

### **Nehemiah 8:1-3 (ESV)**

8 And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup> So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> And 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 above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup> And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup> They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and 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 as 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 to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

### **1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (ESV)**

<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 one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup> For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot should 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 should 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 be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <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 parts, 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 parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,

<sup>24</sup> which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. <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 miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and 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 with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

### **Luke 4:16-30 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup> And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and 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 proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." <sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup> And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup> And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." <sup>24</sup> And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup> But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup> and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup> And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup> When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup> And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But passing through their midst, he went away.

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of the LORD  
is your strength."*

*Nehemiah 8:10, NIV*



**January 27, 2019**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**Theme of the Day** ~ *The Lord Is Manifested as Our Savior through the Preaching of the Gospel.* When Jesus opens His mouth to preach, gracious words flow from His lips. The Scriptures are, indeed, fulfilled in your hearing (Luke 4:21–22). For Christ was anointed by the Spirit of the Lord “to proclaim good news to the poor,” “to proclaim liberty to the captives” and “to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor” (Luke 4:18–19). By this proclamation, Christ releases His people from captivity and gathers them to Himself in His Church. So it was when the Lord released His people from Babylon and returned them to Jerusalem. “Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people,” sanctified the whole congregation by the reading and preaching of the Law (Neh. 8:8–9). As the people then were urged to “eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready” (Neh. 8:10), so are you anointed by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ to celebrate and share His life, so others whose life is threatened, may celebrate and share life in Jesus’ name with us today, on this Life Sunday, and forever.

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OPENING HYMN “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”	LSB 904
SERMON HYMN “Holy Spirit, Light Divine”	LSB 496
SERMON “The Body Needs All Its Parts”	Neh. 8; I Cor. 12; Luke 4
CLOSING HYMN “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”	LSB 849

<b>Pastor</b>	Paul Hauser
<b>Organist</b>	Ruth Wardin
<b>Elder/Reader</b>	Frank Yell
<b>A/V</b>	Paul Bohn
<b>Ushers</b>	Dick Bluemer & Bruce Tessin
<b>Greeters</b>	Bud & Millie Parker
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Diane Schultz & Suzanne Schultz

**Our Measure of Love and Gifts**

**Attendance last week** – 57 Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion \$4,504 ~ Received for the Lord’s Work \$2,707 = Loose Plate \$28, Envelopes \$1,424, Mission \$55, Maintenance \$150, Ralph Bluemer Memorial \$20, Parsonage Rent \$900, Hall Rent \$150; God’s Helping Hands \$500.

**Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday~** Feb 1- Ryan Eggebrecht, Pam McNett; Feb 2- Dale Deibel, Larry Feusse; Feb 3- Jessica Walton; Feb 4- Elizabeth Carroll, Dick Neuenfeldt (his 82<sup>nd</sup>); Feb 6-Jonathan Schuler, Jackie Yell.

**Today’s Memory Verse** ~ “Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.” James 1:12

**Saginaw County Right to Life** ~ We will have a door offering following the service for Saginaw County Right to Life. This organization endorses efforts to enrich and protect all defenseless human life. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

**United in Marriage** ~ Brittany Rohde and Jarred Cline were united in marriage at Zion Saturday. We wish for them a stable and successful marriage with Christ at the center of their hearts and home.

**Resources for Rachel** ~ Door offering next Sunday following the worship service supporting Rachel Meyer. Follow her on Face book “Missionary Meyer in Uganda”. Rachel’s email is [Rachel.Meyer@LCMS.org](mailto:Rachel.Meyer@LCMS.org) if you would like to email her. To date we have sent \$4,179 supporting her mission.

**Thank You** ~ *Thank you everyone for your prayers, cards, and kind words during my recovery from shoulder surgery. I am truly blessed to be a member of this loving congregation. God is good. All the time, God is good.*

~ Don Hollingsworth

**VLHS Benefit Dinner & Auction! Our Theme is " Fabulous Fifties" Please save the date for Saturday, February 23, 2018, at Apple Mountain Conference Center.** Your support has impacted Valley Lutheran with improvements in programs, equipment, transportation, physical school improvements, and most importantly STUDENT AID. Thank you for your past support of VLHS! We could use your help again - we are asking for items to be donated and put up for bid (merchandise, tickets, services, vacation homes, gift cards, etc.). There are also opportunities to participate by way of prayer, advertising, sponsorship, or attending the auction. Click on our auction link [www.vlhsauction.com](http://www.vlhsauction.com) for more information. For further information or questions, you may call Valley Lutheran at 790-1676, Beth (Lambert) Kaul 989-754-5918 [bkaul@vlhs.com](mailto:bkaul@vlhs.com) or Karrie Gatz 989-415-6776 [Karriekookies@aol.com](mailto:Karriekookies@aol.com).

**Valley Lutheran High School** is looking for a head JV baseball coach and head golf coach for the spring athletic season. If you are interested and would like to discuss one of the positions further, please contact Eric Smith by phone (790-1676) or email: [esmith@vlhs.com](mailto:esmith@vlhs.com). The season runs from March 11 through the first week of June.

**Orphan Grain Train** ~ A freshly reconstructed website of Orphan Grain Train went online just this past Wednesday. Please take a moment and visit [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org). Last year Orphan Grain Train shipped more than 4.6 million meals in addition to clothing, blankets, household items, and medical and hospital equipment to people in 68 different countries including the USA. The newest humanitarian initiative in this Christian volunteer network affiliated with our Lutheran church is right here near us. The first ever Michigan Branch of Orphan Grain Train is now centered in Sebawaing, Michigan. Learn more at [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org). You may also contact Orphan Grain Train—Michigan branch manager, Pastor David Reed at 989-600-2264.