

He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him.



January 26, 2025

⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹ And 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 when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The Special Music

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

-Senior Choir

The Psalm

-Psalm 19

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork.

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

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

⁴ their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶ It 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.

⁷ The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸ The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

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

¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great

reward.

¹² Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³ Above 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.

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

The Second Reading

-1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ 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.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ 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; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ 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. ²⁹ Are all apostles?

Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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*The Holy Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of Luke 4:14-21

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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you O Christ.**

The Sermon *“It’s About Time”*

The Hymn *“Hark! The Glad Sound!”*

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*The Apostles’ Creed page 85

*The Prayers

*The Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

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.

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. **Amen.**

The Offering

*The Offertory *“Let the vineyards...”* page 86

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*The Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

*The Closing

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Hymn *“I Love to Tell the Story”* LBW #390

*The Postlude

*Congregation stand if you are able

TODAY WE CELEBRATE *Holy Communion. All who seek to meet Jesus, who is present body and blood in the bread and wine, are welcome to come to the table. Gluten free bread and grape juice are available. Just let the pastor or people serving communion know you need it.*

THE OFFERING TODAY is for Benevolence. The offering next Sunday is for current expenses.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held **TODAY** immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Soups and sandwiches will be served and a free will offering collected. **It is important that everyone attend the meeting! Please bring your copy of the report that was put in your box on January 10th. Thank you!**

PASTOR JOHN'S OFFICE HOURS: Mon, 9:30-12:30 at Immanuel, Tues. 9:30-12:30 at St. John's, Wed. 9:30 to 12:30 at Good Hope.

ALL DAY SEWING will be held on **Tuesday, February 4th** beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please come and help us make clothing protectors for the Care Center and quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We will also be filling school bags that have been purchased. There are many jobs that need to be done from filling school bags, tying knots, sewing and pinning! **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** Bring a sack lunch and join us when you can! Monetary donations are always accepted.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

| Today | Annual Meeting/Soup & Sandwich Freewill Donation Luncheon | |
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| Tues., Jan. 28 | 9:00 a.m. | All Day Sewing |
| Wed., Jan.29 | 6:30 p.m. | Confirmation |
| Sun., Feb. 2 | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Senior Choir Practice |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship |

Titonka Care Center Hail Mary Fund Report –December 31, 2024

\$137,180.31 Donated to the fund as of 30 June & before the Match Fund Incentive was made available.

\$ 98,512.73 Donated from the end of June to 31 December.

\$ 83,877.79 Matching Funds donated from July through October 2024 (56% of the \$300,000 matching fund goal).

\$319,570.83 Total Donations received in 2024.

\$ 1,205.09 Interest earned in 2024.

\$320,775.92 Total Funds generated by the Hail Mary Account.

\$277,000.00 Transferred to the Care Center to cover payroll Expenses in July, August, September & October.

\$ 43,775.92 Balance in Hail Mary Fund as of 31 December 2024.

The care center has had a positive cash flow in September, October, November & December. It does not yet have adequate working capital.

Critical to the care center's viability is maintaining a census of at least 23 persons, effective cost controls, and timely collection of all receivables.