



**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY**
January 24, 2010

Alleluia! Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia!

**GREETINGS and WELCOME to
Brooklyn Lutheran Church.**

VISITORS please sign the guest book.

Come and worship with us again soon!

Available from an usher:

- **Bibles** to follow along with the Scripture Readings.
- **Large print hymnal** is available.
- **Quiet bags** for small children.

Please return these to our ushers following the Service.

Prayer Before Worship: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word. We pray that You would open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus, and grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen

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PRAYER FOR THE DAY—Spoken by all together.

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. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-6 (Page 1157)

Speaking through the prophet Isaiah 700 years before He took on human flesh, Jesus explains that He was anointed, or

**CHRIS AND THIS PAST CHRISTMAS....
and BEYOND**

“Chris” called one afternoon late last summer asking simply for a ride to a homeless shelter in Minneapolis for him, his wife, and two small children. Chris told Pastor that he had been a driver several years with UPS and now after being unemployed for many months they had lost their home too. Pastor took them to their destination, only a few blocks from the Metro Dome to which throngs of people with funds for entertainment beyond daily necessities were on their way to a Twins’ game. Pastor helped them unload the possessions they had with them, and finding that the shelter could not accommodate all they had, he brought some things back to the parsonage garage. After a few short phone contacts with the family early on, all contact was lost. Pastor wondered if they ever would recover their few meager possessions he had in the garage. He wanted to believe Chris’ story, but we have been burned so many times by other pleas from panhandlers.

The day after Christmas (a Saturday) Chris called and said that his mother had been in a car accident as she approached her daughter’s home near Atlanta for the holiday. She was not doing well in the hospital, and Chris asked Pastor to loan him money for an airplane ticket so he could see her before she possibly died. Chris said he was getting his first check from a new job on Monday, and he promised he would pay Pastor back promptly. Well, Pastor didn’t feel comfortable floating that particular loan..... a likely story!

Turns out, the Monday after Christmas Chris used his first check to get his car back from the repair man who had been holding it since August for a transmission job the car required. Leaving his family here, Chris took off for Atlanta, where he found his mother had died hours before his arrival. Chris and his family are getting resettled in Champlin and the kids are in school. On top of his regular job, Chris has landed part time work as a game time grounds keeper for the Twins’ this summer. He and his wife are so grateful to the homeless shelter that they plan to do volunteer work there in the months ahead. We wish him and his family richest blessings. Pastor is most happy for them....and miserable that he did not loan Chris the money for the airplane.

Pray that we have not seen the last of Chris!

chosen, by God to proclaim the good news of salvation to sinners.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 19 (Page 70)

The words of everlasting life revealed to us in God’s Word are most precious to us.

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21 (Page 1596)

In the synagogue in Nazareth in Galilee, Jesus reads a prophecy from Isaiah about the promised Messiah and announces that He is the Lord’s Anointed, the fulfillment of the prophecy.

SERMON: I Corinthians 12:12-21,26,27 (Page 1785)

The Dachshund Dilemma

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Meditation Theme for the week:

“You Are The Body Of Christ”

Today’s Offering Counters: D. Gabrielson and G. Schimenz

Today **10:00** **Worship -**
Ushers: V. Lorenzen , R.Wyman
Wise Penny Work Day

Thurs. 3:00 & 3:30 Prairie Lodge Services

Fri. 9:30 Bible Class (Revelation!)

Brooklyn Lutheran Night at West

5:00 Junior Varsity Boys

6:30 Varsity Girls

8:00 Varsity Boys

Next Sun. - 6:30am Time of Grace, TV ch 9

8:45 Sunday School

8:55 Adult Sunday School

8:55 Adult Bible Class

10:00 Worship - Ushers: V. Lorenzen , R.Wyman

11:15 ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING

Last Sunday Worship Attendance: 61

Sunday School Attendance: 5; Adult Bible Class: 10;

Adult Sunday School: 4; Offering: \$3447.00

Annual Voters' Meeting is next Sunday, 11:15am. **Roger Lucht** has accepted nomination to the Church Council. Other men are asked to prayerfully consider volunteering. Nominations from the floor of the annual meeting could be necessary to meet constitution minimum of seven on council. It would be far preferable for a man to come forward in advance of meeting. Guy Schimenz and Brian Larson have reached the end of their second terms.

Annual Reports are in member mailboxes. They include review of 2009 at our church, and such things for 2010 as a proposed worship schedule and 2010 budget. Women are encouraged to study the document and give welcomed comments to male leaders or Pastor. We would hope our men would come prepared to ask questions and discuss matters addressed therein.

Brooklyn Lutheran Night at West this Friday evening. Free entry and a bag of popcorn for any and all games! – 5pm, JVBoys / 6:30, JVGirls / 8pm, VBoys.

Brooklyn Bridge is about a dozen short of full capacity (4 classes x 12 students = 48). While we started out the year with good numbers, it seems the weak economy is catching up with many young families. Business cards are being made available this morning for members to join Pastor in handing them out to parents with small children at stores, on the street, and at work. The unschooled children are out there. Pastor learned recently that 248 families are on a Brooklyn Park waiting list for Head Start. Both Miss Koch and Pastor's vehicles are carrying door signs promoting our school.

Congregation participation in the **Scrip Program** is all the more important to cover BBS costs, especially in view of Thrivent cutting their matching gifts program this year. The congregation has no funds in the lean 2010 budget to subsidize the outreach with the saving Gospel to these precious little souls.

The Ladies Guild meeting for February has been changed to Monday, February 1 due to Drivers Improvement Class.

I've sure gotten old! I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts.

Have bouts with dementia .. have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 89 or 98. Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license! Wanna keep your driver's license at reduced rates?!

Are you 55+?! If so, you will save 10% (by law) on your car insurance by taking the driver improvement class that will be offered at Brooklyn Lutheran February 2 & 9 (6-10pm, Tuesdays), through St. Cloud University There will be no final exam or behind the wheel test. The cost is only \$24. Those BLC members and friends who have already taken the course can attend the three year mandatory refresher at BLC on Thursday, February 25th, for \$20. Register by calling 1-888-234-1294. There will be publicity put out in our community. Pray that this can be a conduit in helping us reach out to neighbors with "insurance" for eternity in Christ. There is a class size limit of about 30. Seven were signed up as of a week ago.



Brooklyn Evangelical

Lutheran Church

Our Mission:

We exist to use the Gospel of Christ to win the lost and to nurture believers, all to the glory of God.



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