

# Third Sunday after the Epiphany

## January 24, 2021

### Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

### Confession & Absolution

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

Holy and merciful God,

C **in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.**

You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

P Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from Romans 5:

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

C Amen.

### Psalm

*Psalm 113:1–3, 4, 7–8*

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

C **Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD!**

P Blessèd be the name of the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore!

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

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

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

**C 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.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Jonah 3:1–5, 10*

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,  
<sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>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. . . .

<sup>10</sup>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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle**

*1 Corinthians 7:29–35*

<sup>29</sup>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, <sup>30</sup>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, <sup>31</sup>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.

<sup>32</sup>I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>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.

**C Thanks be to God.**

1 “Come, follow me,” said Christ the Lord,  
“All in my way abiding;  
Your selfishness throw overboard,  
Obey my call and guiding.  
Oh, bear your crosses and confide  
In my example as your guide.”

2 “I am the light, I light the way,  
A godly life displaying;  
I help you walk as in the day,  
I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show  
How you should journey here below.”

3 “My heart is rich in lowliness,  
My soul with love is glowing;  
My lips the words of grace express,  
Their tones all gently flowing.  
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all  
To God I yield; on him I call.”

4 “I teach you how to shun and flee  
What harms your soul’s salvation;  
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free,  
From sin and its temptation.  
I am the refuge of the soul  
And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”

5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,  
And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to his word,  
In suff’ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle’s strain  
The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter one.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

<sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

## **Prayer**

P Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

## 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.

## Lord's Prayer

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.

## Holy Communion

### Distribution Hymn #971

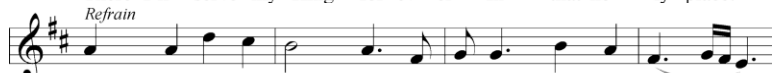
### There Is a Redeemer



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;  
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.  
There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

**Distribution Hymn #425      When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, tune: Lowell Mason; text & tune: public domain

# Announcements

## **Bible Study \* NEW TIME TODAY**

Sunday @ 11:30 AM (Zoom) - Guest Host Sue H.

\* Please text Pastor Mueller if you have not yet attended and would like a Zoom invitation link sent to your email.

## **Sunday School**

Students in preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited downstairs immediately after Communion for a brief (5-10 minute) period where they can grab a pre-packaged snack, hear a short message and take home materials to work on at home.

**Youth and Adult Confirmation classes are CANCELLED for today.**

**Wednesday Evening Group Study** - Join us Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM for a group study led by Aaron via Zoom. We are discussing C. S. Lewis' book, *The Screwtape Letters*. Please contact the church office 618-288-6120 for a zoom meeting invitation.

## **Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)**

Join us Tuesday night at church for Bible study, fellowship and fun from 6:30-8:00 PM. We are reading through the book of Ephesians and preparing our hearts to serve the Lord in our community. Upcoming serve opportunities: Homeless Outreach in Granite City February 13th 12:30-3:00 PM

**Metro-East Lutheran High School** will host an open house on Sunday, Jan. 31, from 1 PM to 3 PM. All are invited. For more information, call the school office at 618-656-0043 or email [admissions@melhs.org](mailto:admissions@melhs.org).

## **Titus 2: Women of Faith Bible Study**

This brand new, women's Bible study is offered to all women ages 19 and up. Sign up in the church narthex or call the church office 618-288-6120.

**Mosaic Baby Bottle Campaign** –The Mosaic Baby Bottle Campaign is here! Please pick up a baby bottle in the narthex, fill it with change or your donation and bring it back by 2/14. Mosaic transforms lives by providing free, life-affirming pregnancy & sexual health services, education & Christ-centered support.





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