

Third Sunday after Epiphany



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Sunday School – 9:00 am

Worship – 9:45 am

Reflecting the Light of Christ to All

All baptized and communing Christians are invited to receive Communion at the altar. If you are more comfortable, you may have Communion with the pre-packaged kits in the pew. We offer a video of our weekly sermons on our website at elczelienople.org.

If you are visiting our church today, we would appreciate if you could take a moment to fill out one of our guest forms.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please Stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit, that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

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

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name. Amen

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in + eternal life.

C: Amen

Gathering Hymn

“You Servants of God”

LBW 252

(Green hymnal)

1 You servants of God, your master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

2 Our God rules on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King!

3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore and give him his right,
All glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

THE GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

THE KYRIE

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A: Kyrie eleison:

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Christe eleison:

C: Christ, have mercy.

A: Kyrie eleison:

C: Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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C: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (together)

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray together the prayer of the day.

Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic Right Hand, and satisfy us with his glory. We ask through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please Sit)

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST LESSON

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And 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.

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And 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 as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19:1-14

(SING RESPONSIVELY)

¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*
and the firmament | shows his handiwork.

**²One day tells its tale | to another,*
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

³Although they have no | words or language,*
and their voices | are not heard,

**⁴Their sound has gone out in- | to all lands,*
and their message to the ends | of the world.**

⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion | for the sun;*
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

**⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of | it again;*
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.**

⁷The law of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;*
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the innocent.

**⁸The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;*
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;*
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.

**¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine
gold,*
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,*
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

**¹²Who can tell how often | he offends?*
cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not
get dominion | over me;*
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

**¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable | in your sight,*
O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer.**

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:12—31a

¹²Just 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.

¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should 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. ¹⁶And if the ear should 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. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. ²¹The 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.” ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

THE VERSE

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Luke the 4th chapter (16-30)

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up

to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” ²⁴And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

A: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please Sit)

SERMON

Pastor Brian Shirey

(Please Stand)

The Hymn of the Day *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” LBW 649*

(Green hymnal)

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. **[Refrain]**

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. **[Refrain]**

APOSTLE'S CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

THE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

P: Gracious God and Father, we confess that we cannot come to you by our own reason or strength. So we thank you for coming among us in Christ. Draw us to your Word and enlighten us with your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept in the one, true faith. Lead us to do your will and to trust in your grace alone.

(A brief silence.)

(At the end of each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please Sit)

THE OFFERING

(Please Stand)

THE OFFERTORY

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C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray, Merciful God,

C: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In the bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we may receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND PREFACE

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P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary.... And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

CONSECRATION

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...**C: Amen.**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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

(Please Sit)

HOLY COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

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C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

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C: Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name. Send us, with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Amen.

The Sending Hymn

"I Love to Tell the Story"

LBW 390

(Green hymnal)

1 I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story: How pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story For some have never heard
The message of salvation From God's own holy Word. **Refrain**

3 I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story That I have loved so long. **Refrain**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please join us after worship for the Breakfast Club where will honor Jenn Kaufman for her work as Council president.



Prayer: Friends and family of **Bill Lieb**, **Bill Wilks** (*Bernie's brother, LA fires resident*), **Sandy Fernandez**, **Corey Cooper**, **Tim Solt** (*for healing*), **Gary Usual** (*for healing*), **Sandra McCoid** (*healing*), **Carter** (*for healing from surgery*), **Betty Eisenbrown**, **Jay Bradel** (*for healing*), **Pr. Allen Breedlove**, **Kerri Patrick** (*for healing*), **Bill Z** (*healing*), **Gloria Krepps** (*healing*), **Gary Werner** (*cancer*), **Pr John Cawkins**, **Dee Phillips** (*health issue*), **Scott S** (*Jen D's friend*), **Alexis Morgan** (*healing*), **Don Thompson** (*healing*), **Joel Pretz** (*cancer*).

Continued Prayer: **Jenn Kaufman**, **Shirley Heckard**, **Mary Lou Lienhard** (*Samantha's mother, well-being*), **Liam Wahl**, **Bernie Allen**, **Carole Mussig** (*healing*), **Carol Zimmerman** (*healing*), **Gerald and Alan Niedfeldt**, **LaVerne Clark**, **Arleen Hawk** (*cancer*), **Bernard Kenny** (*Carole Mussig's brother-in-law*), **Jeanette Smith** (*Passavant rehab*), **Rachelle McElvary**, **Dr. Wahl's patients**, **Tim Allmann**, **Tom George** (*cancer*), **Joe Penfield**, **Woody Straub**, **Bobbi**.

*Please contact the office to have a name added/removed from the list. Some names may be moved to the newsletter prayer list for continued prayers.

THIS WEEK

TODAY	01/26	9:00 am	Sunday School
		9:45 am	Worship
		10:45 am	The Breakfast Club
TUE	01/28	6:00 pm	Scouts
WED	01/29	6:30 pm	Choir

LOOKING AHEAD

SUN	02/02	9:00 am	Sunday School
		9:45 am	Worship
TUE	02/04	6:00 pm	Scouts
WED	02/05	6:30 pm	Choir
SAT	02/08	4:00 pm	Free Community Meal
			Last Day for Soup orders

Today's communion assistant/scripture reader is Jen Davison.

Next week's assistant/scripture reader is TBD.

Today's bulletins are given anonymously. Psalm 40:16 May all who seek the Lord rejoice and be glad in Him. May those who love His salvation say, Great is the Lord.

Please prayerfully consider being a communion assistant and/or scripture reader. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Free Community Meals : Please consider volunteering for this fun and satisfying ministry. If you'd like to help organize, cook, serve, or deliver meals, please see Jenn Kaufman or call her at 724-766-0817. Our upcoming meal dates are February 8 & 22.



The Breakfast Club: Everyone is invited to join us in Bassler Hall for breakfast after worship on the last Sunday of every month, where we can enjoy the fellowship of our church family over a delicious breakfast. If you would like to put together a team to host a future Breakfast Club, please let Samantha in the office know.

3rd Annual Soup Sale: A variety of delicious soups will be available by pre-ordering. Pick up will be Saturday, February 15th from 10:00-12:00. Choices are potato, chili, Zuppa, Tuscan chicken, and ham and bean. Soup is \$10 per quart and order forms are available in the back of the church. Order a loaf of homemade bread to go with your soup! Proceeds benefit building maintenance and renovation projects. **Orders are due by February 8th.**



Office: Samantha will be leaving early on Monday, February 3rd. She will be in from 9:00 am to 10:45 am.

Pastor Suzie: "One of my current caregivers who has been with me for 15 years is moving with her son and family to Alabama, and because of that, I am going to be in desperate need of one or two people to take her place. I'm trying to help the company my aids work for – Right at Home. You would not have to work for anyone else but me if that is your desire. If you have any questions about what taking care of me entails, please call me at 878-208-3257 and I'll answer questions about the hours of work and tasks required. There will be no lifting involved. If you have questions about pay, you can contact Right at Home at 724-473-8080 and speak with Stacy or Nicole. Thank you so much."

Passavant Blood Drive: Lutheran SeniorLife Passavant is hosting a blood drive via Vitalant on March 14th from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. You will need to make an appointment to donate. Use this QR code. More information is on the flyer on our bulletin board.



Thank you ever so much for helping us to save lives!

Security: Council is in the process of evaluating security in the church. We are asking for at least two people to work with a council member to determine what needs to be updated. Please consider getting involved and let Karen Greenawalt know if you are interested in helping.

We also need to update the list of who has keys for the church, as our current list is outdated. If you have any keys, please email Karen at kareng12@zoominternet.net with the key number and what the key is for. Thank you for your help!



Scripture Fulfilled

Find the 32 bold words from Luke 4:16-21

P	E	H	F	T	D	N	A	T	W	S	B	M	S	P
E	I	H	H	A	E	R	O	L	W	X	E	C	R	T
T	U	G	E	T	V	D	O	E	L	R	R	O	D	E
N	I	G	T	A	A	O	N	L	U	O	C	N	O	H
S	A	I	O	Y	R	H	R	T	L	L	R	C	O	P
B	R	Z	T	G	L	I	P	L	A	B	A	U	T	O
W	H	W	A	I	A	I	N	I	D	A	E	S	S	R
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E	Y	E	S	B	O	T	P	S	S	I	D	M	S	X
D	A	E	R	S	B	V	H	S	E	N	O	F	E	F
S	E	V	I	T	P	A	C	N	R	T	O	E	N	I
L	I	B	E	R	T	Y	S	R	P	E	G	C	T	X
H	A	I	A	S	I	V	T	Q	P	D	K	Q	K	E
F	U	L	F	I	L	L	E	D	O	B	L	I	N	D

And he came to **Nazareth**, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the **synagogue** on the **Sabbath** day, and he **stood** up to **read**. And the **scroll** of the **prophet Isaiah** was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was **written**, “The **Spirit** of the **Lord** is upon me, because he has **anointed** me to **proclaim good news** to the **poor**. He has **sent** me to proclaim **liberty** to the **captives** and recovering of **sight** to the **blind**, to set at liberty those who are **oppressed**, to proclaim the **year** of the Lord’s **favor**.” And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the **eyes** of **all** in the synagogue were **fixed** on him. And he began to say to them, “**Today** this **Scripture** has been **fulfilled** in your **hearing**.”

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Reflecting the Light of Christ to All

At English, we focus on the four core values of being:

Christ Centered

Mission Driven

Traditionally Grounded

Congregationally Focused

All are invited to worship with us on Sunday mornings and join our ministries and outreach programs, some of which are:

Meals on Wheels

Southwest Butler County Food Cupboard

Women of the NALC

Appalachia Mission Trip

Free Community Meals

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts

Kindermusik

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