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To Our Guests and Visitors

We WELCOME all our friends in Christ who have come to worship with us. If you are a guest, please feel at home with us, sign our guest register, and worship with us whenever you are able. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider becoming a part of our church family.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY JANUARY 27, 2013

Today's Order of Service ... Setting Three Page 184 - 193

Verse for Meditation: *Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia. (Luke 4:18a)*

(Worshippers who have difficulty rising and standing during our services may remain seated with our complete understanding.)

HYMN ... #905 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

THE INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: Amen. (Sung) *(Matthew 28:19-20)*

BAPTISM LSB 268

Archer Ferguson and Kegann Gilmore

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
(Heb. 10:22)

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth. (Sung) *(Psalm 124:8)*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Sung) *(Psalm 32:5)*

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. *(Mark 16:16, John 1:12)*

C: Amen.

*The Confession of Sins is an introductory office which provides a helpful preparation for each day's worship, not just on Sundays, but each day that we begin with the Lord. We lay down our burdens before entering upon the praises of God. **

THE INTROIT *Ps. 102:18-22; Ps. 102:13* *(See pages 6-7)*

*The word "introit" means 'entrance' or 'beginning' and it marks the actual beginning of the service. The Introit is an important and meaningful element in the liturgy tying in the assigned readings and prayers for the day. **

THE GLORIA PATRI (Glory be to the Father) **(Sung)**

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.

*The Gloria Patri distinguishes the Christian use of the Psalter and connects the Old Testament texts with the latter and fuller revelation of the New Testament. **

THE KYRIE (O Lord) *(Mark 10:47)* **(Sung)**

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*The Kyrie is the first part of the Greek phrase 'Kyrie eleison' which means 'Lord, have mercy' which is the surviving fragment of a brief prayer from the early church. **

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

C: Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT (2 Timothy 4:22)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit. (Sung)
Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Prior to sacramental acts such as the reading of God's Word or the administration of the Sacraments, we have the Salutation and response as a sort of introduction to a new and different part of the service. **

P: Let us pray:

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. (Sung)

*The Collect is a brief but significant prayer which the church appoints in this place for each Sunday or festival. The minister, expressing the thought of the entire congregation, reads it aloud at the altar. **

OLD TESTAMENT Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (See pages 6-7)

In the service so far we have been approaching the altar of God, speaking to God in repentance, praise, and prayer. Now we wait in reverent silence while God speaks from His Word. From apostolic times the reading of carefully chosen lessons from the Bible has been an important feature and indeed the high point of the first part of

*Christian liturgy. Traditionally the first reading comes from the Old Testament although this changes during the season of Easter when lessons are sometimes taken from the book of Acts.**

After the reading:

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (See pages 6-7)

*The second reading or Epistle (meaning letter) is the word of Christian law, but the law within the breath of the New Testament. In some early worship books, the Epistle was called the Apostle since it is usually taken from the letters of the apostles. **

After the reading:

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE CHOIR HYMN... #725 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 4:16-30 (See pages 6-7)

*The Gospel is the liturgical summit of the first half of the service. The 'Office of the Word.' It usually presents the central thought or theme of the day. The four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) from which the liturgical Gospel is chosen have always stood apart from the rest of Holy Scripture as giving a clear and living picture of the divine person of our Lord. **

P: The Holy Gospel is written in the 4th Chapter of St. Luke, beginning at the sixteenth verse.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord! (Sung)

The Holy Gospel is read

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ! (Sung)

THE SERMON HYMN... #658 "Preserve Your Word, O Savior"

THE SERMON

THE OFFERTORY (Psalm 51:10-12) (Sung)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

OFFERING HYMN... #605 *“Father Welcomes”* Choir Hymn

THE GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

THE GENERAL PRAYER (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

(After each petition:)

P: “Lord in Your Mercy,”

C: **“Hear our Prayer.”**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

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 COLLECT

C: **Amen. (Sung)**

THE BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

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 give You peace.

C: **Amen, Amen, Amen. (Sung)**

CLOSING HYMN... #577 *“Almighty God, Your Word is Cast”*

**All explanations and definitions are based on The Lutheran Liturgy
by Luther D. Reed. Philadelphia: Muhlenberg Press, 1947.*

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ...

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 12:7, 13