

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time - A

Is 8:23-9:3-1

Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Mt 4:12-23

As I sit here on this cold morning and think about the readings for this weekend, it occurs to me much attention is focused on light. The sun is out and it is bright and sunny, but very cold. Light does brighten our lives, especially during the short days of winter when we look forward to those long sunny warm days that are to come.

We have seen the great light hoped for in those days long ago. The Kingdom of God is at hand. However, it comes with the price of our labor to continue to build it. It is our job to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and those in prison, and lend help to the poor. That is the Christian mission.

They are working hard at the State House to cut budgets and we must pay attention to what is cut. Who will be hit the hardest, the poor, veterans, and children? Who will benefit from the benefits that come when taxes are cut? Legislation is being proposed that will dictate what kind of lifestyles Iowans are allowed to live.

It is time to pick up the phone and call our representatives and let them know what we think. Many claim to be Christians but do their actions fit the Christian mission? The Kingdom is a place for all to prosper, not just those selected by the self-righteous who write the laws.

In His service,
Deacon Jerry