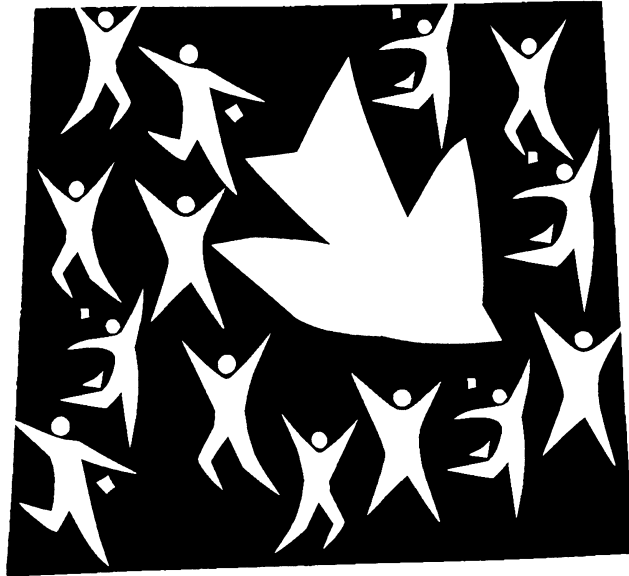


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*You are the  
BODY of CHRIST  
and individually  
members of it*

I C O R I N T H I A N S 12:27

*"Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church, following the example of Jesus Christ, seeks to live in the confidence and fullness of God's grace; to preach the Good News boldly and truthfully; to support and serve others in faith; to work in harmony with all creation."*

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**JANUARY 23, 2022**

**January 23, 2022**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

*God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.*

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who creates us,  
redeems us,  
and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.**  
**We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.**  
**We have rejected your word  
when it made us confront ourselves.**  
**We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you called us to welcome.**  
**Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.**  
**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**  
**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation.**  
**Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:

In ✝ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG (verses 1&4)

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Shine, Jesus, Shine

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*Refrain*



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine on me, shine on me:

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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**      “Take Now My Voice”

**FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

A reading from Nehemiah.

*The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that “the joy of the LORD is your strength.”*

<sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And 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 when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 19

(Sung responsively between women & men, beginning with the women.)



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- <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo-<sup>1</sup> ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its<sup>1</sup> maker's handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale<sup>1</sup> to another,**  
**and one night imparts knowledge<sup>1</sup> to another.**
- <sup>3</sup>Although they have no<sup>1</sup> words or language,  
and their voices<sup>1</sup> are not heard,
- <sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends<sup>1</sup> of the world,**  
**where God has pitched a tent<sup>1</sup> for the sun.**
- <sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out<sup>1</sup> of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to<sup>1</sup> run its course.
- <sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of<sup>1</sup> it again;**  
**nothing is hidden from its<sup>1</sup> burning heat.**
- <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-<sup>1</sup> vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom<sup>1</sup> to the simple.
- <sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and re-<sup>1</sup> joice the heart;**  
**the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light<sup>1</sup> to the eyes.**
- <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en-<sup>1</sup> dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous<sup>1</sup> altogether.
- <sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than<sup>1</sup> much fine gold,**  
**sweeter far than honey, than honey<sup>1</sup> in the comb.**
- <sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser-<sup>1</sup> vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is<sup>1</sup> great reward.
- <sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's<sup>1</sup> own offenses?**  
**Cleanse me from my<sup>1</sup> secret faults.**
- <sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion<sup>1</sup> over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a<sup>1</sup> great offense.
- <sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable<sup>1</sup> in your sight,**  
**O LORD, my strength and<sup>1</sup> my redeemer.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.*

<sup>12</sup>For 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. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would 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. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would 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. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The 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.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.

<sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 102)



## GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

The holy gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.*

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON                  PASTOR BARB**



## HYMN OF THE DAY (all verses)

### When Our Song Says Peace



1 When our song says peace and the world says war, we will  
2 When our song says free and the world says bound, we will  
3 When our song says home and the world says lost, we will



sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,



who breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.  
who o - pens pris - on doors and sets the cap - tives free.  
who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.

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Please join me as we confirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

## CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Please respond.)*

*P: God of grace, C: hear our prayer.*

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### OFFERTORY (all verses)

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea-sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

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### OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,  
Sovereign of the universe.  
You offer us new beginnings  
and guide us on our journey.  
Lead us to your table,  
nourish us with this heavenly food,  
and prepare us to carry your love  
to a hungry world,  
in the name of Christ our light.  
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 108)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to God's table.  
There is a place for you and enough for all.

## **COMMUNION**

*Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher, maintaining your distance. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Return to your seat.*

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
Amen.

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

F C/E F Dm Dm/F Gm Gm<sup>2</sup> Gm C

Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts.

Am Am<sup>7</sup> Dm Dm/F EbM<sup>9</sup> Eb Csus<sup>2</sup> C

Sing to the Lord, give God the glo - ry. glo - ry.

F C/E F Dm Dm/F Gm Gm<sup>2</sup> Gm C

Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts.

Am Am<sup>7</sup> Dm Dm/F Gm F/A Bb F/C C<sup>7</sup> F

For - ev - er - more let his love fill the air, and let there be praise.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.  
Send us to bring good news  
and to proclaim your favor to all,  
strengthened with the richness of your grace  
in your Son, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG (verses 1&3)

### Let Streams of Living Justice

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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## DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world.  
Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome Visitors!** We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

**Prayer requests** for the following *Family & Friends of Tom Rhodes, Linda Berberich, Jane Winters, Linda Wepking, Ann Grapes, Bonnie Hudson, Frances Kramer, Connie Bikle, Nancy Bumbaugh Cook, Charles and Mary Jo Bedsworth, Rich Plummer, Minnie Tom, Bonnie Creager Youcum, Sandy Chilcote, Sandy Bream, Linda Keller, Raelynn Tarman, Susie Alleman, David Riggleman, Thelma Briggs, Darrell Veilleux, Bud Armstrong, Gertie Reichard, Manny Negron, Millie Kulkusky.* If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire. **Note:** At the beginning of each month, the Prayer Request List will start anew. If you would like to remain listed on the next month's list, or if you would like to have your name removed from the list before the end of the month, please call the office.

**Two additional members are needed to fill council seats.** Please consider if God is calling you to this important ministry at Solomons. Meetings are monthly on the second Monday of the month. Without disciples willing to participate, our ministry at Solomons will suffer. Please call the church office or notify Ron Coldsmith of your interest in serving.

**Help is needed to prepare food, set up and serve a dinner on Saturday, January 29.** See sign- up sheets in Sunday School Room.

**A video has been created by our Lower Susquehanna Synod that gives an overview of the call process.** This information was emailed to the congregation and included here to make sure everyone has an opportunity to see it. Type the following URL into the search bar: <https://www.lss-elca.org/rostered-ministers/call-process/call-manual-congregations-institutions/> Click on the video to the left. The video is specifically geared for the congregation and council.

**Council Elects Officers:** At the January council meeting the congregation council elected officers for 2022. They are: Ron Coldsmith, president; Barbara Aldrich, vice president; Wayne Norman, secretary; Janice McEntire, financial secretary and Edna Harris, treasurer. We give thanks to God for their service.

**Communion Cards** – to maintain accurate records, we ask that each member fill out a communion card only once per calendar year, at a service when you partake of Holy Communion.

**The new edition of The Lutheran Journal** is available in the narthex pamphlet rack.

**Youth Church/Sunday School:** All youth are invited to participate in a youth lesson during Church. We will meet downstairs before church starts and rejoin the service before communion.

**Relay for Life Fund Raiser Luncheon:** Sunday February 6, after Church Service. Hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots and celery tray with dip, cake, coffee & tea. Donations will be accepted at the door. We appreciate your support.



**To All You Football Fans and non-fans too!!** SOUPER BOWL Sunday is February 13. Don't miss out on your chance to choose the winner of this year's Super Bowl. We don't know who will be playing yet, but there will be a box in the Sunday school room representing each team. To vote all you need to do is place a can of soup or food item for the Power Pack program in the box of your choice. Social Ministry will tally the results and let you know if we agree with the results of the game. The soup collected will be given to the food pantry.

**2021 Contribution letters are in your mail box.** Please pick up by the end of January, otherwise they will be mailed. If the information is incorrect, contact Janice McEntire and she will make the corrections.

**Office Hours for Pastor Barb** are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon or call for an appointment.

**ACS – Relay for Life – SAVE THE DATE!** Over the years our Team has been part of the Chambersburg Relay for Life event, but this year there will be changes. The Chambersburg leadership team has decided to join efforts with the Greencastle Relay for Life leadership team hoping to create an even more successful event! The last few years the Chambersburg leadership team experienced a decline in participation and money raised. 2021 was especially challenging for us with so few people helping to support the event and a few key people resigning from the leadership team. I have our team registered on the website with Greencastle Relay for Life and I am hoping to see you on May 21, 2022 at Greencastle Antrim High School, located at 300 S. Ridge Avenue, Greencastle, PA. Please visit the ACS website to join our team at [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org). Thank you for your support and please feel free to contact Becky Mull with any questions.

**SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary are selling Discount Cards** for \$5.00 each. All proceeds will benefit Franklin and Fulton County. Any question or to purchase, see Becky Pecha following service or call 717 263-7668.

**Lutheran Disaster Response:** On the night of Dec. 10 and early morning of Dec. 11, an outbreak of at least 30 tornadoes swept through six states. So far, 94 people are reported dead across five states, more than 80 of those in Kentucky. For those unaccounted for, search-and-rescue operations are underway. Homes and businesses were destroyed, and over 300,000 people were without electricity. Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and other partners in the area to assess the damage and develop an immediate and a long-term response plan. Your gifts to support these response efforts will empower our partners to meet survivors' immediate and long-term needs. Given the extent of the damage, recovery will take years as thousands of homes will need to be rebuilt or repaired. With your support, Lutheran Disaster Response can accompany survivors on the long road to recovery. **Your gifts to "U.S. Tornadoes" will be used in full (100%) to help people impacted by the tornadoes until the response is complete.** You may make your donation to Solomon's Lutheran Church marked "US Tornadoes" Thank you.

**2022 Altar Flower Chart is posted** in the cloakroom off the church entryway. The cost of the two vases will be \$50.00 per week. You will continue to provide Kimberly with the information for the bulletin prior to the week before the Sunday you choose. Include the cost of \$50.00 with the bulletin information. Knowing the cost increased, if you would like to share the cost, by asking someone else to share the cost, you are welcome to do so. When you sign-up for a Sunday, you will be responsible to obtain the bulletin information for you and your friend and forward it to Kimberly. Should there be a Sunday that flowers are not donated, the flower vases will be removed.

**Power Pack Meals for New Franklin School:** We received this message from Cindy Holmquist, the Power Pack coordinator: “We have been packing for seven children weekly since September. We can always use individual size vegetables, preferably in cups but cans will do & meal items such as Ramen noodles, Cup of noodles, or Chef Boyardee. Juice pouches, 8oz water bottles & Yoo-hoo or Nestle's drinks are always needed. Snack items would be next on the list and fruit & applesauce are still in abundance on our shelves.” You may drop off donations to Power Packs at the collection box in the Sunday School Room.

**Christian Education Committee** will have a meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**Youth Sunday School Classes** starting at 9:00 a.m. have resumed.

**Bulletin Announcement Forms** are located in both pamphlet racks. Please submit all bulletin announcements to the office by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday for inclusion in the bulletin.

**Council Minutes, Monthly Financial Statement and Committee Minutes** are available in the library for anyone to read.

**JANUARY 23, 2022**  
**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**



*Jesus sets us free.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 4:14-21</b>	<b>Jesus returns to Nazareth</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nehemiah 8:1-10</b>	<b>Ezra reads God's law to the people</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 12:12-31a</b>	<b>One body, many parts</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Isaiah 61:1-7</b>	<b>The good news of deliverance</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Leviticus 25:1-17</b>	<b>The year of jubilee</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Galatians 5:13-15</b>	<b>Christian freedom</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 19</b>	<b>God's glory in creation and the law</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 4:21-30</b>	<b>The prophet Jesus is rejected</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."* **Luke 4:18-19 (NRSV)**

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, for your message of freedom that is more desired than gold and sweeter than honey, we praise you through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 19:10)

**Mealtime Prayer:**

For this food that strengthens the body and your word that strengthens our souls, we thank you. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the Spirit of Christ Jesus bless you and release you from all your burdens.

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something that bothers you and makes you feel weighed down?
- How do you think Jesus can help you when you have a problem?

## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Soli Deo Gloria*



## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Luke 4:14-21.

Short and sweet, this is Jesus' first sermon recorded in Luke: *"Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."* What Luke wants us to know about the good news of Jesus is found in the words of Isaiah 61:1-2. The Spirit of God rests on Jesus. Jesus has good news for the poor, the captive, the blind, the oppressed. The *"year of the Lord's favor"* is the year of jubilee announced in Leviticus 25. It keeps society from unraveling into unlimited wealth for some and perpetual poverty for others. Every fifty years slaves and prisoners would be freed, debts would be forgiven and lands lost to debts would be returned to ancestral owners. In recognition of the use and abuse of power and wealth, the year of jubilee allowed for fresh starts. That is what Jesus brings to us, a fresh start that releases us from poverty, from whatever bondage limits our life, whatever blinds us, whatever weighs us down. As we continue to read Luke, this opening sermon will clarify who Jesus is and what he is doing for all.

*Discuss:* How can Jesus give you a fresh start if something has been bothering you?

*Pray:* **Almighty and merciful God, we thank you for freeing us to serve you with thanksgiving and our neighbor in love, through Christ Jesus who preaches good news for all. Amen.**

## SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme this week, how does knowing Jesus free and encourage you to serve others?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The *"year of the Lord's favor,"* mentioned in Luke 4:19 is a community experience of forgiving debts mentioned in Leviticus 25 and known as the Year of Jubilee. Create a *Jubilee Jar* this week and place things you and others worry about into it. At the end of the week, read what you wrote and then pray: **Dear God, I thank you for being with me and giving me and others a fresh start each day through Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.**