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The 3rd Sunday After The Epiphany



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

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♣ PREPARATION **♣**

Today we will observe The Lord's Supper...The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.

PRELUDE

"The Clarion Call" "O Christ Our True and Only Light" setting: S. Wente

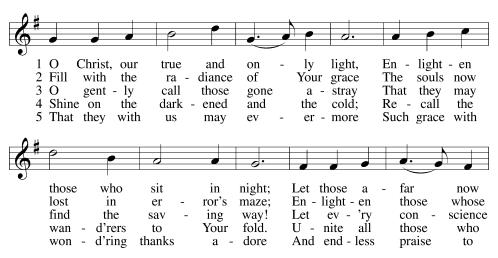
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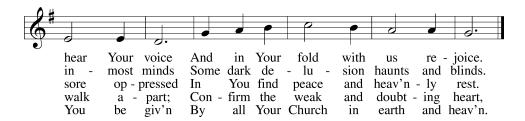
Stand **HYMN**

"O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

LSB 839

D. Paxton





CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Amen.

♣ SERVICE OF THE WORD **♣**

KYRIE



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the
- - C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

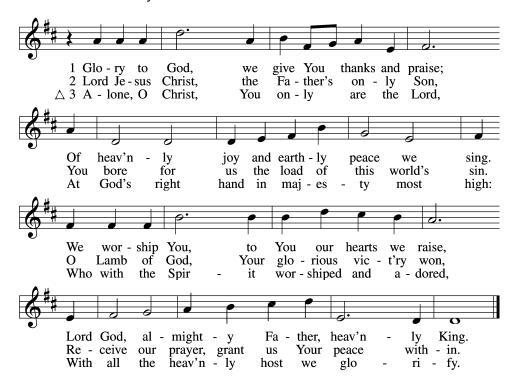


- **C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.
- A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** 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.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The Word is read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 62; antiphon: v. 8



¹For God alone my soul waits in silence;* from him comes my sal-vation.

²He only is my rock and my salvation,

my | fortress;*
I shall not be greatly | shaken.

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

⁴They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.

They take pleasure in | falsehood.*

They bless with their mouths, but inwardly I they curse.

⁵For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,* for my hope is from him.

⁶He only is my rock and my salvation, my | fortress;*

I shall not be shaken.

⁷On God rests my salvation and my | glory;* my mighty rock, my refuge | is God.

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

⁹Those 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.

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<sup>10</sup>Put no trust in extortion;
set no vain hopes on | robbery;*
if riches increase, set not your | heart on them.
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11Once God has spoken;
 twice have I | heard this:*
 that power belongs to God,
 12 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.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:14–20

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

The Gospel is read...

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

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

Sit

HYMN

"May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"

LSB 698



SERMON

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
 - Lord God, heavenly Father, You desire not the death of a sinner but that all would repent and believe the Gospel. In the epiphany of Your Son, Your time of salvation and Your kingdom have come near. As this world passes away, give faithfulness and urgency to Your Church to proclaim the Gospel of our God to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Lord of the harvest, as You called Simon Peter and Andrew, James and John to follow You and made them fishers of men, so send faithful preachers of Your Gospel in our time. Increase the spirit of generosity to all who support the

missionaries, seminaries, colleges and other institutions of our Church for the spread of the Gospel and the service of God's people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Eternal Lord, in view of every current distress as the present form of this world passes away, give constancy and contentment to Your people in their God-given stations. Give comfort and faithfulness to the married, and strengthen them to pass on the faith to the next generation. Show kindness also to the unmarried and assure them of the holiness of their place in life, that they would be freed from anxiety and attend to holiness in body and spirit, undividedly devoted to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Almighty God, preserve our nation with its rulers. Call to repentance those who have forgotten You. Spare Joseph, our president; ________, our governor; and all who serve for the good of this people. Do not let disaster befall us, but preserve us in peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Merciful Father, turn us from every distracting anxiety and the dealings of this world that would draw our hearts away from Your blessed Gospel and its end, eternal life. Give us confidence in the resurrection and the peace of a clean conscience by the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name. Graciously behold and help those for whom we pray [especially _______]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Gracious Lord, in Your Holy Sacrament You deliver the Gospel proclaimed by Your Son and won by His death in His true body and blood. Work repentance and faith in all who commune, and unite them in a sincere confession of Your divine truth at this altar. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C Amen.

PAX DOMINI

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

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Food Baskets for the DR

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OFFERING

MISSION MINUTE

give us

"May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill" **VOLUNTARY** setting: J. Bender Stand **OFFERTORY** LSB 955 Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were may be fed with the bread of life. sown, That we Gath - er the U - nite them with the prayers hopes and the dreams of all; we of - fer Grace ta - ble with Your now. our pres - ence, and

A fore-taste of the feast

to

come.

John Kinney

★ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

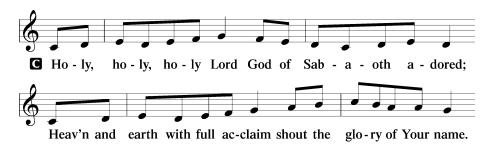
PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **@** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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:

SANCTUS LSB 208





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.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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

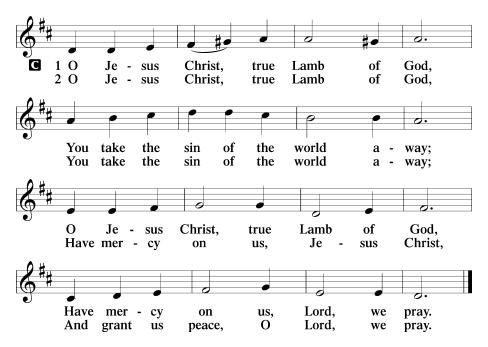
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

AGNUS DEI LSB 210



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HYMN

"O Father, All Creating"

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1 O Fa - ther, all cre - at - ing, Whose wis-dom, love, and pow'r
2 With good wine, Lord, at Ca - na The wed-ding feast You blessed.
3 O Spir - it of the Fa - ther, Breathe on them from a - bove,
4 Un - less You build it, Fa - ther, The house is built in vain;



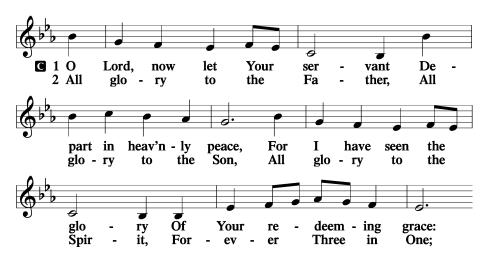
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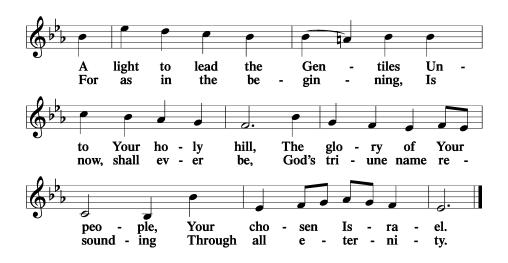
"Communion Pastorale"

J. Rasley

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS LSB 211





POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- Let us pray. 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, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **G** Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- 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 Christ, Who Called the Twelve"

LSB 856



Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

arr. O. Young

<u>NOTES</u>

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