

OFFERING

LBW # 390

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**Liberating God, You break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all Your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of Your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

COMMUNION

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\*Word's of Institution, \*Lord's Prayer, Distribution

**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.**

COMMUNION HYMNS

WOV # 710

*"One Bread, One Body"*

\*COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Holy One, we thank You for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with You. Amen.**

\*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

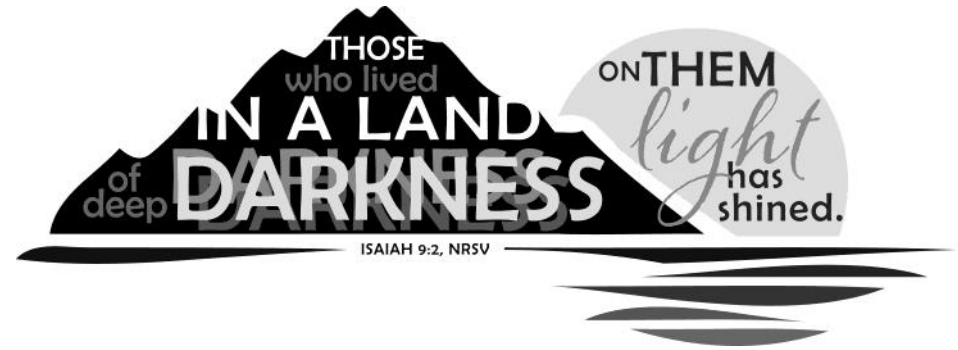
\*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*SENDING HYMN

WOV # 673

*"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"*



*Welcome to  
Worship at Bethel*

*Sunday, January 22, 2023  
Third Sunday after Epiphany*

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*"A Family in Christ;  
Moved by His Spirit;  
Sharing His Love."*

\*: Please stand if you are able.  
LBW: Lutheran Book of Worship (green)  
WOV: With One Voice (blue)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*INVOCATION

*"We Gather"*

\*GATHERING HYMN

*"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"*

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\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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\*HYMN OF MERCY

*"Praise the Name of Jesus"*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, You sent Your Son to proclaim Your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of Your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-4

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PSALM

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

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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?**

One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:  
**to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent: he will set me high on a rock.**

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
**I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,  
**be gracious to me and answer me!**

"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"  
**Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.  
**Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!**

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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\*GOSPEL VERSE

*"Alleluia. To Whom Shall We Go?"*

\*GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

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The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN

*"In Christ Alone"*

SERMON

Rev. Mark Kindem

\*APOSTLES' CREED

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**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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy....**hear our prayer**

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE