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**Third Sunday
of Epiphany**

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Be
united
in the
same
mind
and the
same
purpose

THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY SERVICE OF THE WORD

9:00 AM JANUARY 22, 2023



THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL! *We are gathered in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who beckons us to come to Him in faith and repentance. May the gospel of the Lord inspire and fill you with the Spirit! Fellowship & refreshments are available in the Library immediately following our Annual Meeting.*

GATHERING

WE PREPARE: *Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.*

PRELUDE/ PARISH NOTICES/ RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the

nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
 love for the rest of the wea - ry a love that's
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing

ask - ing for me to fol - low.
 fish - ing nets and will for work - ing.
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.
 Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain (Estribillo)

Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes;
 Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos;

kind - ly smil - ing, you've called out my name.
 son - ri - en - do, has di - cho mi nom - bre;

On the sand I have a - ban - doned my small boat;
 en la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca;

now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.
 jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

NOISY OFFERING



WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

The first reading is in Isaiah chapter 9, verses 1-4.

But there will be no gloom for those who were 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 will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

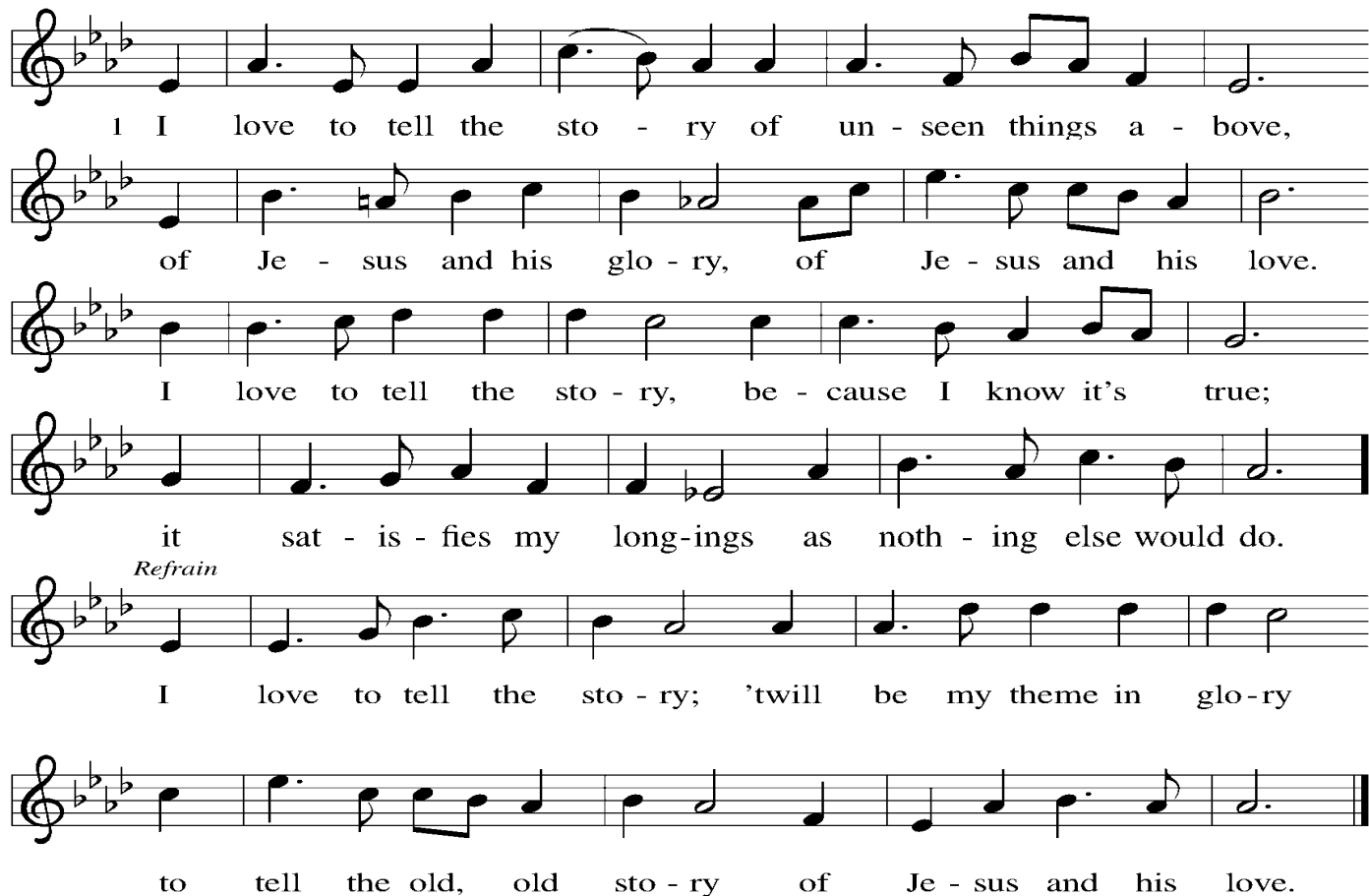
1 Corinthians 1:10-18

The second reading is in 1 Corinthians chapter 1, verses 10-18.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY**

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
Refrain
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

GOSPEL**Matthew 4:12-23**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked 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. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Tim Mason



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as -
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

... Lord, send forth your light, And let your mercy shine upon us.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** (Due to illness, vocal only)

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

WALK IN THE LIGHT
(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

Trinity Choir

LORD'S PRAYER

Together, let us pray with confidence the words our Savior gave us:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**



SENDING SONG

We are Marching in the Light of God

ELW#866



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST

SUNDAY 9:00am Worship		
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Kali Nachreiner	
Readers	Neil Neidt	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Brian & Carol Polesky	
Ushers	Keith Lendt & Ed Ecker	
Altar Guild	Mary Renberg and Sarah Lendt	

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Altar Guild is seeking additional members. Duties include light cleaning, setting up & cleaning up following communion services, handling floral arrangements, refilling candles, changing colors and other similar weekly tasks. For more information, please contact Joleen Dittbenner or leave your name and number in church office. Thank you.



Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 29th, at 10:00 a.m.
2022 Statements and Annual Reports are available in the Narthex
Please plan on attending as decisions are made for 2023.
What you think matters!



SUMMER 2023

JOIN US THIS SUMMER!

"Plant your roots in Christ and let God be the foundation for your life. Be strong in your faith, just as you were taught. And be grateful."
—Colossians 2:7

SUMMER CAMP

RETREATS

FAMILY CAMP

Activities

- ✓ Rock Wall
- ✓ Outdoor Games
- ✓ Crafts
- ✓ Swimming & Water Olympics
- ✓ Trails & More

GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN ministries

For more information and to register, visit GLLM.org or call 320-796-2181.





JANUARY 22, 2023

Jesus lights our way, calling us to follow him.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday Matthew 4:12-23 Jesus calls his first disciples

Monday Isaiah 60:1-2, 15-22 The Lord will be your light

Tuesday Luke 1:67-79 Christ, the light dawning

Wednesday Matthew 9:9-13 Jesus calls Matthew

Thursday Ephesians 5:6-14 Live as children of the light

Friday Philippians 2:12-18 The call to shine as stars

Saturday Psalm 112:1-9 Light dawns for the upright

Sunday Matthew 5:1-12 The sermon on the mount

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Come. Follow me,” Jesus said. “I will make you fishers of people.”

Matthew 4:19

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, thank you for choosing us to follow you. Teach us how to fish for people. Amen. (Matthew 4:19)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for the drinks we sip and the food we swallow. Please give us strength to serve and faith to follow. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Jesus give you a heart that seeks him and feet that are ready to follow him. Amen. (Matthew 4:18-20; Psalm 27:8)

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when there was a big change in your life.
- When Jesus called Andrew, Simon, James and John to follow him, they immediately left their work as fishermen to follow him (Matthew 4:18, 21). Why do you think they did this? How do you think they felt?
- In what ways has following Jesus changed your life?

DEVOTIONS

Set up a collection of tea candles on a table or a bench in your home. During your devotion times this week, read Matthew 4:16. Invite each person to share ways in which they have experienced Jesus as their “great light” during the day or week. Each time, light a candle and say these words: “Jesus our light, thank you for shining on us.”

SERVICE

In Psalm 27, we hear King David expressing his heartfelt desire to worship God in the temple all the days of his life (Psalm 27:4). The way we care for our places of worship reflects our appreciation for God and for the gifts he gives us in worship. Commit as a household to an act of service to improve the state of your church facility (e.g. gardening, window cleaning, painting, etc.). Make arrangements to do this.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus calls all his followers to “fish for people.” One way we do so is through prayer—by praying for specific people that don’t as yet know Jesus, and for specific missionaries and mission activities. Hang a string or a cord between two points in your home and attach small hooks to it. Cut out paper fish shapes and write the name of a person or mission for whom your household can pray on each one. Attach the “fish” to the hooks and use your “fishing line” as a visible reminder to pray.





Trinity's Mission Statement

*We are a community where Jesus is
Lord: our mission is to invite,
welcome, nurture, and equip all
people to be disciples in His name.*

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN Send an email to secretary@trinitysleepyeve.org or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at secretary@trinitysleepyeve.org and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

**TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK
CHECK IT OUT!!**

"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on www.sleepyeveonline.com watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give.

Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You.

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	64
Weekly Giving: (5846.00 Needed)	\$4188.72
January Giving:	\$13,630.44
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$13,630.44

This Week's Prayer Concerns

Pray for the Church...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

Pray for our World...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Audrey, Kali, Micah, Beth, Harold, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlos, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Julia Ann, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

Pray for the beloved... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

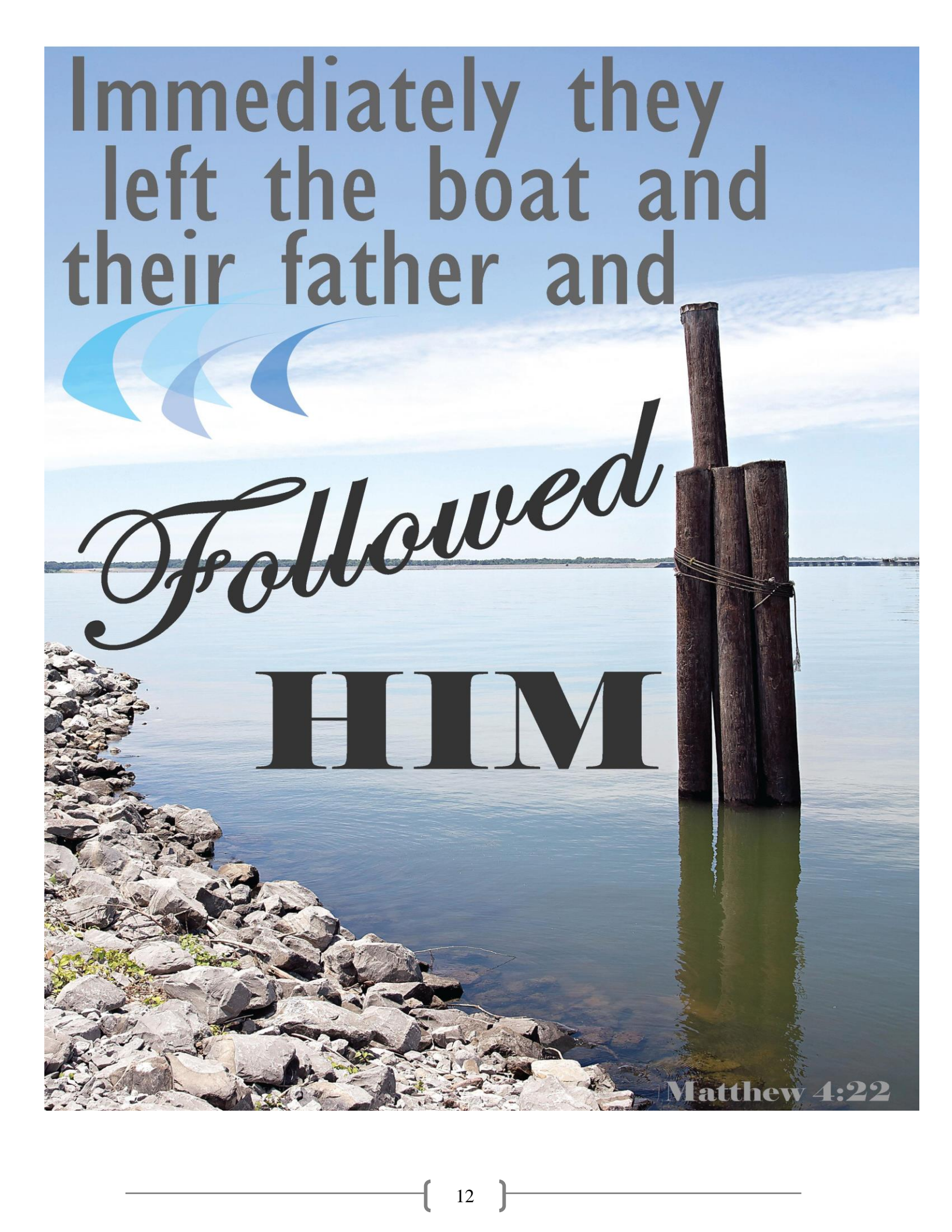
Pray for all families... that the Holy Spirit would bring joy and spiritual growth to all who are separated from one another and each would be blessed with their safe return to us...

Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife ...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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Immediately they
left the boat and
their father and

Followed
HIM

Matthew 4:22