

## This Week at VIC

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Today 1/22	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	12:00 noon	Fellowship Lunch
Tuesday, 1/24	9:00 a.m.	Matins Service
	9:30 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Study
	1:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Sunday, 1/29	10:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	12:00 noon	Fellowship Lunch
	12:45 p.m.	Voters' Meeting

### Weekly Stewardship Focus

**Matthew 4:20 – “Immediately they left their nets and followed him.”** Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown, their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship, the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: we know that all we have is the Lord’s, to be used for His purpose. We are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.

**Life Thought in the Church Year for January 22 – Epiphany III –**  
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).

*Philip and Nathaniel Called* by Julius Schnoor von Carolsfeld.

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## Victory in Christ Lutheran Church



*Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.*  
*Matthew 4:17*

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 22, 2023  
10:00 a.m.**

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**WELCOME!** We thank God for you and pray that He will richly bless our worship activity together.

**Communion:** We welcome all of our guests worshiping with us today and pray your faith is strengthened. God's Word declares to us that the bread and wine we receive in the Lord's Supper is the true body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ given for the forgiveness of sins and nourishing of faith (Matt. 26: 26-28; Mark 14: 22-24; Luke 22: 19-21; 1 Cor. 11: 23-26). When receiving His true body and blood, all communicants are to be united in their understanding and confession of Jesus Christ and all of His teaching (Jon. 17: 22; 1 Cor. 1: 10). An unworthy reception of this gift results in one who "eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Cor. 11: 29). Therefore, if you are still learning Lutheran doctrine or are not part of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you forward for a blessing and encourage you to speak with the pastor *before* the service in order to learn more about our teaching on the Lord's Supper.

**Hymn of Invocation:** #412 – The People That in Darkness Sat  
**Divine Service Setting Three:** pg. 184

#### Introit

**Psalm 22:27-31; antiphon Psalm 22:22 (ESV)**

<sup>22</sup> I will tell of your name to my | brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you.

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the  
Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore  
you.

<sup>28</sup> For kingship belongs | to the Lord,  
and he rules over the | nations.

<sup>29</sup> All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the

one who could not keep him- | self alive.

<sup>30</sup> Posterity shall | serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;

<sup>31</sup> they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people  
| yet unborn,  
that he has | done it.

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.

<sup>22</sup> I will tell of your name to my | brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you.

#### Old Testament Reading

**Isaiah 9:1-4 (English Standard Version)**

##### **For to Us a Child Is Born**

<sup>1</sup> But there 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.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shone.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

#### New Testament Reading

**1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (English Standard Version)**

##### **Divisions in the Church**

<sup>10</sup> I 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. <sup>11</sup> For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." <sup>13</sup> Is Christ

divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup> For 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.

### ***Christ the Wisdom and Power of God***

<sup>18</sup> For 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.

### **Gospel Reading**

#### ***Matthew 4:12-25 (English Standard Version)***

##### ***Jesus Begins His Ministry***

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

<sup>15</sup> "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,  
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the  
Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> 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."

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

##### ***Jesus Calls the First Disciples***

<sup>18</sup> While 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. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>21</sup> And 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. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

##### ***Jesus Ministers to Great Crowds***

<sup>23</sup> And 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. <sup>24</sup> So 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. <sup>25</sup> And great crowds followed him from

Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

#### **Sermon Hymn: #839 – O Christ, Our True and Only Light**

#### **Sermon:**

#### **Communion Hymn: #619 – Thy Body Given for Me, O Savior**

#### **Closing Hymn: #849 – Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

**Life Quote in the Church Year for January 22** "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 – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

#### ***North Texas Free Conference, "Christ, Culture and Woke Ideology" January 28, 2023, Rev. Dr. Christian Preus***

Faith Lutheran Church, - Plano, Texas 75074

"We live in a pagan society that has rejected God's Word and natural law. Evil is all around us. St. Paul says that we fight against the "spiritual hosts of wickedness" (Ephesians 6:12). It's easy to be depressed as we see the culture around us getting worse and worse. Yet, Christ won the victory over death and the devil. Sins are paid for by the blood of Christ. By God's grace, we remain faithful to God's Word. Affirm the Bible's support of life, marriage, and family. We, the baptized, are in the world, but we are not of the world. We are a light in a dark world confessing Christ as our Savior."

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## Announcements

**2022 Tax Receipts** – The 2022 Tax Receipts are ready for pickup in the Fellowship Hall. Please verify the statements and report any discrepancies **NO LATER THAN Sunday, February 5,** to Cheryl Foltz. No corrections to tax receipts can be made after the deadline due to year-end closing of the books.

**Offering Envelopes** - The contribution envelopes for 2023 are available for pickup in the fellowship hall. Assigned envelope numbers change each year, so please do not use the old 2022 envelopes anymore.

**Altar Guild Sign-up** – Please sign-up to serve on the Altar Guild for the 2023 year. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**Voters' Meeting** – There will be a voters' meeting on Sunday, January 29, following the noon meal.

**Church Cleaning** – Scheduled for church cleaning the week of February 4 are Teague, Wilson, and Schwiesow families.

## **The Readings for today – The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

Isaiah 9:1–4

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

Matthew 4:12–25

### ***The Lord Manifests His Glory through His Office of the Holy Ministry***

By His coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, the Lord Jesus shines the light of His Gospel upon "*the people who walked in darkness*" and "*who dwelt in a land of deep darkness*" (Is. 9:2). He has also "*multiplied the nation*" and "*increased its joy*" (Is. 9:3) by calling disciples to Himself from the ends of the earth. For this purpose, He calls Peter and Andrew, with James and John, to follow Him and be "*fishers of men*" (Matt. 4:19). As Jesus did, they also go forth "*proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people*" (Matt. 4:23). They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the very power and wisdom of God. This word and preaching of the cross divides "*those who are perishing*" from "*us who are being saved*" (1 Cor. 1:18), but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, "*in the same mind and the same judgment*" (1 Cor. 1:10).

## **A Look Ahead to Next Sunday – The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Micah 6:1–8

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

Matthew 5:1–12

### ***God Manifests His Glory in the Humility and Weakness of Christ Crucified***

The Lord tells His people, "*I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery*" (Micah 6:4). By the sacrifice of His beloved Son, He has redeemed us from our slavery of sin and death; He has forgiven our transgressions by the shedding of His blood. His great mercy and salvation lead us "*to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly*" with our God (Micah 6:8). We boast only in the incarnate and crucified Lord Jesus. He is "*the power of God and the wisdom of God*" (1 Cor. 1:24). He is our life and salvation, our "*wisdom*" and "*righteousness and sanctification and redemption*" (1 Cor. 1:30). Now He opens His mouth and teaches us His wisdom. By His cross and Passion, the kingdom of heaven is ours. We receive mercy and are satisfied; we see God and are called sons of God in Christ. "*Blessed are you, "therefore, "when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely*" on account of Christ (Matt. 5:11).