

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 19 & 22, 2023

## Jesus Appears As The Light In The Darkness

Opening Hymn ..... 702, “Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”

Order of Service..... Setting One, Page 154

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### FIRST READING

**Psalm of the Day (*On Insert*)**..... Psalm 67B

### SECOND READING

**Gospel Acclamation** ..... Page 161

**Gospel Acclamation Verse:** *The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; / \* on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. (SUNG! – See Pg. 161 for melody.)*

### GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day ..... 704, “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

**SERMON**..... “Jesus’ Ministry Is One of Repentance” Matthew 4:12-23

Offering Hymn ..... 754 v. 2, “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness”

Apostles’ Creed ..... Page 163

Hymn ..... 904, “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

Closing Liturgy ..... Page 171

Closing Hymn ..... 930 vv. 1 & 4, “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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## FIRST READING: Isaiah 8:19—9:4

### The prophet foretold that the people walking in darkness would see a great light.

*When they tell you, “Consult the mediums and the spiritists, who whisper and mutter,” shouldn’t a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? To the law and to the testimony! If people do not speak according to this word, there will be no dawn for them. They will pass through the land, distressed and starving, but when this takes place and they are starving, they will be frustrated, and they will curse their king and their God. They will turn their faces upward, and then they will look down to the ground, but I tell you, they will see only distress, darkness, and the gloom that brings anguish. They will be banished into thick darkness.*

*Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for the land that was in anguish. In former times, he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will cause it to be glorious, along the way of the sea, beyond the*

*Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles. The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned. You have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy. They rejoice before you like the joy at harvest time, like the celebration when people divide the plunder. For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them. You have broken the bar on their shoulders and the rod of their oppressor, as you did in the day of Midian.*

## SECOND READING: 1 John 2:3-11

### God’s children are found walking in the light of Christ and reflecting that light by living in love for God and one another.

*This is how we know that we have known him: if we keep his commands. The one who says, “I know him,” but does not keep his commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. If anyone keeps God’s word, the love of God is truly made complete in him. This is how we know that we are in him: The one who says he remains in him should walk as Jesus walked.*

*Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one that you have had since the beginning. The old command is the message you heard. At the same time, the command I am writing is new—it is true in Jesus and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. The one who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is still in the darkness. The one who loves his brother remains in the light, and nothing causes him to stumble. The one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.*

## GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

### As Jesus began his preaching ministry in a world filled with unbelief, the prophecy was fulfilled. A brilliant light shined through the darkness.

*When Jesus heard that John was put in prison, he withdrew into Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. He did this to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and on those dwelling in the region and the shadow of death a light has dawned. From that time, Jesus began to preach: “Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near.”*

*As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. He said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” They immediately left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. Jesus called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.*

*Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HEAD USHERS:** Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz; next Sunday: Ronald Knueppel/Randy Sellnow

**ORGANISTS!!** The **February** schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

**ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:** The following are highlights from the Annual Voters' Meeting which was held on Wednesday, January 18: Membership action included: **Received by Transfer:** Jesse & Riley Sterr from St. John, Juneau; Andrew Gerth from St. Luke, Knowles; **Transfer of:** Dan Mose to St. Paul, North Fond du Lac; Mike Pamperin to Zion, Allenton; and Faith Zellmer to Zion, Columbus.

The following men were elected as officers or board members: Chairman – Ross Schultz (inc.); Trustee – Marc Krogmann; School Board – Sean Daley; Stewardship – Cody Kriewald; Elder – Scott Mittelstadt; Cemetery – Jeff Nehls. Wayne Schultz was re-appointed as our Financial Secretary. We thank our outgoing officers: Bill Lisko – Trustee; Sam Manning – School Board; Eric Pamperin – Stewardship; Ronald Knueppel – Elder; Bill Keller, Jr. – Cemetery. Installation of the new officers will take place on **Sunday (TODAY), January 22.**

No other formal business was conducted at the time.

**ANNUAL REPORT:** The 2022 Annual Report is available today. You may pick up a copy of the report from the table at the back of the church.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS/2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Most of you have already picked up your 2022 contribution statements from your mail slot; however, if you have not done so, please pick them up as soon as possible. If you found any errors in your statement, please contact **Wayne Schultz (920-948-1978)** so that the discrepancy may be checked and a revised statement printed, if necessary.

Also, if you have not picked up your new offering envelopes for 2023, please do so as soon as possible. They can be found on a table in the school hallway. Thank you!

**SERVICE GROUP MEETING:** The next Service Group meeting will be held immediately following the fellowship hour on **Sunday, January 29.** Annual elections of officers will be held and activities for 2023 will be discussed. All members are invited to participate!

**ALTAR GUILD:** The next meeting of the Altar Guild is set for **Tuesday, January 24, at 6:30 PM.** If you would like to become a member or would like to learn more about the Altar Guild, please feel free to attend this upcoming meeting. New members are always welcome and needed!

**CHURCH CUSTODIAN NEEDED!** After many years of faithful service to our church, Wayne & Bonnie Schultz would like to retire from the church custodian duties. We are looking for someone to fill their shoes. If this is something you would be willing to do or are interested in learning more about, please speak with Pastor Mose today! This is currently a volunteer position, and the work involved takes about two hours per week. You may also speak with Wayne or Bonnie to get more information.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God by Wayne & Bonnie Schultz in loving memory of Wayne's mother, Louise Schultz.

**WE THANK** the adult choir for beautifying our Sunday service with their song!

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

**Attendance:** Thursday: 25; Sunday: 120

**Offerings:** \$12,571.00

**Tuition:** \$2,285.48; **4K Tuition:** \$136.45

*(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$6,889.00)*

**Special Funds:** Debt Retirement: \$690.00; Altar Offering: \$500.00; Church Refurbishment: \$25.00; Christian Life Resources: \$595.00; Christian Aid & Relief: \$500.00

**Memorials:** In Memory of Melvin Guell: \$25.00 (*Church Refurbishment*)

## OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday:	Worship Service .....	9:00 AM
	Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School .....	10:30 AM
Tuesday:	Altar Guild Meeting .....	6:30 PM
Thursday:	Worship Service .....	7:00 PM
	Adult Choir.....	8:00 PM
Sunday:	Worship Service ( <b>Fellowship Sunday</b> ) .....	9:00 AM
	<i>Service Group Meeting – Immediately following fellowship hour</i>	

# 67B God of Mercy, God of Grace

Psalm 67B



1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness  
2 Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord! Be by all that  
3 Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord, then en - joy your



of your face. Shine up - on us, Sav - ior, shine;  
live a - dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing  
rich re - ward! God to us his bless - ing give,



fill your Church with light di - vine, and your sav - ing  
glo - ry to their Sav - ior King, at your feet their  
we to God de - vot - ed live, all be - low and



health ex - tend to the earth's re - mot - est end.  
trib - ute pay, and your ho - ly will o - bey.  
all a - bove one in joy and light and love.

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