

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:1–4

¹There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep
darkness,

on them has light shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the
spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of
Midian.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12–25

¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

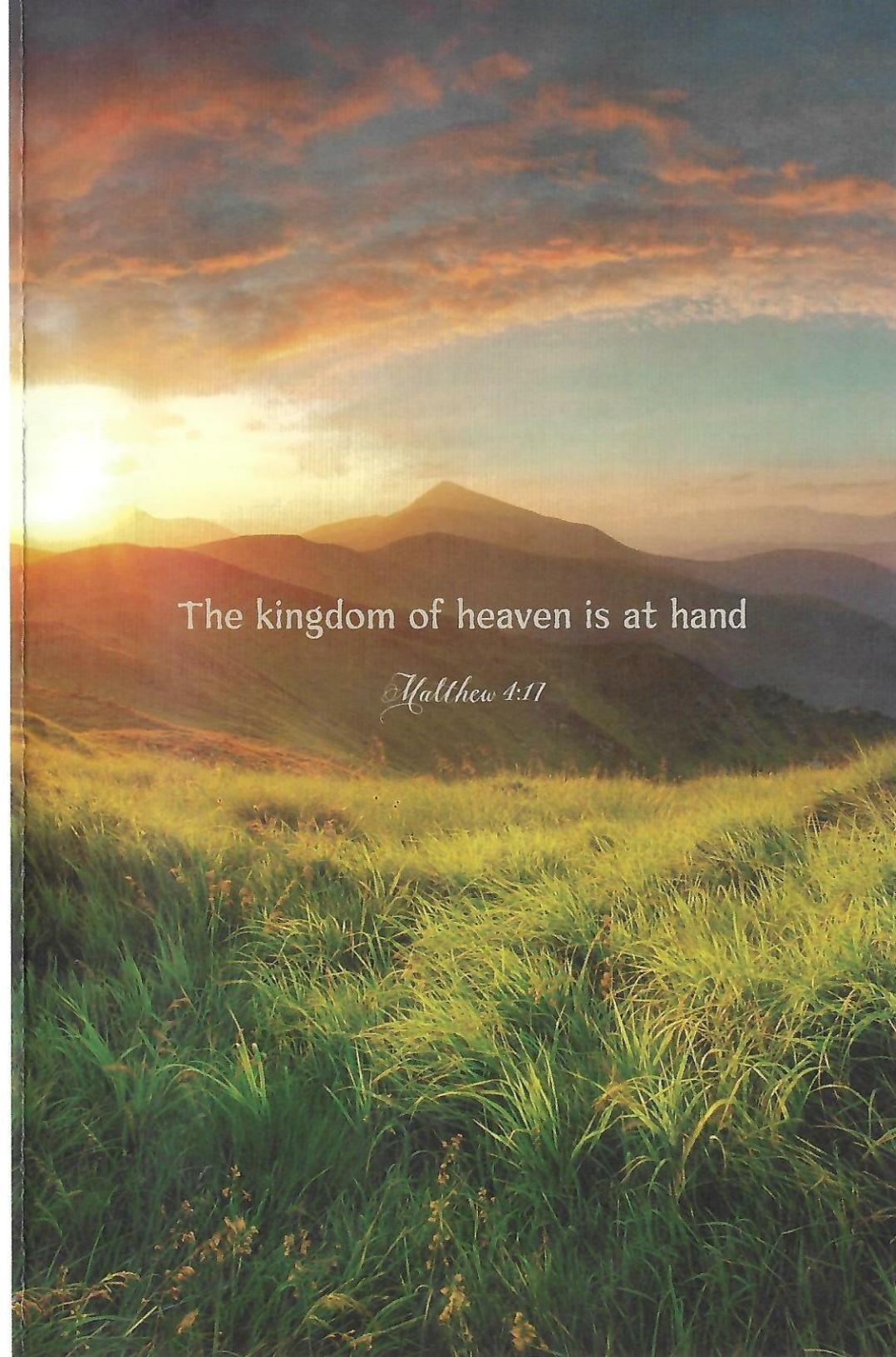
¹⁵ "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and
shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned."

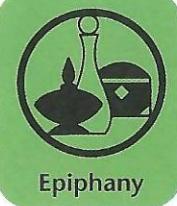
¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.



About the Cover: Christ walked among the people in Zebulun and Naphtali in Galilee as He fulfilled God's promises and brought the kingdom of heaven to those who sat in darkness. Christ is among us by His Word, and His light still shines today, calling us out of the darkness of our sin and into the light of the Gospel of forgiveness.



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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
A SPECIAL LAY LED SERVICE
January 25, 2026

Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" LSB #733 (all)

Welcome in the name of the Lord!

EPIPHANY RESPONSIVE

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Lift up your eyes and look around:

All gather together to proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Your sun will never set again.

The Lord is our light and our salvation!

Your moon will wane no more.

The Lord is our light and our salvation!

Your days of sorrow will end.

The Lord is the strength of our life; whom shall we fear?

Introit

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets

The name of the Lord is to be praised.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,

Praise the name of the Lord.

Let the name of the Lord be praised,

Both now and forevermore.

The Lord is exalted over all the nations,

His glory above the heavens.

He raises the poor from the dust

And lifts the needy from the ash heap;

He seats them with princes,

With the princes of their people.

He settles the barren woman in her home

As a happy mother of children. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Reading of the Lessons

Old Testament

Psalm of the Day Psalm 27 (front of the hymnal)

Epistle Lesson

Gospel

Hymn "Amazing Grace" LSB #744 (1-5)

Offering

RESPONSIVE PRAYER ONE LSB p.282-284

Opening Versicle

Lord's Prayer

Apostles Creed

Morning Litany (left column)

Collect of the Day

O Lord God Almighty, because You have always supplied Your servants with the several gifts which come from Your Holy Spirit alone, leave also us not destitute of Your holy gifts nor of grace to use them always to Your honor and glory and the good of others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer (all members)

Benedicamus

Blessing

Closing Hymn "Rock of Ages" LSB #761

SERMON NOTES

Sermon Title _____
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Texts _____

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Main Ideas / Thoughts _____

I Want to Remember _____

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What Response Does God Want? _____
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