYMN OF THE DAY "Open the Eyes to My Heart" INSERT

*The Nicene Creed p. 84

*Prayers

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 4th Chapter.

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—¹⁴ to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶ the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." ¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. ²⁴ News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. ²⁵ Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*~Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests. ~
Please call or e-mail with your request.*

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

The first lesson is from the 9th Chapter of Isaiah

9 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Let us pray Psalm 27 (responsively)

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

² When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.

³ Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

⁴ One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

⁵ For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

⁶ Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷ Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

⁸ My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, LORD, I will seek.

⁹ Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

Amen



The second lesson is found in the 1st Chapter of 1 Corinthians

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. ¹¹ My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe’s household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹² What I mean is this: One of you says, “I follow Paul”; another, “I follow Apollos”; another, “I follow Cephas”; still another, “I follow Christ.” ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don’t remember if I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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Thanks be to God.



Announcements & Activities

West Prairie prayer list:

Jonie Bang, Phyllis Disque, Joyce Greer, Alan Goranson, Brittney Hawke, Dennis Kramer, Ryan Mullins (in the military), Denny Norstrud, Allen Peterson, Jean Peterson, LeAnn Peterson, Roger Peterson, our sister church in the LCMC, St Paul Lutheran Church, Hull, IA, and Bethany Lutheran Church, Kimballton, IA.

Please let me or Pastor Tony know of any prayer requests you may have. We will gladly list them. Cindy at csarver52@gmail.com or 319-931-3570.

Special prayers for the following:

Lanette Branstad, is home healing after falling on the ice by her home. She has hurt her ankle.

Denny Norstrud, is at Good Samaritan Care Center in Forest City.

Alan Goranson, has been hospitalized. Further information will be coming.

Roger Peterson, remains at the nursing home in Northwood, IA.

Movie Night! Tonight at 5:30 pm: to be announced

This Week's Activities

Sun., Jan. 29, 2023	8:30 am	Healing Worship Service, fellowship following.
	9:45 am	Sunday School

January/February Volunteers

Fellowship: Jan. 29 — Cindy Sarver
Feb. 5 —
Feb. 12 —
Feb. 19 —

Lector: Lanette Branstad

Usher(s):

Flowers:

Communion Prep/Clean-up:

Birthdays: Caroll Carson (1/23)

Baptismal Anniversary: Bryon Holst (1/26)

Note: Bulletin Information can be sent to Cindy by email: csarver52@gmail.com or phone-319-931-3570. Entry deadline, Wednesdays by 5:00 pm.