## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament, Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions

## + DIVINE SERVICE +

#### **OPENING HYMN**

"Rise, Shine, You People"

(LSB 825)

#### INVOCATION

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

#### **EXHORTATION**

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Image P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

#### **CONFESSION** and **ABSOLUTION**

- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

+ WORD +

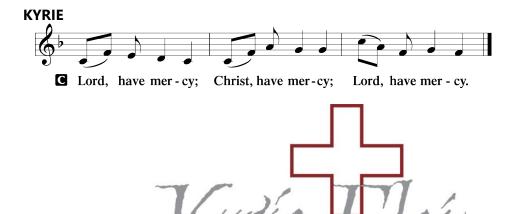
#### INTROIT

Psalm 102:18-22, (antiphon: Ps. 102:13)

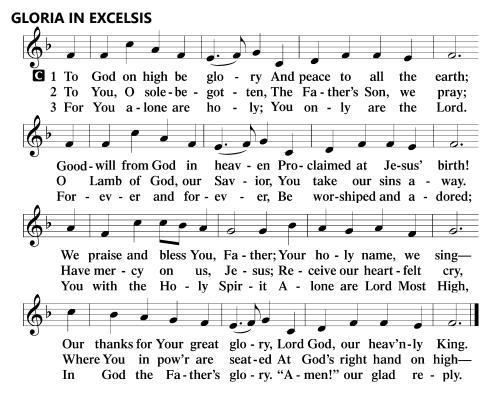
- You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.
- **C** Let this be recorded for a generation to come,

#### So that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:

- that he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,
- C to hear groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die,
- that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem his praise,
- C when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.







#### **SALUTATION** and **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Isaiah 9:1–4

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- ▶ Let us pray. 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** Amen.

(Please be seated)

#### **OLD TESTAMENT**

(Light and joy will replace gloom and sadness.)

After the reading:

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### ANTHEM

"Shine on Us"

(Michael W. Smith)

#### Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist and the Harmonettes Marlis Doud, Laura Mehlhaff, Carolyn Ryckman, Laura Streich 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

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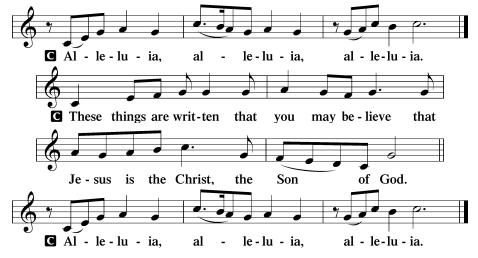
(There should not be divisions in the one Church.)

#### After the reading:

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

(Please stand)

#### **ALLELUIA** and **VERSE**



**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 4:12–25* (In Galilee, Jesus calls the first four disciples.)

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.
- **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

#### **BIBLE LESSON**

SERMON HYMN

"O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

(LSB 839)

SERMON

"The Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand" Pastor Sam Handschke (Matthew 4:12-25)

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8:30am 11:00am

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#### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



- P O Lord, let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to You, for You are our Rock and our Redeemer. Answer us according to Your promises and for the sake of Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Merciful God, You formed Your Son in the womb of Your servant Mary to be a light for the nations. Preserve that light among Your people. Gather us around Your Word and Sacraments, enlighten and strengthen us by Your grace, and grant that we might reflect the light of Christ to those around us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our praver.

- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, You watched over the tribes of Jacob, providing them both daily bread and redemption in abundant measure. Watch over the homes of Your people. Bless them with all that they need for this body and life, and preserve them in the glad confidence that Christ is their strength and their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **C** hear our prayer.

- P Holy God, Your Son consented to be the servant of rulers and to be abhorred by the nations so that He might redeem the world. Fortify all in authority with courage and wisdom to govern justly, and cultivate penitent hearts among them so that they may gladly prostrate themselves before their Redeemer on the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Holy God, Your Son became the Lamb of God to take away all of our sins and infirmities by His death and resurrection. Remember all who are in need of Your help and healing



[especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Deliver them according to Your merciful will, and preserve them in the certainty that their sins are taken away. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **C** hear our prayer.

▶ Lord God, John the Baptist first revealed Your incarnate Son as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and foretold His victory over sin by the sacrifice of His body and blood on the cross. Prepare the hearts of all who receive that same body and blood of our resurrected Savior this day that they would welcome Him in repentance and faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **C** hear our prayer.

**C** Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

The 8:30 am service continues on page 10 with the Benedicamus and Benediction.

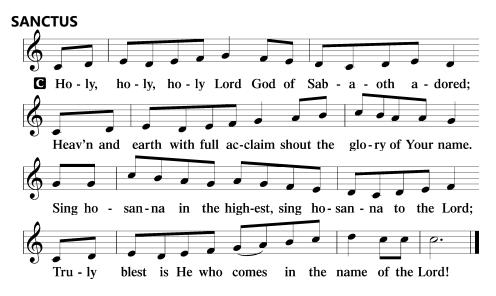
**IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION:** According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

# H SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT H 11:00 am Service

#### PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your

great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

## **C** Amen.

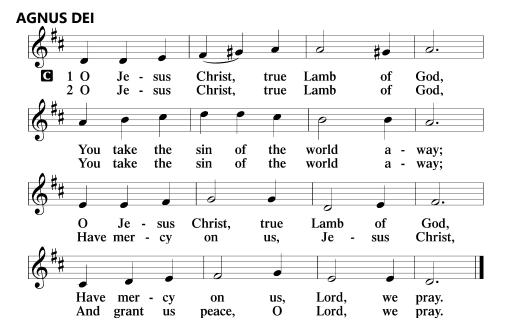
WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

#### PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.



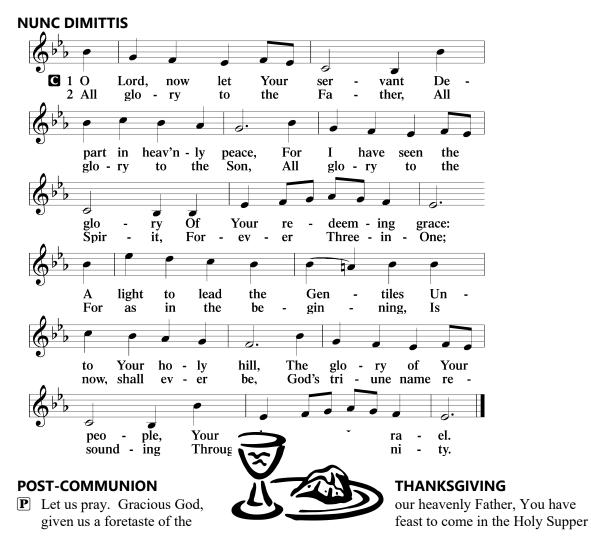
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#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

| "Sent Fourth By God's Blessing" | ( <i>LSB</i> 643) |
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| "O God, Forsake Me Not"         | ( <i>LSB</i> 731) |

(Please stand)





of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### **BENEDICAMUS** and **BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24–26

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

- **C** Thanks be to God.
- 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.
- **C** Amen.

| CLOSING HYMN | "O God of God, O Light of Light" | ( <i>LSB</i> 810) |
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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



**AS WE GATHER** When Jesus appeared on the scene of human history, His coming was like the light of a new day. Isaiah had prophesied a day would come filled with joy as at the harvest or when victors divide spoils. But daylight also reveals problems covered by darkness, like the divisions at the Church in Corinth, as Paul writes. Jesus' light not only reveals, but it also forgives, heals, and enlivens. People brought the sick and demon-possessed to our Lord, and the first four disciples jumped at the opportunity to follow Him. What ills shall we bring to worship today for resolution?

Sins requiring forgiveness, gloom needing joy, divisions seeking reconciliation? Jesus came into human history to die and rise for us; today He comes through Word and Sacrament in grace and mercy to meet our deepest needs. Let us rejoice in the light of God's forgiveness, mercy, and love.



While walking 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 fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him. *Matthew* 4:18–22

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey. "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Third Sunday after the Epiphany! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching today is Reverend Sam Handschke.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: <u>www.faithluth.com</u>. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

#### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

Wed. Jan. 11, Att. 19; Offering \$40.00; Sun., Jan. 15, Att. 35; General Fund \$12,269.27; Sunday School \$2.00; Building Fund \$330.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Reimbursement \$57.00; Sanctuary HVAC \$50.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Endowment Fund (Undesignated) in memory of Sandy Peterson \$95.00, (Foundations) \$25.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Bev Parrott \$20.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings) \$200.00, (Generations) \$225.00, (Foundations) \$200.00,

(Future) \$200.00.

**Endowment Fund** When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

#### **Educational Attendance**

Jan. 11Catechism – 49Jan. 15Sunday School – 27Jan. 15Adult Bible Study - 22

Dance Lessons Want to get out and do something fun on a Sunday afternoon? The Board of Parish Fellowship will be offering dance lessons for the Jitterbug from 2 pm-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall (Gym) the following 4 Sundays, Jan.
29, Feb. 5, Feb. 12, and Feb. 19. Please sign up for the lessons. There is a sign-up sheet on the large table in the Living Room. Each class builds on the prior class, but if you miss a class that is okay. Singles are welcome. Two left feet are welcomed too. Invite your friends. Even if you know how, it would be awesome to have you there. Come for the fellowship, learn a fun way to exercise and enjoy the laughter.





We have received a number of 8 x 10 photos in the church office. If you have had your photo taken for the Church Directory (and did not order extras, maybe even if you did order) your FREE 8 x 10 is in the church office. The photos are now on the table in the Living Room. Please pick them up as soon as possible.



If you were unable to make an appointment to have your picture in our church directory, you may submit a photo that we can scan and put in the directory. We would love to have all of our members in the directory. This is a wonderful way for our congregants to get to identify one another and to match a face to a name. It is especially helpful to new members. If any of your contact numbers have changed please let us know so our directory can be as complete as possible. Thanks!



February is the month for the Annual Report. All boards, circles, preschool, daycare, and other entities of the church need to have their reports turned in to Helen by January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Email your reports to faith@faithluth.com. Please be punctual. If you need a copy of a previous report as an example for your report let Helen know.





### **Couple's Retreat at Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church**

- On February 10 and 11 Lutheran Family Service will be offering a Marriage Retreat, hosted by Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church in Blackhawk. This retreat is open to all couples. There is no cost for this event. Details can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.
  - On the evening of **February 9** LFS and Divine Shepherd will be hosting a Marriage Retreat Event

specifically for church workers. As church workers you are welcome to attend just this Thursday night program OR you can stay for the full event. Again, there is no cost. Details can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

#### Please RSVP for these events by February 5.

**Friendship Sunday** On Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, bring a friend to church with you. There will be a Men's Club Fundraiser breakfast between services. Immediately following the late service bring a friend young or old to Friendship Sunday to engage in Faith, Friends, Fellowship, a meal, and some entertaining trivia. You are invited to wear your favorite jersey to the late service and/or to Friendship Sunday event. The most unique jerseys will win parting gifts. This meal and fellowship will be hosted by the Board of Missions. We can't wait to see you there!

**Interested in the Mexico Mission Trip?** Are you interested in going on the Mexico Mission trip in 2023? If so, we need to hear from you soon. There will be a meeting next Sunday, January 29 at 7:00pm to share information. Please contact Dennis or Carolyn Ryckman (605-280-6347) for more information.





**On The Lighter Side-Puns for Fun** 

http://www.jokes4us.com/miscellaneousjokes/cleanjokes.html

Q: Did you hear about the race between the lettuce and the tomato?

#### A: The lettuce was a "head" and the tomato was trying to "ketchup!"

- Q: What is heavy forward but not backward?
- A: Ton.

## This Week at Faith Lutheran

#### Today: Jan. 22

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Communion
Mon: Jan. 23
6-9 pm Pickleball
6:30 pm Christ Care
Tues: Jan. 24
8:00 am Staff Devotions
10:30 am Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm Mary/Martha Circle
Wed: Jan. 25

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism
6:00 pm Lamentations Study
6:00 pm Romans Bible Study
7:00 pm Chapel/Communion
8:00 pm LYF
Thurs: Jan. 26
8:00 am Staff Devotions
5-8 pm MOPS in gym
6:30 pm Church Council
7:00 pm Psalms Bible Study in Sanct.
Sat: Jan 28
1-3 pm JYM

Sun: Jan. 29 Life Sunday8:30 am Communion9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Communion2-4 pm BoPF Dance Lessons in Gym