

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24, 2010

Welcome Visitors- We are happy to share the Word of our Lord with you. If you have questions about what we believe or how to join our confession of the Savior, you may speak to any member or the pastor.

Music and Meditation- We have reserved 15 minutes before the service for music and meditation. This is to help you prepare to worship.

Our Offering- Our guests are under no obligation to bring an offering. Offerings may be placed in the plates at the back of the church before or after the service. A portion of our offerings will be brought to the altar to as a part of our worship service.

Order of Service- Hymnal, page 38

Hymns: 90, 85, 570

Prayer for the Day- **Almighty God, You sent Your Son to proclaim Your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of Your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Old Testament Reading- Isaiah 61:1-6 (The sermon text)

The Psalm of the Day- Psalm 19, page 70 of the hymnal

The Epistle Lesson- 1 Corinthians 12:12-21, 26, 27

Why do Christians have equal concern for one another?

The Verse for the Day- **Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia.**

. The Sermon Theme- Good News from the Lord's Servant

Installation of Officers at the close of the service.

After the Service—

Coffee time

Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:45.

Bible class and Sunday school will gather for a brief devotion then children will leave to go to their Sunday school classes. All women who attend our service are invited to a brunch this noon.

This Week-

Thursday-Pastor in town.

Saturday Evening- Talent show at 7 pm. "WELS's Got Talent. This is a fellowship event. Please come and bring your friends There will be surprises. We could find room for one or two more acts.

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Next Sunday- Worship service at 9:30 am.

Sunday school at 10:30.

Chili Cook-Off- Bring your championship chili or at least your appetite for the meal following the service

Confirmation Instructions at 12:15.

Looking Ahead- Feb. 6 at 10 am. The Church council will meet with Circuit Pastor Spaude and representatives of Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School and the Colorado District Mission Board to discuss the filling of our vacancy. One possibility would be the calling of a seminary graduate this spring.

Sunday May 16- You can sign up today to go as a group to Boulder Dinner Theater's presentation of Peter Pan. Cost is \$35 per person. Price includes dinner. For more information see Jim or Karla Wood.

Church and State- The Men's Bible Study is presently studying the relationship between church and state. The topic affects all of us and it is good for us to be clear on this subject. The following is from the book *This We Believe*:

We believe that the only means God has given to the church to carry out its assigned purpose are the Word and sacraments (Matthew 28:19, 20). People are converted by the Holy Spirit only through the message of law and gospel, sin and grace, the wrath of God against sin and the mercy of God in Christ. We believe that the means given to the state to fulfill its assignment *is civil law with its punishments and rewards, set up and used according to the light of reason* (Romans 13:4). The light of reason includes the natural knowledge of God, the natural knowledge of the law, and conscience.

We believe that the proper relation is preserved between the church and the state only when each remains within its divinely assigned sphere and uses its divinely entrusted means. The church should not exercise civil authority nor interfere with the state as the state carries out its responsibilities. The state should not become a messenger of the gospel nor interfere with the church in its preaching mission. The church should not attempt to use the civil law and force to lead people to Christ. The state should not seek to govern by means of the gospel. On the other hand, the church and state may cooperate in an endeavor as long as each remains within its assigned place and uses its entrusted means. *(Note: Marriage might be an example where both church and state both have an interest and in which they may cooperate.)*

Verse for the Week- Each week we as a congregation try to learn a new Bible passage. The verse for this week is Isaiah 61:1 *The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on Me because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom to the captives and release for the prisoners.*



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