

# Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 20 & 21, 2018

5:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

Peter, Andrew, James, and John were fishermen by trade. Jesus invited them to follow Him, promising He would make them fishers of men. What could this possibly mean? The prophet Jonah may provide a clue. Swallowed, and then regurgitated by a great fish after running from God, Jonah was given another chance to cast a Gospel net for the people of Nineveh. With only the lure of Jonah's brief, Law-heavy sermon, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!", God reeled in a bountiful Kingdom-catch, saving more than 120,000 people and animals in that city. Jesus' own preaching announces the fullness of time, the presence of God's reign, and invites repentance and faith in the Good News from God, which He embodies and enacts. This message—proclaimed and sacramentally enacted—is the net by which Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies people under God's gracious reign.

## PRELUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

setting by John A. Behnke

*The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence of God.*

## ✘ PREPARATION ✘

*Please stand*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

400 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

## INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**

**O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!**

**Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,**

**Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.**

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Leader:** Let us pray.

**People:** **O Lord our God, Your Word summons us to discipleship. Give us grace to relinquish control of our lives, so that we may serve You only, faithfully fulfilling our part in Your plan for the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

## **WELCOME**

### **✘ WORD ✘**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

*(The people of Nineveh repent at the preaching of Jonah.)*

<sup>1</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

<sup>3</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city--a visit required three days. <sup>4</sup> On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned." <sup>5</sup> The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

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<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 139:1-18

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.

People: **You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

Leader: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

People: **Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.**

Leader: You hem me in--behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.

People: **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.**

Leader: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

People: **If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

Leader: If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

People: **even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.**

Leader: If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"

People: **even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

Leader: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

People: **I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

Leader: My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place.  
People: **When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body.**

Leader: All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.  
People: **How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!**

Leader: Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.  
People: **When I awake, I am still with you.**

## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 7:29–31

*(Time is short. Jesus claims our attention.)*

<sup>29</sup> What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they had none; <sup>30</sup> those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; <sup>31</sup> those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

5:00 "You Are Mine"  
8:30 "Creator, Keeper, Caring Lord"

David Haas  
arr. by Richard Gieseke

*Please stand*

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 1:14–20

*(Jesus invites His followers to become fishers of men.)*

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>18</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>19</sup> When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup> Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **HYMN OF THE WORD**

**856** O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

*Please stand*

## 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.

## OFFERING

“The Peace May be Exchanged” (from RUBRICS)

Dan Locklair

*Please stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**+++ Special Intercessions +++**

**Each concluding:** L: Lord, in Your mercy, P: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

*In the Lord's Supper we receive Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. The two great blessings of the Lord's Supper are the forgiveness of sins and strength to live an improved Christian life. In response to the Lord's command we are to examine ourselves privately prior to partaking of the Sacrament. There are three basic questions on which we should examine ourselves, all of which we should be able to answer in the affirmative if we are to partake of the Sacrament worthily: 1) Am I truly sorry for my sins? 2) Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior? 3) Do I promise with God's help to live a Christian life? If you agree with the above statement, we invite you to the Sacrament.*

### PREFACE

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

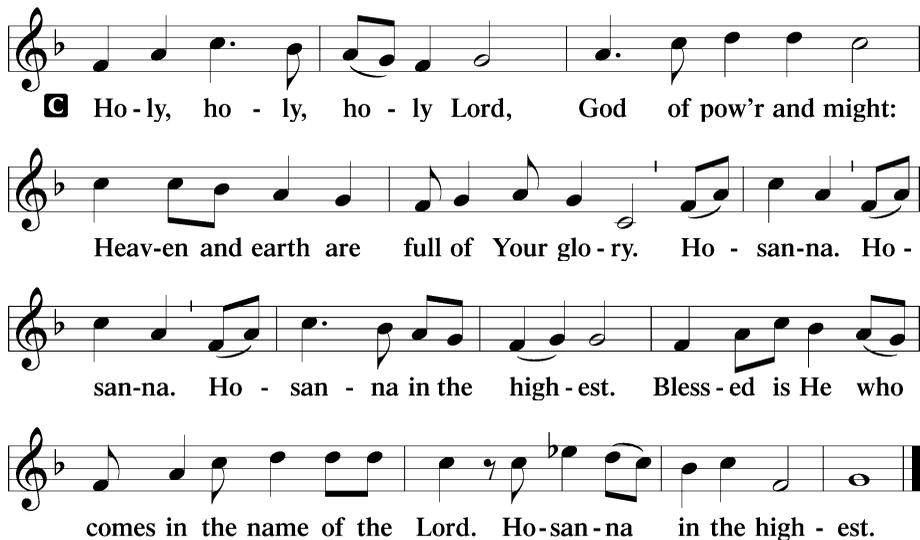
**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Pastor:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: 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 is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

## PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

## AGNUS DEI

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*If you wish to take communion in the pew, please raise your hand when the communion assistant comes down the aisle.*

*When the wine is distributed, individual glasses will be offered first, then the common cup. Communicants may take whichever is preferred. If taking the individual glass, please keep the glass visible so that the communion assistant with the common cup will know who has already communed.*

*Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion tray for those who have a sensitivity to the alcohol in wine.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- 409 Hail, O Source of Every Blessing
- 839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light
- 750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper 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.

**People: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please turn towards the cross as it is carried out of the church, and remain facing it until the hymn is completed. This symbolizes our following Christ into the world as we leave.*

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**735** Have No Fear, Little Flock

## **POSTLUDE**

Festive Postlude on "Monkland"

Albert L. Travis

## Life Thought from Lutherans For Life

Deep grief and dense guilt have descended upon our people like a darkness (*Isaiah 9:2*) because death is viewed and used as a solution. Only the Gospel that Jesus Christ has come with a kingdom of forgiving grace (*Matthew 4:17*) can break any gloom's grip. Faith in His ways may feel ineffective, old-fashioned, and foolish (*I Corinthians 1:17-18*), but even through our clumsy conversations and awkward interactions, God's love heals every disease and affliction (*Matthew 4:23*). Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten our land's darkness by bringing Your Spirit among us through Your Word. Amen.

*The month of January is when we focus on and celebrate the sanctity of human life.*

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

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## Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m. David Shudy
	8:30 a.m. Norman Meyer
	11:00 a.m. Theodore Laesch
Lectors:	8:30 a.m. Marilyn Kreitner
	11:00 a.m. Alex Uttley
Acolytes:	5:00 p.m. Jordan Moore
	8:30 a.m. Keeley Ambler
	11:00 a.m. Kayla Rainey
Soloists:	5:00 p.m. Ellory Glenn
	8:30 a.m. Denise Koch
Choirs:	8:30 a.m. Chapel Handbells
	11:00 a.m. Chapel Handbells Choral Singers
Directors:	Jen Schmidt & Ryan Meyer
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer
Radio Announcer:	Steve Brutlag
Elder of the Week:	Jerry Bowen