

**Jan. 24, 2021**

*The Third Sunday  
After the Epiphany*



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8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

*Communion:*

*1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays*

Adult Bible Study &

Sunday School:

9:30 am

(Grace Hall)

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Deaconess:

Karen Suter

# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### PRELUDE

"The Clarion Call"  
"O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"

D. Paxton  
arr. A. Fedak

### WELCOME

*Stand*

### HYMN

"O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"

**LSB 856**



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -  
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose  
3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And  
4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To  
5 O Christ, the a - pos - tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:  
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:  
broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:  
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:  
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,  
In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True  
Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And  
Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where  
Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.  
teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.  
help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.  
love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.  
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

## INVOCATION

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

## OPENING SENTENCES

- P** Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,
- C** **praise the name of the LORD!**
  
- P** Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!
- C** **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.
- C** **Yet we often do not live as You have called us to live as Your own. We do not always honor Your name nor Your calling with our praise.**

- P** We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You as we follow in faith.

*Silence for reflection*

- P** Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,
- C** **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.**

- 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 the Word, and in His stead, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

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

**C** praise the name of the LORD!

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

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

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

**KYRIE**

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace coming to us from beyond creation and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of all people around the planet, for the well-being of the Church of God in time and space, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise to our majestic God let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

*LSB 940 sts. 1-5*



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred  
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet  
△ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
 bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,  
 three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to  
 As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the  
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.  
 bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.  
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

## SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** 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.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jonah 3:1–5, 10*

The Word is read...

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

## PSALM

## Psalm 62



<sup>1</sup>For God alone my soul waits in | silence;\*  
from him comes my sal- | vation.

<sup>2</sup>He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my | fortress;\*  
I shall not be greatly | shaken.

<sup>3</sup>How long will all of you attack a man  
to | batter him,\*  
like a leaning wall, a | tottering fence?

<sup>4</sup>They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.  
They take pleasure in | falsehood.\*  
They bless with their mouths,  
but inwardly | they curse.

<sup>5</sup>For God alone, O my soul, wait in | silence,\*  
for my hope is | from him.

<sup>6</sup>He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my | fortress;\*  
I shall not be | shaken.

<sup>7</sup>On God rests my salvation and my | glory,\*  
my mighty rock, my refuge | is God.

<sup>8</sup>Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart be- | fore him,\*  
God is a refuge | for us.

<sup>9</sup>Those of low estate are but a breath;  
those of high estate are a de- | lusion,\*  
in the balances they go up;  
they are together lighter | than a breath.

<sup>10</sup>Put no trust in extortion;  
set no vain hopes on | robbery;\*  
if riches increase, set not your | heart on them.

<sup>11</sup>Once God has spoken;  
twice have I | heard this:\*  
that power belongs to God,  
<sup>12</sup>and that to you, O Lord, belongs | steadfast love.  
For you will render | to a man\*  
according | to his work.

## EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 7:29–35*

The Word is read...

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

*Stand*

## VERSE

*Mark 1:15*

- C** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- A** The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.
- C** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 1:14–20*

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

The Gospel is read...

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

*Sit*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE, 11:00 AM Service only**

Deaconess Karen Suter

## HYMN

"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"

**LSB 827**



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;  
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,



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;  
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.



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,  
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.



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.  
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.

## SERMON

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rod Gorham, Meg Johnson, Jim & Julie Walker, Cheryl & Terry Gardner

- P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R** Yes, I do.

**A** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

**R** *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**A** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**A** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**A** Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

**R** *I will, with the help of God.*

**P** Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them with the hearts to believe and with the mouths to

confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*New Members return to their seats*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Lord, as You have called us as Your own, gathered us together, and enlightened us by Your Spirit through Your Word, we bring to You our prayer and praise. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

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.

## O Christ, Our True and Only Light

sts. 1–2



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en  
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now  
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - jice.  
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.

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- A** 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.

### O Christ, Our True and Only Light

st. 3

3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may  
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science  
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.

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- 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 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.

### O Christ, Our True and Only Light

st. 4

4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the  
wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who

walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,

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**A** 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 through His body and blood. Help us to draw our strength, love, compassion, and mercy through You.

**O Christ, Our True and Only Light**

st. 5

5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with  
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to  
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER**, *As printed on the forward screens*

**MISSION MINUTE**

*Sanctity of Human Life Sunday*

Deaconess Karen Suter

**OFFERTORY**

"Hail, O Source of Every Blessing"

**LSB 409 sts. 1,3**



1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our  
3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their  
hu - man race! Gen - tiles now, Your grace pos - sess - ing, In Your  
of - f' rings bring, In Your tem - ples seek Your fa - vor, Je - sus  
courts ob - tain a place. Grate - ful now, we fall be - fore You,  
Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, soul, and spir - it,  
In Your Church re - joice to live, See Your glo - ry  
Live de - vot - ed to Your praise, Glo - rious realms of  
and a - dore You, Thank - ful for the grace You give.  
bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

## PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.
- G** **And also with you.**

## BENEDICTION

- P** Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!
- G** **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!**
- 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.
- G** **Amen.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**HYMN**

"Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"

**LSB 857**



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -  
 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But  
 3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You  
 4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor  
 5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -  
 pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in  
 place with - in the hands Of those who seek to  
 count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the  
 ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.  
 ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.  
 fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.  
 mean - est task That waits the gift of love.  
 get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

*Sit*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL**

Deaconess Karen Suter

**A** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

setting: W. Wold

*Trumpet Solo, Susan Messersmith*

## **PARTICIPATING IN THIS SERVICE**

*Pastor: Rev. Richard Willsea*

*Deaconess: Karen Suter*

*Organist: Patty Barnes*

*Trumpet: Susan Messersmith*

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