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LBW-Lutheran Book of Worship
 WOV-With One Voice
 CH-Celebration Hymnal

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
 January 29th, 2023**

Interim Pastor: Pastor Paul Weeg

Lay Reader: Linda Koschmeder

Organist: Charlotte Cole

Acolyte: Gus Walk

Prelude

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness.....LBW p. 77

Entrance Hymn: *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*.....**LBW # 429**

The Greeting and KyrieLBW p. 78

Hymn of Praise: *Glory to God*.....LBW p. 79

Prayer of the Day: **O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.**

First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15 (read responsively).....(See Insert)

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Verse: **Alleluia**... and Gospel AcclamationLBW p. 83

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

Hymn of the Day: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*.....**LBW # 104**

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: *Blest Are They*.....**WOV # 764**

The Apostles’ CreedLBW p. 85

The Collection of the Offering

Offertory: *Create in Me*.....LBW p. 96

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer.....LBW p. 97

The Benediction and Amen.....LBW p. 97

Announcements

Closing Hymn: *Let Justice Flow Like Streams*.....**WOV # 763**

Chimes and Postlude

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Welcome to Worship! In the name of Jesus, we greet you and are glad you can share this time with us. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments and conversation!

Our condolences...to Ardis Hansen on the death of her sister, Margaret Krumm on January 20th. And to Teresa Braun and her family as well. God grant them his comfort during this time!

Thank you... to all the ladies who helped with quilting this past week: There were eight on Monday, nine on Tuesday, and ten on Wednesday- what a joy to have this group of workers! Many quilts were assembled and tied, and activity kits were put together as well.

This Week at Emmanuel January 30 th -February 5 th		
Wednesday, February 1 st	1:00 p.m.	Connection Group: The Chosen *
	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 pm	Choir
Sunday, February 5 th	9:30 am	Worship w/Pastor Weeg, HC
(5 th Sunday after Epiphany)	10:40 am	Fellowship, Sunday School

Offering: Sunday, January 22 nd , 2023	Attendance: 78
General Fund: \$2,283	Building Fund: \$80
Benevolence Fund: \$25	Campership Fund: \$50
Sunday School: \$75 check + \$18 cash = \$93	

We will continue to collect funds...for 2022 Mission Fest until the end of January, with proceeds going to Prairie Ridge in Mason City.

If you would like to become a member of the Prayer Chain... praying for the needs of our families and friends, contact a member of the *Evangelism board*: *Belinda Borchardt, Jane Dalluge, Candi Feldt, Gloria Hackbart, or Curt Schaub.*

For Pastoral Care...please contact Pastor Paul Weeg at 641-381-0675. For all other concerns, you may contact the church office or Sharon Hulshizer at 641-425-7775.

The 2023 lists...for monthly *Altar Guild, Counting Committee, Share Shoppe Volunteers, PA Operators,* and *Ushers* are updated and placed in your bulletin boxes.

A fundraiser... to help with the expense of VBS materials will take place next *Sunday, February 5th* at Bethel United Methodist Church in Manly. Free-will offering, all-you-can-eat pancakes, with sausages, bananas, OJ, milk and coffee from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. VBS will have an out-of-this-world theme, held in Bolan, June 19 - 23, 2023.

Thank you...to Pastor Weeg, for leading Bible Study on Wednesdays, to study the text for the following Sunday, in depth. This Bible study will be replaced by “The Chosen” study on Wednesdays. *

Psalm 15

L: Lord, who may dwell
in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**C: Whoever leads a blameless life
and does what is right,
who speaks the truth from his heart,**

L: There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend;
he does not heap contempt
upon his neighbor.

**C: In his sight the wicked is rejected,
but he honors those
who fear the Lord.**

L: He has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back his word.

**C: He does not give his money
in hope of gain,
nor does he take a bribe
against the innocent.**

L: Whoever does these things
shall never be overthrown.



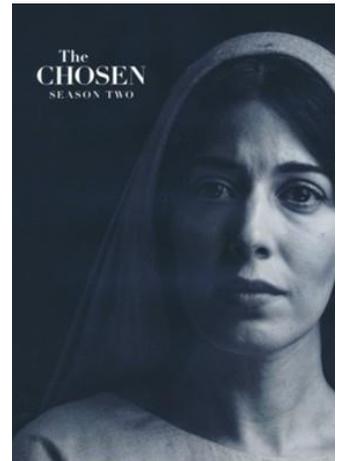
*For anyone who has heard of “*The Chosen*,” but not yet had a chance to view it, we will be gathering on **Wednesday, February 1st at 1:00 p.m.** in the church library to watch it again. We have already viewed Seasons 1 and 2 and will be focusing our study on Season 3, once the Bible Study guide is released, most likely in March or April. **Until then, we will be reviewing both Seasons 1 and 2.**

Our plans are to “binge watch” each season, over the course of 8 weeks. Each season has 8 episodes and we will watch 2 episodes each week. Each episode is from 35-50 minutes long.

SEASON ONE focuses on *Isaiah 43:1*: “*But now says the Lord, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: ‘Fear not for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.’*”

In this season, we learn what it is to be “Chosen.” We meet characters such as Mary Magdalene, Nicodemus, Matthew, and Simon. The characters and story are presented in a realistic way, relatable to each of us. And we see why they are drawn to Jesus.

SEASON TWO’s theme is “*Blessed are the Chosen*” and focuses on the Beatitudes from *Matthew 5:1-12*. This season continues where season one leaves off and we begin to meet the disciples and followers of Jesus as they learn what following Jesus begins to look like. We learn about the religious sects that seek to find fault with Jesus’ teachings and the threat they feel as Jesus begins his public ministry and gathers his followers, as he continues to show them who he is and what he is there to do. We meet John and James, the “*Sons of Thunder*,” Nathaniel, Philip, little James, also known as *James the Lesser*, Simon the Zealot, Andrew, and Thaddeus, also known as *Judas or Jude*. The season wraps up as people gather to hear the Sermon on the Mount.



Please feel free to join us as you are able, to learn more about this series and about Jesus and his followers. If you are not able to join each week, we have DVD’s available or can tell you about ways to download the app and watch it on your own. We have enjoyed our journey of learning through this series and are eager to share it with anyone who wants to rewatch or watch for the first time. It is open to anyone interested. We have Bible study materials printed from the first two seasons that can be shared as well. We think you will enjoy this as much as we have. Join us and bring a friend. Please contact Charlotte Cole or Sharon Hulshizer if you have any questions.