

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The First Reading

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup> all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel.

<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

<sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup> Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

<sup>8</sup> So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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."

The Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 19 will be led by the cantor. The congregation joins in on the refrain.**

Refrain: **The law of the Lord is perfect,  
Reviving the soul.**

1. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.  
The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. **R:**
2. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.  
The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. **R:**
3. The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous.  
They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold. **R:**
4. They are sweeter than honey from the honeycomb.  
By them is your servant warned;  
In keeping them there is great reward. **R:**

## The Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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.

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

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

The Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be God**

**Gospel Response C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> 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, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> "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,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 27, 2019

ASSISTING MINISTER: Christian Muthler

LECTOR: Marcy Miller

GREETERS: Gailyn and Mark Matscherz

USHERS: Thom and Colleen Cipro

CRY ROOM: Located downstairs in the youth room. Also available are coloring books and crayons on the last pew in a green basket.

### **CALENDAR**

TODAY	10:00 Annual Congregational Meeting and Lunch
MONDAY	10:00 February newsletter info due in office
MON.-FRI.	9:00 Have desserts to English Lutheran for Meals-On-Wheels



**NEW PRAYER REQUESTS:** The family Paul and Sherry Chmara on the death of Paul's aunt, Nellie Chmara. Tom Wilson father of Mike Wilson diagnosed with lung cancer.

**CONTINUED PRAYER:** Shonna Ash, Tom Brosenitsch, Cynthia sister of Bev Brosenitsch diagnosed with breast cancer, Sally Benjamin, Pete Carlino, Jenny, Judy Hart, Adrienne Haegg, William Loveridge.

[The complete prayer list is in the January newsletter.]

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Are Given to the Glory of God by Bruce and Sylvia Brackbill in loving memory of Sylvia's parents, John F. and Mary Natalie Coss.

### **FOOD CUPBOARD – JANUARY**

Boxes of potatoes and boxes or bags of rice mixes.

### **2019 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND LUNCH**

Please plan on staying after worship today for a very important meeting with lunch provided by the church council. After lunch we will vote on the enabling resolution and shared ministry agreement with Zion Lutheran.

### **READING "LUKE" AS A SYNOD**

The latest set of discussion questions for adults, youth and children while reading through Luke are currently posted on the Synod Facebook page and will continue to be posted weekly. You are invited to share your thoughts in the comments section as well to share these posts within our own congregation and communities. **Don't use Facebook?** Download the Reading Schedule: Part 1 which lists the same discussion questions being shared synod wide online.

### **FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**

Please have all information for the newsletter to the office by 10:00 AM Monday, January 28.

### **USHERS, GREETERS AND LECTORS**

Sign up sheet for ushers, greeters and lectors will be passed around today in church and at the congregational meeting and lunch for 2019. Please volunteer for a month. You may also share a month with someone. This is especially helpful for the summer months.

### **2019 FLOWER CHART**

Is now up in the narthex. Please consider providing flowers for the Altar in the coming year.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

We are still looking for someone to volunteer as our Sunday School Superintendent. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please see Linda Flora. Elizabeth Muthler has done a wonderful job with this small group of young people and we want to thank her for her many years of service.

### **EPIC PERFORMANCE**

Tonight at 7:00 PM in Strobel Hall will be the debut performance of Enthusiastic Performers In Christ Broadway Review. Your favorite musical songs from "The Sound of Music" to "Dear Evan Hanson" lead by Bobi-Jean Alexander and Pastor William Brewer.

### **VISITORS**

If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the welcome cards in the pew racks. Also, please feel free to take home a monthly newsletter. We welcome all visitors and invite you to make our church your church.