

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24, 2021 | 9:45 am | Ascension Lutheran Church



Words of Welcome

Opening Sentences

P We begin in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

P Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,

G **praise the name of the LORD!**

P Blessed be the name of the LORD

G **from this time forth and forevermore!**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

G **the name of the LORD is to be praised!** (Psalm 113:1-3)

Opening Hymn

LSB 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 proph-ets' sa-cred page, And grand in po-ets'

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

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

The Lamb once slain but raised a-gain, Be all the glo-ry
Rang out the song, "Good-will to men!" Sung once by first-born

He has won, All thanks and praise! A-men, a-men.
sons of light, It ech-oes now, "Good-will!" A-men.

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Confession and Forgiveness

P "The time has come; the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15)

G **"When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, He had compassion."** (Jonah 3:10)

P We confess our sins to God in sincere repentance.

(Silence for self-examination.)

P Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,

- A** *we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as ourselves, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. We have not always welcomed Your call for us to follow You and You alone. Forgive us our sins for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*
- P** The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel. Hear and rejoice in the Good News. Jesus Christ died for you, and for His sake, God has compassion. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G Amen. Thanks be to God!**

Hymn of Praise

LSB 810 | "O God of God, O Light of Light"



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
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
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!
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 -
King a - waits. We lift them up. A - men, a - men.
throned to reign, All glo - ry, pow'r! A - men, a - men.

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Prayer of the Day

- P** Almighty and everlasting God, as the call to follow You comes to us through Your Word, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we trust and serve You in repentance and faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G Amen.**

Old Testament Reading | Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²"Get up. Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh just as the word of the LORD had commanded. Now Nineveh was a great city to God. It required a three-day walk. ⁴Jonah walked through the city for a day, and he called out, "Forty more days and Nineveh is going to be overthrown!" ⁵The men of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least. ¹⁰When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which He said He would bring on them, and He did not carry it out.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Epistle Reading | 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹I also say this, brothers: The time is short. From now on, let those who have wives live as if they have none; ³⁰those who weep, as if not weeping; those who rejoice, as if not rejoicing; those who buy, as if not possessing; ³¹and those who use the world, as if not getting any use out of it. For the way of life that belongs to this world is passing away.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Holy Gospel | Mark 1:14-20

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God.

¹⁵"The time is fulfilled," He said. "The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel." ¹⁶As Jesus was going along the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. ¹⁷Jesus said to them, "Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." ¹⁸Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. ¹⁹Going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately Jesus called them. They left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed Him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Profession of Faith | Apostles' Creed

P Living together in trust and hope, we now confess our faith.

A *I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.


I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 827 | "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"




1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 Some take up His task in morn - ing, To their Lord re - spond - ing soon;



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing— Who will bear the sheaves a-way?"
Some are called in heat of mid-day, Oth-ers late in af-ter-noon;



Loud and long the Mas-ter call-eth; Rich re-ward He of-fers thee.
E-ven as the sun is set-ting, Some are sent in-to the fields,



Who will an-swer, glad-ly say-ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"
There to gath-er in the boun-ty That God's Word so rich-ly yields.


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Message

Hymn of Response

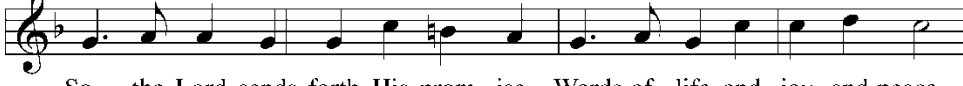
LSB 827 | "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"



3 For as rain and snow from heav-en Wa-ter seeds in dust-y soil,
4 Hear-ken to the Lord whose com-ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Caus-ing them to bud and flow-er, Giv-ing bread to those who toil;
When with His an-gel-ic reap-ers He in glo-ry shall de-scend.



So the Lord sends forth His prom-ise, Words of life and joy and peace—
Soon the night, the fi-nal har-vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Nev-er void to Him re-turn-ing, Bear-ing fruit with great in-crease.
Then the souls His grace has gar-nered Shall en-joy His Sab-bath peace.

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Special Music "The Summons" | John Bell | Trio: Marjy Brady, Judy Pozzerle, Donna Tuchenhausen

Prayers of the Church

P Gracious Lord, we pray for all people of the world, that the Epiphany light that shines the radiance of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, shine in the hearts and minds of all people. For those who are wayward and lost and for those who have rejected Your call to repentance and faith, we pray You use us in our words and witness to point to You that many more would faithfully follow. Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

P Ever-present Lord, be with Your Church on earth and the congregations in their work to serve and praise You and to be nourished by Your Word and Sacraments. Bless those You have

called in roles of pastors and church workers that they faithfully speak and live Your Word of truth and that the call to a repentant and faithful life in Christ be followed. Continue to raise up called servants and leaders within Your Church for Your work and mission to continue that many more may know You and follow where You lead. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of comfort and peace, be present with those who face various needs in mind, soul, and body, (especially ...). Grant healing according to Your will. Be with those who grieve (especially ...) that the assured promise of Christ's victory over death and the grave brings hope in times of hopelessness. For those who live in doubt, fear, and distress, extend Your call of grace through Your Word and those who proclaim it. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful Lord, we praise Your name for You gave Jesus Christ, whose love for us compelled Him to go to the cross that we by faith are saved. Unite us in Him and in our fellowship together, that in repentance we faithfully receive the gifts of life and grace He gives to us. Help us to draw our strength, love, compassion, and mercy through You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

(Special petitions are offered here.)

P Almighty Lord, we praise You for who You are, a God both strong and loving. Help us to draw strength from Your strength, and love from Your love, that all we say and do may please You in every way. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, who has taught us to pray:

A *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.*

Benediction

P As the Lord sent His life-renewing Word through Jonah and the prophets, be assured of His forgiveness and love. As the Lord called and sent His apostles to be fishers of men, hear His voice and follow Him. As we have received God's grace this day for the sake of Christ our Lord, heed His call to repentance, rejoice in His forgiving grace, and give Him thanks and praise.

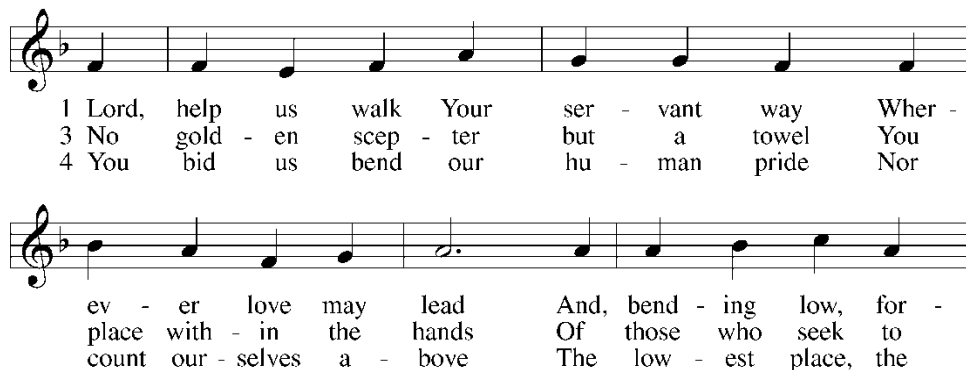
C Amen.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

LSB 857 | "Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
 3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You
 4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor

ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
 place with - in the hands Of those who seek to
 count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.
mean - est task That waits the gift of love.

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Sending

P Go in peace to love the Lord and serve your neighbor!

G Thanks be to God!

Postlude