

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 22, 2023



"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's **Flowers** are given by Lynda and Karl Steuer in celebration of Karl's birthday.

Today's **Bulletins** are given by Lynda and Karl Steuer in celebration of Karl's birthday.

Adult Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 7 PM in the Lounge.

Sunday School Pre-k-Adult every Sunday at 9:30 AM. Adult class meets in the Lounge, and Junior/Senior High in Fellowship Hall.

Readers Sign-Up for those interested in reading the scripture lessons; there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the rear of the sanctuary next to the **Bulletin/Flower** sign-up sheets. We appreciate and thank you for your help.

We're sprucing up for 2023!

24 blinds have been installed in Fellowship Hall

Our congregation is so amazingly generous that we have already raised more than half the funds to purchase these new shades!! Each custom made shade costs approximately \$283 installed. We have already raised \$4183 with \$2609 remaining. We appreciate any and all donations, just mark your donations "Blinds." Special thanks to Patty & Rich Avery for their work in bringing this project to a reality.

Buy a Blind Campaign

ALTA AgileLift™ Cordless System by Alta – Roller Shades



congregational **MEETING**

Sunday, January 29th

9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall

The agenda of this meeting includes:

- 1) Approval of Minutes from Nov. 27 , 2022
Congregational Meeting.
- 2) Approval of Treasurer's Report
- 3) Approval of Nominees

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

Cong: Amen.

Pastor: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin. Holy One, source of our renewal,

Cong: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Thus says our God: “The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.” God’s mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Cong: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine.....WOV #651

Refrain:

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glo’ry;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire,
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!*

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me:

Refrain

2. As we gaze on your kingly bright-ness,
So our faces display your like-ness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

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GREETING

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

Cong: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray....

Cong: Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HOLY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9: 1-4

Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Lessons conclusion response: Thanks be to God.

Matthew 4: 12-23

Gospel announcement response: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel conclusion response: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Here I Am, Lord.....WOV #752

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS

Pastor: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each petition ends with "Merciful God, "
The response is "Receive our prayer"

Pastor: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Cong: Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Let us Pray....

All: 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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; 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.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Cong: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Holy One,

All: 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.

FINAL BLESSING

Pastor: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✚
bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

Cong: Amen.

GO FORTH IN SONG

Pastor: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light of God.....WOV #650

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.

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