



About the Cover

Christ walked among the people in Zebulun and Naphtali in Galilee as He fulfilled God's promises and brought the kingdom of heaven to those who sat in darkness. Christ is among us by His Word, and His light still shines today, calling us out of the darkness of our sin and into the light of the Gospel of forgiveness.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:1–4

¹There will be no gloom for her who was 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 has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation;

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden,

and the staff for his shoulder,

the rod of his oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.

¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ 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 may 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 preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to

those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12–25

¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,

the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,

on them a light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

¹⁸While walking 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 fishers of men." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

The kingdom of heaven is at hand

Matthew 4:17

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL
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Welcome to Our Visitors

We pray all will be spiritually enriched by your visit to this "House of God." Here Christ breaks the silence that surrounds mortal man in his sin and death. Here in Christ Jesus, we hear the voice of the Eternal One, and hear the voice of the Father, and that He loves us, that He forgives us and that in the resurrection of Christ, He has made us His Children and has given us victory over death itself.

In our Worship, this Morning, we celebrate the Holy Communion. As Lutherans, we believe and teach that in the Sacrament we receive Christ's true body and blood, thus it is our duty to examine ourselves to our worthiness before reception of the Lord's Supper, (see pages 329-330 of the hymnal, Christian Questions and Their Answers). We ask that if you are not a member of our Congregation or a member of a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation, that you speak to Pastor or an Elder before the Service.

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Liturgy – Divine Service IV Pages 203-212

Ringling of the Bells, Welcome, and Announcements

Opening Hymn LSB#915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

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The Introit:

P: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord, and shall not be put to shame.

C: I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

P: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

C: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face.

P: Who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.

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.

P: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord, and shall not be put to shame.

The Kyrie Page 204

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The Salutation and Collect of the Day Page 205

The First Reading: Acts 9:1-22

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

The Gradual: (spoken by the Pastor)

The Epistle Galatians 1:11-24

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

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 19:27-30

The Nicene Creed Page 206

The Children's Message

The Hymn of the Day LSB#517 By All Your Saints in Warfare stanzas 1, 12 and 3

The Sermon There Is Only One True Gospel Galatians 1:11-24

The Receiving of the Offering

The Installation of Officers

The Prayer of the Church

Response: P: Lord, in Your mercy, **C:** Hear our Prayer.

The Service of Holy Communion Pages 208ff

The Distribution: Continuous Line

If you desire the Common Cup indicate to the Elder

**The Distribution Hymns LSB#611 Chief of Sinners, Though I Be
#620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing**

The Nunc Dimittis Page 211

The Post Communion Collect Page 212

The Benedicamus and Benediction Page 212

Closing Hymn LSB#643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Saturday Evening Worship: 5:00 PM.
Holy Communion First and Third Saturdays
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Holy Communion: Second and Fourth Sundays