

WELCOME

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 24, 2021



“CHRIST IS CALLING”

AS WE GATHER

The Lord always sets the right time for the right people to be used for His mission and purposes. Throughout the Old Testament, He spoke through prophets to proclaim His Word, call the people to repentance, and turn back into a relationship with Him. As His own beloved Son, our Savior, came into the world when the time was right, God used John the Baptist to prepare the way for Christ. As John’s ministry and calling people to repentance would cease, and Jesus’ earthly ministry began, Jesus echoed and perfectly fulfilled all that would come to fruition in and through Him. As Christ calls His first disciples, the call to repentance and faith continued. Even today, as we gather in His name, that same call through those the Lord has placed in His right time is heard with open ears and willing hearts within His Church, that we may live faithful lives of repentance and faith as we follow Him.

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign”

(LSB 832)

**1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,
and endless praises crown His head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.**

**3 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on His love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on His name.**

**4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
the prisoners leap, unloose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**5 Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 113:1–3*

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,

People: praise the name of the LORD!

Pastor: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE



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

HYMN OF PRAISE “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”
(LSB 873, Sts. 1 & 3)

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only light.
Sun of righteousness, arise; triumph o’er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Visit then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief
Fill me, radiancy divine, Scatter all my unbelief.
More and more Thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, as the call to follow You comes to us through Your Word, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we trust and serve You in repentance and faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jonah 3:1–5, 10 (The Lord causes repentance of the Ninevites through Jonah’s preaching.)*

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

¹⁰ 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

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EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 7:29–35* (As time grows short, Paul encourages faithful use of time.)

²⁹ 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, ³⁰ 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, ³¹ 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.

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

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Mark 1:15* (spoken together)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve
The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith,
The ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray,
By Your empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek
Their light, their life, their Lord.**

**4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve
On roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim
The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith
Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains
Both life and ministry.**

**5 O Christ, the apostles' Lord,
The martyrs' strength and song,
The crucified and risen King
To whom the saints belong:
Though generations pass,
Our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
Our lives an offering.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

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

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

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

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper 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 Your call to repentance has been made from the prophets of old, to John the Baptist, to Your own Son, the Holy One who has destroyed the power of the devil and gives the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation by His sacrifice on the cross. 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 “Holy, Holy Lord Almighty” (TUNE: *LSB 803*)

**Holy, holy Lord almighty,
You are Lord of life and light.
Heav’n and earth are filled with glory,
Glory You have shined in might.
Shout hosanna! Shout hosanna!
Blest is He, the truth, light, way!
Shout hosanna! Shout hosanna!
Save us now, dear Lord, we pray.**

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

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 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.”**

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God, the Hope of Sinners”

(Tune: *LSB 803*)

**Lamb of God, the hope of sinners,
You have cleansed each spot and stain.
Send Your light and shine Your glory
That the world may see again.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**Grant us peace, O Lord, we pray!
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Bring us to Your endless day.**

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+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

**1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

Refrain:

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**2 Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]**

**3 Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love. [Refrain]**

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN

(LSB 632)

**O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.**

**Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with the body and blood of your dear Son in, with, and under bread and wine. Strengthen our faith in You and in our love for others in Your kingdom and throughout our community, country, and world, as we hear Your call, follow where You lead, and rejoice in the grace You bestow, 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: 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: 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 ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”
(*LSB* 918)

**1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.**

**Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **Preacher: Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald**
- **Liturgist: Rev. Maurice Lind**
- **Organist: George Kelm**
- **Reader: Peter Voigt**
- **A/V Team: Stan & Cheryl Grey, Josh Walton**
- **Our shut-ins always appreciate hearing from you:
Diane Gaertner -The Bay at Burlington Health & Rehab
Ctr. 677 E. State Street, Burlington, WI 53105
Alma Paradies – 271 Quail Drive, Genoa City, WI 53128**
- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald
(oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests. We are
not collecting prayer request cards.**

- **A FAITH THAT STANDS UP TO CHALLENGES:**
Wed, Jan 27, 6:30-7:20 (In the Sanctuary)
“Standing Firm: Christian Response to Hostility and Persecution”- Pastor Maurice Lind

Wed, Feb 3, 6:30-7:20 (In the Fellowship Hall)
“Bible Prophecies Fulfilled: Scripture’s Truthfulness Demonstrated” - Mike Gomski

Wed, Feb 10, 6:30-7:20 (In the Sanctuary)
“A Musical Foray into Our Experiences with Christ” - Pastor Oswald and George Kelm

BIRTHDAYS

1/26 Gary Estes
1/27 Ken Stade

Opportunities to Serve the Lord This Week

1/25/21 – 1/31/21

Wednesday: 4:30pm: Confirmation Class
6:30pm: Bible Study

Saturday: 9:30am: Worship Service

Sunday: 8:15am: Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am: Worship Service
10:15 am: Bible Study
Children’s Sunday School