

Historic Scripture Lessons for ✨ the Third Sunday after Epiphany

Old Testament

Jeremiah 33:6-9 NIV Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal My people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security. 7 I will bring Judah and Israel back from captivity and will rebuild them as they were before. 8 I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against Me and will forgive all their sins of rebellion against Me. 9 Then this city will bring Me renown, joy, praise and honor before all nations on earth that hear of all the good things I do for it; and they will be in awe and will tremble at the abundant prosperity and peace I provide for it.'

Epistle

Romans 12:16-21 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is Mine to avenge; I will repay," says the LORD. 20 On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

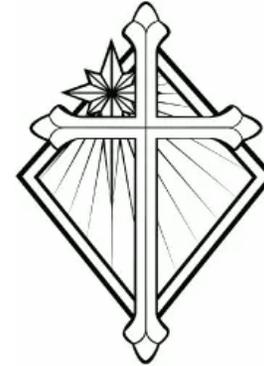
Historic Gospel + Matthew 8:1-13 ↗

When He came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed Him. 2 A man with leprosy came and knelt before Him and said, "LORD, if You are willing, You can make me clean." 3 Jesus reached out His Hand and touched the man. "I am willing," He said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cured of his leprosy. 4 ... 10 When Jesus heard this, He was astonished and said to those following Him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. 11 I say to you that many will come from the East and the West, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven. 12 ...

3 Year "C" Gospel (Sermon)

Luke 4:14-21 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through the whole countryside. 15 He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised Him. 16 He went to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day He went into the synagogue, as was His custom. And He stood up to read. 17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written: 18 "The Spirit of the LORD is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach Good News to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor." 20 Then He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on Him, 21 and He began by saying to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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January 27th, 2019 * Epiphany-3 Missions, Outreach

WELCOME to OUR SAVIOR! We are so happy to have you worship Our Savior with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time or in a long time, we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come worship with us again! **God bless you.**

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP On gold liturgy sheets or in red TLH Hymnal p.5 .

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	126 (5v)	Arise and Shine in Splendor
<i>Psalm 98</i>	<i>Ps. 98 "4v"</i>	<i>All the Ends of the Earth Have Seen ... ↗</i>
Hymn of the Day	59 (6v)	Hail to the LORD's Anointed ...
<i>Offertory Verse</i>	<i>509 (3v)</i>	<i>Sing verse 1 There Still Is Room ... →</i>
Distribution Hymn	495 (4v)	From Greenland's Icy Mountains
Closing Hymn	496 (4v)	Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays of the 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
 Gen.25:19-34 Gen. 27:1-45 Gen.27:46-28:22 Gen.29:1-20 Gen.31:1-18 Gen. 32:3-32
 Matt.8:14-22 Matt. 8:28-34 Matt. 9:9-17 Matt. 9:27-38 Matt.10:1-16 Matt.10:17-11:1

PROPERs for the THIRD SUNDAY after EPIPHANY * * * JANUARY 27TH

INTROIT Worship Him, all His angels; Zion hears and is glad. The daughters of Judah rejoiced because of Your judgments, O LORD. The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice, let the multitude of the isles be glad. ...Psalm 148

COLLECT Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, Who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One True God, now and forever. C: ♪ A---men.

GRADUAL c: Alleluia! Oh, praise the LORD, all you nations! Laud Him, all you people. Alleluia! For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the LORD endures forever. Alleluia! ...from Psalm 102

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: *printed on the outside back page of the bulletin →*

O.T. **Jeremiah 33:6-9** God will bring health and healing to *all* people.

Epi. **Romans 12:16-21** Overcome evil with good.

Gos. **Matthew 8:1-13** (Jesus' Epiphany of Mercy) Two "Gentile" healings.

SERMON Gospel-C Luke 4:14-21 *GETTING A REAL (GOSPEL) EARFUL FROM JESUS.*

Psalm 98 C: ♪ *All the Ends of the Earth, Have Seen the Power of God. All the ends of the earth, Have seen the power of God.*

Verse 1. Sing to the LORD a new song, ___ for He has done wondrous deeds; ___ His Right Hand has won the Vict'ry for Him, His ho-ly Arm. _____

♪ *All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. All the ends...*

Verse 2. The LORD has made His Salvation known, His justice revealed to all; ___ Remembered His kindness and faithfulness, To Is-rael. _____

♪ *All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. All the ends...*

Verse 3. All the ends of the earth have seen, Salva--tion by our God; ___ Joyfully sing out all you lands, Break forth- in song. _____

♪ *All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. All the ends...*

Verse 4. Sing to the LORD with harp and song, ___ With trumpet and with horn; ___ Sing in your joy before the King, The King-, our LORD. _____

♪ *All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. All the ends of the...*

1. There Still Is Room His house is not yet filled, Not all the guests are there. Oh, bring them in! Their hunger shall be stilled With bread, yea bread to spare. Go call them from the lanes and byways, From winding roads and crowded highways. THERE STILL IS ROOM! THERE STILL IS ROOM! (TLH #509)

PRAYER REQUESTS:	(Member or Relation)	Pray for...
OSL - Our Savior Church	(Us.)	Pray The LORD lead us this year (Annual Mtg.)
Al Avant (George)	Al	has a very sore toe. Had unscheduled surgery on it
Dee Kurczewski (David)	Dee	- rehabbing. David back working
DuWayne&Shirley Marquardt	DuWayne	got good news (lungs). Shirley Feb.6
Jon & Andrea Sawyer	Jon's	heart, changing work. Andrea home recovering
James Vanesky & Delores Platt	Both	rehabbing. We enjoy seeing them
Steve&Ethel Wendt	Drove(quickly)	to Steve's Mom. She's rallying(see's Steve)

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Elaine Jones	Orpha & John Weber
Treaters	Fish! & OSL Annual Meeting	...More Fish(!?)

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance (Communion)	28 / (23)	29 / 23
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	8	9
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$, (\$1,3K)	YTD \$,. (\$4.K)

Calendar of Events		
Today, January 27th	8:30 am	Bible Study Salvation Words:Gratia Grace
Epiphany-3 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
Missions & Outreach	10:45 ff...	"FFFF" Fish-Food, Fun & Fellowship Stay
Light/s of the World	~11:00 am	OSL - 2019 Annual Voters' Meeting!
Next Sunday 2/3	8:30 am	Bible Study Salvation Words:Gratia Grace
Epiphany-4 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
☪ Trust in the LORD	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!

Elders: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892

* Please stay after Worship for fellowship & help us eat Fish (from Friday).

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EPIPHANY.3C Luke 4:16-[21-]30 "JESUS IS A REAL EAR-FUL/L" 01.27.13 OSL

WADDYA WANT? Which would you rather experience in church on Sunday - **a miracle** or hearing the **Word of God**? Oh, that's a loaded question, isn't it? You sense a trap, don't you? Maybe one of those trick questions pastor poses in Bible study, where the **answer is "both," right?** Think about it (Really,) What would you rather come to Church for? A miracle, say a quick cure, or a sudden solution to your problems, or like last week, 500 liters of free wine? Or to sit and listen to someone read from the Bible and then (try to) explain to you what it means and how it applies?

PREACHIN' & HEARIN' Our Gospel this morning is about the **"miracle" of preaching and hearing** - the Word of God in action. (OT) It was a great day, that day when the returnees from exile gathered at the **Water Gate** in newly renovated Jerusalem on the seventh month, and **Ezra** the scribe brought out the **Torah scroll** and held it high above the people, and for the first time in a generation the Word of God was heard again in Israel. Ezra praised the Lord; the Levites taught the people; and the people shouted **"Amen, Amen!"** and were so deeply moved they wept openly when they heard the Word of God through Moses in their own ears as they were standing in Jerusalem again. That was a great day.

FF TO THAT DAY It was (also) a great day, that day in Nazareth, when Jesus came to His own **hometown**, the **local boy now a celebrity**, and stood up to read in the synagogue where He grew up. He took the **Isaiah** scroll from the attendant and found the exact place He was looking for - **Chapter 61**: *"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim Good News to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor."*

(ALL EYES/EARS) And then Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down to teach. The room was silent. All eyes were glued on Jesus. Every ear open and waiting to hear what was He going to say. And this is what He said: *"Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."*

WHO IS THIS GUY?! Their curiosity and joy quickly faded. Who does He think He is? Isn't this Joseph's Son who grew up around the corner, Who played with your kids? Who does He think He is? The Messiah? God? How can He apply the Words of the prophet Isaiah to Himself?

PROOF *"Talk is cheap,"* they said. **"Prove it, Jesus. You say You're a physician, heal Yourself. You claim to fulfill the Words of the prophet Isaiah, prove it. Do what we heard You did in Capernaum. Flex a little Messianic muscle for us. Give us a miracle or two - It's always easier said than done."**

(WHY) LEAVE 'M HANGING? Jesus could have done it. He could have silenced them in a split second. One little act of Divine Power. Just one

little supernatural act. He changed 500 liters of water into wine (last week) at Cana, but He doesn't lift a finger in Capernaum. Why? He could have had a whole congregation cheering the hometown Hero with one blast of Divine Power. Why does He leave them with **nothing but the Word**?

ANSWER: *Because they and we NEED NOTHING but the WORD, and having the Word, we have all that we need.*

FOR WHOM MIRACLES If you roam through the Bible, you will find that miracles are usually intended to make an **impression with people who do NOT have the Word**. They are, as John calls them, **"Signs,"** <- we learned that last week... earthly events that reveal the Heavenly Mystery that this Man Jesus is God in the Flesh walking among us as One of us. Miracles are for those on the fringes of faith, the outskirts of the Heavenly city, those who are still in darkness, those who do not have the Word of the Prophets and Apostles and Evangelists.

WHY HER Jesus says as much. He points out how there were plenty of hungry widows in Israel who prayed hard and long for food during the awful three and a half year drought in the days of Elijah, but **only a widow in Zarephath**, an outsider, had her oil and grain miraculously multiplied. God let His Israel go hungry, and He gave a miracle to a Gentile, an outsider.

(LEPERS) He notes there was **no shortage of lepers** in Israel when Elisha miraculously healed Naaman in the water of the Jordan River. One man was miraculously healed of leprosy with water and the Word. **One.** And do you remember who Naaman was? He was the commander of the Syrian army with whom Israel was at war! How would you like to hear that God gave **Kim Jong Un** a miraculous healing and left you or your loved one to suffer?

RUN-HIM-OUT Neither did the folks at the hometown synagogue at Nazareth. In fact, they'd heard enough from Jesus. They got up, **ran Jesus out of town** and tried to **throw Him over a cliff**. That's not the kind of **Word** they came to hear. That's not the kind of Messiah they were expecting.

ARE WE (ANY) DIFFERENT? And us? Well, let's be honest. God opens His Hand of blessing and showers down all sorts of good things on us, and He says, *"Trust me."* And we say, *"Lord, we trust You."* And then He closes His Hand of blessing, as He closed it on faithful Job, and the blessings dry up and we hit a drought, and God says, *"Trust me."* And we say, *"Where is God? Why doesn't He do something?"* A little child is sick, and we pray for that child day and night, and miraculously, against all odds, the child gets well. And we say, *"God is good; God is gracious."* A little child is sick, and we pray for that child day and night, and the **child dies**. And we say, *"Where are You God, and why didn't You do something"?!"*

(GOYIM – WHY) THAT GUY? All those hungry widows, and only the outsider, the unbeliever, gets the miracle. All those lepers, suffering, isolated, and only one, the outsider, **the unbeliever, he** gets the miracle.

(SIMPLE) WORD ALONE *Do you think Jesus is trying to tell us something? ...* When you have The Word, **you have everything**. When you can sit and hear the Words of Holy Scripture read to you and taught, when you can hear the Words of Forgiveness spoken to you in the midst of your own sinfulness, when you can hear the Words of Jesus giving you His Body and Blood to eat and drink, you are the most blessed and privileged and honored of all people in the world. **I would trade ten thousand miracles for a simple Word of Forgiveness in the Name of Jesus.**

SURVIVE THE DROUGHT(?) **You can survive a drought of miracles but not a drought of the Word.** You can live forever if God never heals you of anything (though He does all the time), but you cannot survive a moment without His Word. Faith comes **not** by miracles, but by hearing the Word of Christ. Sins are not washed away by miracles but by the Baptismal Washing of water **and the Word**.

1-THING NEEDFUL In the parable of the **rich man and Lazarus**, the rich man in Hades has a rescue plan for his five brothers. Send Lazarus back from the dead. That'll grab their attention, shake them up, make them believe. And the response from Heaven: NO. They wouldn't believe even if someone rose from the dead. **NO**. They have Moses and the Prophets, let them hear them. **They have the Word.** (& That's all they **or anyone needs**)

US TOO... **You (and I) have the Word.** We have the Word in greater richness and abundance than ever before in the history of God's people. We have Bibles in our own language, preaching, teaching, the Sacraments readily available. It's the singular evidence of our inborn sin that we who call ourselves Christians don't flock in droves to our church to hear the Word of Christ, to receive His gifts of salvation. The devil, the world, our lazy sinful flesh war against this, and all too frequently, we give in. Many who call themselves Christian seem to have "**learned their ABC's**" **all too well - Anything But Church.** Pray that God never sends a drought of the Word. *...Or (tragically,) Has It **already** (started) to **dry up?**(here)!*

FULL-FILLED! Today, **the Word is fulfilled in your hearing!** Today all that Jesus accomplished in His perfect life, His innocent death, His glorious resurrection, all that Jesus did is applied to you, fulfilled in ears full of His Word. Miracles are nothing more than BandAids that wash off in the shower, temporary signs of something greater. You have the something greater. Your sins are forgiven by Jesus' Blood. You are free from the condemnation of the Commandments. You are free from the power of death. You are rescued from the oppression of the devil and the demons. You, a sinner, stand justified, before a **Just God and Judge of all** because of Jesus' death on a Cross for you. – **You and I really have it ALL today, fulfilled in our hearing of the Word. IJ'N, Amen. SDG**

*"Now the Peace of God which passes all understanding keep (y)our hearts and minds in faith in Christ Jesus **and His Word** to life Everlasting, **Amen.**"*

Luke 4:...22-30 All spoke well of Him and were amazed at the gracious Words that came from His Lips. "Isn't this Joseph's Son?" they asked. 23 Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to Me: 'Physician, heal Yourself! Do here in Your hometown what we have heard that You did in Capernaum.'" 24 "I tell you the truth," He continued, "no Prophet is accepted in His hometown. 25 I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. 26 Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. 27 And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed - only Naaman the Syrian." 28 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. 29 They got up, drove Him out of the town, and took Him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw Him down the cliff. 30 But He walked right through the crowd and went on His way.

Possible Prayer of Church for the 3rd Sunday after Epiphany January 27th, 2019

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** -- For the gift of divine **peace and of pardon for our all sins**, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For **Christ's Holy Church**, here and throughout the world; for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith; for all pastors, teachers and missionaries; and for vocations to church work, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord**

For **this nation**, for those elected and appointed to positions of leadership in government, for judges and magistrates, for the welfare of our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For **seasonable weather, for the fruitfulness of the earth**, for commerce and industry, and for the flourishing of the arts and the cause of beauty, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For **laborers** in their labor, for the **armed forces and police** who defend us, for **medical workers** who care for us, and for the noble character and vocation of honest work, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those in **need**, for the **hungry and homeless**, for the **widowed and orphaned**, for all those in **prison**, for the mentally ill, for those struggling with **addiction**, for those who live in **solitude**, and for all who struggle without hope in Christ to comfort them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

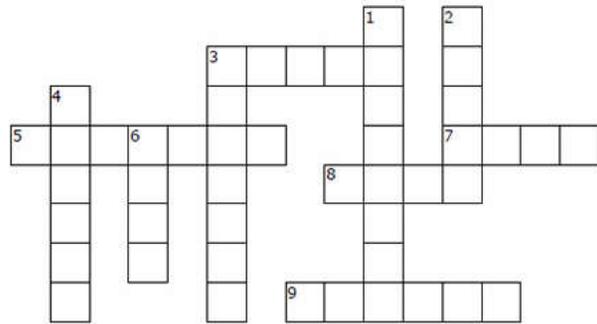
For the **sick**, the hospitalized and the dying; and for the grieving, especially for **[OSL Prayer List]** and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For wisdom to cherish the **gift of life**, for our care of children and the **unborn**, for children to be **adopted** and in **foster care**, for the protection and care of mothers with child, and for our pursuit of just laws that will extend protection to the child in the womb and the aged in their frailty, let us pray to ...

For the **faithful who** have loved and served the Lord and now **rest from their labors**, let us give thanks to the Lord and pray for the day when we shall be together with them, united in His presence forever, let us pray to the Lord: **Lo**

Finally, for all these, for the Lord to grant us all things beneficial and to keep from us all things harmful, and for peace and confidence in our prayers, all **IJ'N, Amen**

Crossword Puzzle



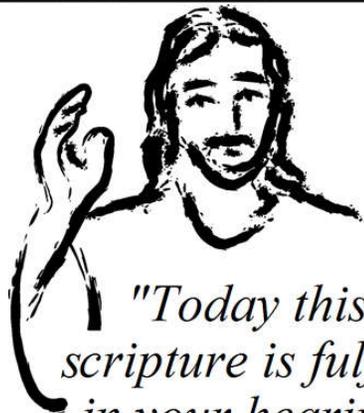
ACROSS

3. Something you do to help someone
5. A person who speaks for God
7. Information about recent events or happenings; previously unknown information
8. The opposite of bad
9. A long roll of paper with writing on it

DOWN

1. A person who is kept in jail
2. Unable to see
3. To be allowed to do whatever you want to do
4. To deliver a sermon
6. Having little or no wealth and few or no possessions

PRISONER	FAVOR	GOOD	PROPHET	POOR
BLIND	FREEDOM	NEWS	PREACH	SCROLL



"Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 4:21

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Children's Worship Bulletin

God's Promises Fulfilled

Luke 4:14-21

Word Search Puzzle

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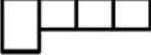
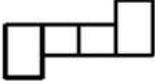
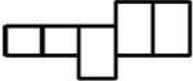
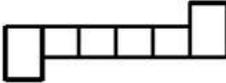
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POWER	TAUGHT	POOR	SYNAGOGUE	SABBATH
GOOD	PROCLAIM	PREACH	SIGHT	BLIND

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Word Shape Puzzle

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.

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2. 
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7. 
8. 

fulfilled	freedom	sight	preach
good	blind	news	poor



Maze Puzzle

When He came to the village of Nazareth, His Boyhood home, He went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures.
Luke 4:16 (NIV)

Find the path to the synagogue!

