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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY JANUARY 24, 2021

► DIVINE SERVICE ► Setting 3



A WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME to all who gather in the Lord's House today. You have joined with the seen and unseen host of God, around the throne of the Lamb, to be served by the Triune God through the preaching of His Word and the administration of the Holy Sacraments. Apart from these Means of Grace there are no Christians and there is no Church! Therefore the entire Liturgy places God at center stage as He acts towards His people through the Word and Sacraments to bring His gifts of life and salvation. That is why the Liturgy is called "Divine Service" - it is God's Service to His people! This service reaches its fulfillment in the Lord's Supper or Sacrament of the Altar.

When "the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time," sending him to preach judgment against the great city of Nineveh, "Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD" (Jonah 3:1, 3). By this preaching, the people were brought to repentance. Because they "believed God," as He spoke to them through His prophet, "they turned from their evil way" and were spared "the disaster that he had said he would do to them" (Jonah 3:5, 10). St. Paul also warns that "the appointed time has grown very short" (1 Cor. 7:29). Therefore, while we live in this world and deal with it, we are not to cling to it, nor put our trust in it, for "the present form of this world is passing away" (1 Cor. 7:31). Rather, give "your undivided devotion to the Lord" (1 Cor. 7:35). When our Lord Jesus Christ comes and is proclaimed in the Gospel, "the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 1:14–15). Therefore, He still calls men and sends them to become "fishers of men" with the net of that Gospel (Mark 1:17).

Prayer before Worship

O Lord God, heavenly Father, You allowed Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, to become a stranger and a sojourner in Egypt for our sakes, and led Him safely home to His fatherland: Mercifully grant that we poor sinners, who are strangers and sojourners in this perilous world, may be called home to our true fatherland, the kingdom of heaven, where we shall live in eternal joy and glory; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

- e designates the parts of the liturgy spoken or chanted by the pastor
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- ★ designates the parts of the liturgy where the sign of the cross may be made
 - △ designates a hymn that ends with a Trinitarian stanza; please stand for the final stanza

♣ Preparation ♣

OPENING HYMN





INVOCATION Matthew 28:19-20

The sign of the cross $(\mbox{\em \mathbb{H}})$ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

HOLY ABSOLUTION John 20:19-23

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



▼ Service of the Word ▼

Introit

Psalm 113:1-2, 4, 7-8; antiphon: Psalm 113:3

The 113th psalm is a prophecy of the kingdom of Christ, which from the rising of the sun to its setting shall extend over all the nations. The psalm calls on all nations to praise God and proclaim His grace. He is a God of the poor and the troubled, a delightful God and worthy of our grace, who sits on high and loves and exalts the humble. This is Christ's office and work in His kingdom: to humble the exalted, to make foolish the wise, to damn the holy, to wither the fruitful, and on the other hand to exalt the humble, to make holy the sinner, and to make the barren into a joyful mother of children

[Reading the Psalms with Luther, p. 272]



- A From the rising of the sun to its | setting,* the name of the LORD is | to be praised!
- Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants | of the LORD,* praise the name | of the LORD!

Blessèd be the name | of the LORD* from this time forth and for- | evermore!

The LORD is high above all | nations,* and his glory above the | heavens!

He raises the poor | from the dust*
and lifts the needy from the | ash heap,

to make them sit with | princes,* with the princes of his | people.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen..

A From the rising of the sun to its | setting,* the name of the LORD is | to be praised!

(sung) Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS — Glory to God in the Highest

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

- P Glory be to God on high:
- (sung) And on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen



SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- (sung) And with thy spirit.
- P Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever
- C (sung) Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

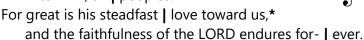
¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

A Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!



Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle 1 Corinthians 7:29–35

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. ³² I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³ But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴ and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵ I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA John 6:68

(sung) Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Mark 1:14-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

(sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15



and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." 16 Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 And

immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- (sung) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;



who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light



Sermon

OFFERTORY

Stand



Psalm 51:10-12

(sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

OFFERING (YOU MAY PLACE YOUR OFFERING IN THE PLATES IN THE BACK OF THE NAVE AS YOU ARE LEAVING.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 1 Timothy 2:1-4

After each petition:

After the final petition:

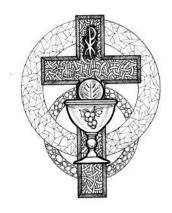
P let us pray to the Lord:

... one God, now and forever.

C Lord, have mercy.

Amen.

▼ Service of the Sacrament ▼



PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- (sung) And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- (sung) We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- (sung) It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

lt is truly good, right, and salutary..... evermore praising You and saying:

(sung) Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is № He
that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

P 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.

(sung) For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24 Luke 22:19-20: 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI — The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C (sung) Amen.



(sung) O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

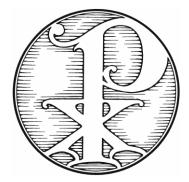
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Dear Visitors and Friends: EPIPHANY means "manifestation" or "appearance". It is a season which highlights many of the epiphanies of God in human flesh (to the wise men, at His Baptism, His miracles, His transfiguration). It is a season which also sets forth Christ as the light of the world and mission outreach to all peoples. As Christ manifests Himself today in the Lord's Supper, His forgiveness empowers us to walk in His light and witness of Him to a world sitting in darkness. God's Word teaches that doctrinal unity is central to the common reception of the Lord's Supper.

For this reason, the congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have agreed to follow the Biblical and historical practice of "Closed Communion." If you desire to receive the Lord's Supper and are not a communicant member of Divine Shepherd, or a sister congregation in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod we respectfully ask that you not commune this morning. Rather, we would invite you to speak with Pastor Zimmer about Holy Communion and about becoming a communicant member of this congregation. It is the sincere prayer of this congregation that our careful practice of the administration of the Lord's Supper will not be a hindrance to our fellowship with you but instead that it would lead you to appreciate the high regard we have for Christ and His Word concerning this precious gift. Thank you for your understanding.

DISTRIBUTION

hymns are sung as needed



856 O Christ. Who Called the Twelve





810 O God of God, O Light of Light



- 1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and 2 For deep in prophets' sa-cred page, And grand in po-ets'
- 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in
- 4 Then raise to Christ a might y song, And shout His name, His



King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo-ry bright The song of wing-ed word, Slow-ly in type, from age to age The na-tions hate and scorn—These all are past, and now a-bove He reigns, our mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



praise for - ev - er rings. To Him who sits up - on the throne, saw their com - ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju - de - an night King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might - y gates! earth, your an - them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin - ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - rv Rang out the song, "Good-will to men!" Sung once by first - born So sang that host be - yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your For - ev - er let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb, en -



He has won, sons of light, King a - waits. throned to reign,

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All thanks and praise! A - men, now, "Good - will!" ech - oes It A - men. We lift them up. A - men, a - men. All glo - ry, pow'r! A - men, a - men.



685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



Stand

DISMISSAL

- The eating and drinking of your Savior's sacred body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the one true Christian faith unto life everlasting. Depart in the joy of His Peace.
- C Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS — Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

(sung) Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou has prepared before the face of all people,
a Light to lighten the Gentiles
and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;



as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING Psalm 107:1

- P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for He is good,
- (sung) and His mercy endureth forever.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C (sung) Amen.

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- (sung) And with thy spirit.
- P Bless we the Lord.
- (sung) Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

(sung) Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN





There are, then, two chief parts here, contrition and faith. In Mark 1:15 Christ says, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." In the first part he denounces our sins, in the latter part he consoles us and shows us the forgiveness of sins. For to believe in the Gospel is not to have the general faith that even the demons have (James 2:19), but, in the true sense, to believe that for Christ's sake the forgiveness of sins has been granted us; this is revealed in the Gospel. You see that here, too, the two parts are combined: contrition, when sins are denounced; and faith, when it is said, "Believe in the Gospel." We shall not argue if someone says that Christ also includes the fruits of penitence or the new life. For us it is enough that he names contrition and faith as the chief parts of penitence.

A Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Art. XII, Pentitence A