

# Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 27, 2019



## Area Churches Together ACT Parish

### DeGraff/Murdock Area

Bethesda Lutheran  
Buffalo Lake Lutheran

### Pennock Area

Mamrelund Lutheran  
St. John's Lutheran

### Sunburg Area

Hope Lutheran  
Monson Lake Lutheran

# Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

**Amen.**

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

**Almighty God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

ELW 742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

## Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

**Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## First Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

<sup>12</sup>For just 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. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would 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. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would 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. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The 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." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member

is honored, all rejoice together with it. <sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

## Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

ELW 793 Be Thou My Vision

## 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 of Intercession

## Offering

## Offertory

**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 the 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.**

## Words of Institution

*In the night in which he was betrayed...*

## 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; 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.**

Holy Communion                      *661, 509*

## Benediction

## Announcements

Sending Hymn                      ELW 550    On What Has Now Been Sown

## Dismissal

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

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## **Remember in Prayer**

Lisa Carlson, Roland Froehlich, Kathy Peterson, Kelly Rodenberg, Shelia Stredde, Alice Randt,  
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## **February 2018 Worship Schedule**

St. John's - 8am

Buffalo Lake - 8:15am

Bethesda and Monson Lake - 9:30am

Hope - 10:45am

Mamrelund - 11am

Feb. 3 - Jeremiah 1:4-10, Luke 4:21-30

Feb. 10 - Isaiah 6:1-8, Luke 5:1-11

Feb. 17 - Psalm 1, Luke 6:17-26

Feb. 24 - Genesis 45:3-11, 15, Luke 6:27-38

Please join us for the 2019 Equipping Congregations Day ~ Spirit Led Innovation, **Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m held at Bethel & Vinje in Willmar. Our day will include workshops geared to enrich our lives, both personally and for our church life, inspirational keynote speakers, and the opportunity to spend the day with Lutherans from all over the SWMN Synod. There is no cost for you to attend this event which includes lunch, however, you do need to register with Pastor Michelle by Feb 10th. For more information check out the Equipping Congregations Day tab on our Synod website; [www.swmnelca.org](http://www.swmnelca.org) or ask Pastor Michelle.

## **1st Annual ACT Parish Chili Cook Off**

Sunday, February 17th, 12:30 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church

- Bring your favorite chili to compete
- Come and judge or just come to eat
- free will offering. Proceeds will go to the ACT Parish.

*Please keep Pastor Dan, Shelley, and their family in your prayers as they grieve the death of Pastor Dan's father.*

### **Today, Sunday, January 27**

8:30am - Monson Lake Sunday School, followed by 9:30am Annual Meeting with coffee and snacks

9:30am - Bethesda's annual meeting and potluck

11am - Mamrelund's worship followed by potluck dinner and annual meeting

### **Monday, January 28**

9am - Hope's Quilting

### **Tuesday, January 29**

9:30am - Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda

1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

**Wednesday, January 30**

7pm – Hope’s choir practice

**Saturday, February 2**

7am – Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study at Sherrie’s Café in Kerkhoven

**Sunday, February 3**

10:45am – Hope’s worship followed by potluck dinner and annual meeting

**Saturday, February 9**

6:30pm – Card Night at Bethesda Grand. For more information contact Nancy Stredde 320-231-3808

**Wednesday, February 13**

6:30-8pm – Confirmation 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade at Mamrelund

**Thursday, February 14**

9:30am – Lakeland Conference Pastor meeting

**Sunday, February 24**

12:30pm – ACT Parish council at Buffalo Lake

**Thursday, February 28** *(note-one week later as usual)*

5-7pm - W.O.W. “Women of Worship” (formerly MOPS) at Bethesda