

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025 9:30am

As we make our way through the gospel of Luke, we focus today on Jesus' first sermon, at the synagogue in Nazareth.

Gathering Music

Mike Schrader

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

L: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

L: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Gather Us In

Red 532

Greeting

L: 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.**

Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you**

L: God of the nations,

C: **Show us how to love all the people of the earth, of all colors and kinds: those with technology and without; those who make due with very little and who use many resources; those with formal education and without; those who call upon your name and who do not; so that all your children may be glorified in the name of the One who brought glory and liberty, Jesus Christ our salvation. Amen.**

You may be seated

Reading Psalm 146 (Common English Bible)

L: A reading from the Psalms

Praise the Lord! Let my whole being praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with all my life; I will sing praises to my God as long as I live. ³ Don't trust leaders; don't trust any human beings—there's no saving help with them! ⁴ Their breath leaves them, then they go back to the ground. On that very same day, their plans die too. ⁵ The person whose help is the God of Jacob—the person whose hope rests on the Lord their God—is truly happy! ⁶ God: the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, God: who is faithful forever, ⁷ who gives justice to people

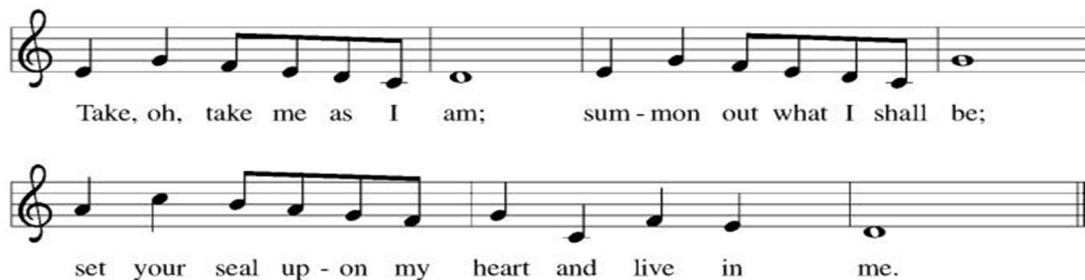
who are oppressed, who gives bread to people who are starving! The Lord: who frees prisoners.
8 The Lord: who makes the blind see. The Lord: who straightens up those who are bent low.
The Lord: who loves the righteous. 9 The Lord: who protects immigrants, who helps orphans and
widows, but who makes the way of the wicked twist and turn! 10 The Lord will rule forever! Zion,
your God will rule from one generation to the next! Praise the Lord!

L: Holy wisdom, holy Word **C: Thanks be to God**

Children's Time- Bible Blessing

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am (sing twice)



Gospel Luke 4:14-30

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. 16 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, 17 and 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 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, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20 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. 21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." 22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" 23 He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" 24 And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. 25 But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; 26 yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. 27 There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." 28 When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. 30 But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

L: The Gospel of our Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated

Sermon Sermon at Nazareth Pastor Vern Christopherson

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word Red 517

Prayers of the People

L: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition comes the response:

L: God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

L: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
C: **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

You may be seated

Offering

Please stand as you are able

Offertory

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

Red 314 vv 1-3



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.

Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

L: Lord, remember us at your coming and help 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.**

Invitation to Communion

L: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

You may be seated

Holy Communion

Prayer after Communion

L: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C: **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able

Blessing

L: The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: **Amen**

Sending Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

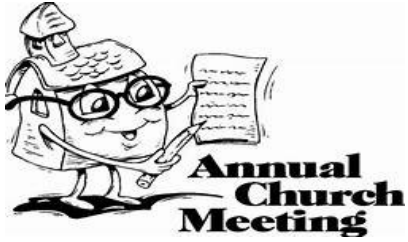
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Sending

L: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sending Music



Annual Report is Available!!

Jan 19 10:30am-Informational meeting

Jan 26 10:30am-Annual Congregational meeting following 9:30am

Worship

Elections * Reports * 2025 Budget

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles:

Haley I., Eva S., Deakon W., Makenzie S., Kimber E., Adison W

Congratulations!

Can We Talk" Conversations with Pastor Vern were well attended both Wednesday and Sunday!

Please turn your surveys in to the trays by the bulletins!

We thank you to learn from your comments and greatly appreciate your feedback.

Reminder

LUKE Bible Study – Introduction to Luke

Pastor Vern invites you to a five-week introduction to the Gospel of Luke. **This study will occur in the parlor on Tuesdays at 9:30am, from January 21 to February 18.** This study is especially fitting because Luke is the gospel we'll be focusing on in worship from Advent until Pentecost Sunday in June.

The goal of the study is to introduce participants to some of the main themes in Luke. Hopefully it will also explain a bit more of the background of this Gospel. Luke is regularly referred to as the most universal gospel, with room for Jews and Gentiles, Pharisees and tax collectors, men and women, and a lot of other people too. As you might imagine, this cast of characters alone will give us plenty to talk about in relation to the world in which we live.

No need to sign up, just come. **And if you can't make it on Tuesday mornings, Pastor Vern would be open to holding the same study on Sunday mornings, either at 8:15 or 10:45. Just let him know that you might be interested.**

The funeral for Fred Van Horn will be held Feb 8th at 11am at the Nasinec Funeral Home. The visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service.

Looking ahead:

Jan 17-	NOON-Annual Report Available
Jan 19-	Informational meeting after worship
Jan 21-	9:30am Luke Bible Study in the Parlor
Jan 26-	Annual Congregational meeting after worship
Jan 28-	9:30am Luke Bible Study in the Parlor
Feb 2-	TBD Scouts Meat Ball Supper!



Wednesday night meal Menu-5:15pm

Jan. 22nd-Chicken Alfredo, Pizza

Jan. Potato Bar, Nuggets & MacNcheese