

# Christ Lutheran Church

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"Today this scripture has been  
fulfilled in your hearing."

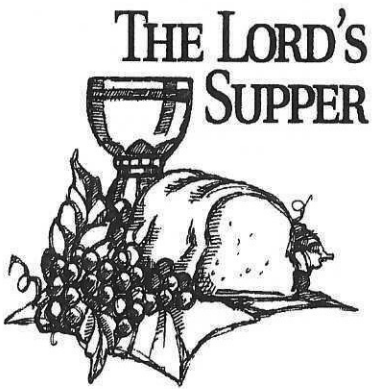
**LUKE 4:21, NRSU**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
JESUS IS THE GOOD NEWS

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## TODAY'S MESSAGE: JESUS IS THE GOOD NEWS

In today's Gospel Reading, Jesus enters the synagogue in His hometown of Nazareth, reads a passage from Isaiah which begins with the words, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," and after reading, He says, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." When He was baptized (anointed), the Spirit came upon Jesus so that the world would know that He is the "anointed One" (the "Messiah", the "Christ") who came to "proclaim good news to the poor... liberty to the captives... recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." In our baptism, we received the Spirit. The Spirit makes us one as the body of Christ and the Spirit is on us to give sight to the blind and freedom to those captive to sin... as we proclaim the good news of Jesus to all people!



In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord's Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

*Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.*

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord's Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way:

(1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord's Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God's Word says concerning the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper".

Those not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, keep your hands down and folded and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.

## **✚ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✚**

[“Divine Service: Setting Three” from LSB p.184]

*Please silence – or turn off – all phones and electronic devices before and during the service.*

Welcome

Opening Hymn

“To Your Temple, Lord, I Come”

LSB 981

**To your temple, Lord, I come, for it is my worship home.  
This earth has no better place. Here I see my Savior’s face.**

**I through him am reconciled. I through him become your child.  
Abba, Father, give me grace, in your courts your love to trace.**

**While your glorious praise is sung, touch my lips, unloose my tongue,  
That my joyful soul may bless, Christ the Lord, my Righteousness.**

**While the prayers of saints ascend, God of love, to mine attend.  
Hear me, for your Spirit pleads. Hear, for Jesus intercedes.**

**While I listen to your Law, fill my soul with humble awe,  
Till your Gospel bring to me, life and immortality.**

**While your ministers proclaim, peace and pardon in your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I, hear you speaking from the sky.**

**From your house when I return, may my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say, “I have walked with God today.”**

Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b*

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

**C:** *(sung)* **A - - - men**

Confession of Sins

*Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 1:8-9*

**P:** Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

*Psalms 124:8*

**C:** *(sung)* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.  
C: *(sung)* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

*Psalm 32:5*

**ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. 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.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*John 20:19-23*

C: *(sung)* **A - - - men.**

### Entrance Psalm [ESV]

*Psalm 19*

P: The heavens declare the glory of God and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

C: **There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

P: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

C: **Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

P: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

C: **The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.**

P: The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

C: **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

P: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

C: **Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

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- P:** Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
- C:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

**ALL:** The heavens declare the glory of God and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Hymn of Praise

“From All that Dwell Below the Skies”

LSB 816

**From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator’s praise arise: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung, through every land by every tongue.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Eternal are your mercies Lord. Eternal truth attends your Word. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**All praise to God the Father be. All praise, eternal Son, to thee. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Whom with the Spirit we adore, forever and forevermore.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Opening Prayer

**ALL:** Eternal Father, who sent your Son to redeem our sinful world, forgive all indifference in us that allows anyone to die without hearing the Good News of Jesus and His love, and keep us always mindful that we are His witnesses to all nations and to all people; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading [ESV]

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion – to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

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

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” . . . If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading [ESV]

Luke 4:14-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Children's Message

### Sermon Hymn

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

LSB 411 (ALL verses)

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

#### REFRAIN

**In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God, I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness shine on my path and show me the way to the Father.**

#### REFRAIN

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.**

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### Sermon

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**In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

### Confession of Faith

#### 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.**

**Offertory** *(sung)*

*Psalm 51:10-12*

**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** *(Greet those seated near you. You may say, "The peace of the Lord be with you.")*

*[If you are a guest, please feel under no obligation to give anything, but receive this worship service as our gift to you. For the members and friends of this congregation, our mission and ministry is dependent upon your generous giving, a significant act of our worship.]*

**Offering Prayer**

*[LSB 781 (v.1-2)]*

**P:** We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

**C:** **May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive. And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give! Amen.**

**Prayers**

## **✠ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠**

*VISITORS and MEMBERS*

*Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.*

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

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C:** *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

*Colossians 3:1*

**C:** *(sung)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

*Psalm 136*

**C:** *(sung)* **It is good and right so to do.**

**P:** 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, and now we praise you that you sent us your only-begotten Son and that in him, being found in fashion as a man, you 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 saying:

**Sanctus** (*sung*)

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He. Blessed is He. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Lord's Prayer**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**ALL: 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 Our Lord**

*Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

**P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed . . .**

**P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

*John 20:19*

**C: (*sung*) A - - - - - men.**

**Agnus Dei** (*sung*)

*John 1:29*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.... A - - - - - men.**

**Distribution Hymns**

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

**LSB 839**

**O Christ, our true and only light, enlighten those who sit in night.**

**Let those afar now hear Your voice, and in Your fold with us rejoice.**

**Fill with the radiance of Your grace, the souls now lost in error's maze.**

**Enlighten those whose inmost minds, some dark delusion haunts and blinds.**

**O gently call those gone astray, that they may find the saving way!**

**Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed, in You find peace and heav'nly rest.**

**Shine on the darkened and the cold. Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.  
Unite all those who walk apart. Confirm the weak and doubting heart.**

**That they with us may evermore, such grace with wond'ring thanks adore,  
And endless praise to You be giv'n, by all Your Church in earth and heav'n.**

**"Christ the Eternal Lord"**

**LSB 829**

**Christ the eternal Lord, whose promise here we claim,  
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured, on all who name Your name.  
With thankfulness and praise, we stand before Your throne,  
Intent to serve You all our days, and make Your glory known.**

**Christ the unchanging Word, to ev'ry passing age,  
Whose timeless teachings still are heard, set forth on Scripture's page.  
Transform our thought and mind, enlighten all who read,  
Within Your Word by faith to find, the bread of life indeed.**

**Christ the redeeming Son, who shares our human birth,  
And by His death salvation won, for ev'ry child of earth.  
Inspire our hearts, we pray, to tell Your love abroad,  
That all may honor Christ today, and follow Him as Lord.**

**Christ the unfading Light, of everlasting day,  
Our Morning Star in splendor bright, the Life, the Truth, the Way.  
That light of truth You give, to servants as to friends,  
Your way to walk, Your life to live, till earth's brief journey ends.**

**Christ the ascended King, exalted high above,  
Whose praise unending ages sing, whom yet unseen we love.  
When mortal life is past, Your voice from heaven's throne,  
Shall call Your children home at last, to know as we are known.**

**"On Galilee's High Mountain"**

**LSB 835**

**On Galilee's high mountain, Christ gave the great command,  
In words of strength and promise, which all can understand:**

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**"All pow'r to Me is given, to do what I shall choose."**

**"Therefore I send My children, their witness I will use."**

**The Lord who, born of Mary, came down as man and died,  
Who preached to all who listened, for us was crucified –  
This Lord, our living brother, in pow'r at God's right hand,  
Has chosen us to carry, His truth to ev'ry land.**

**His strength within my weakness, will make me bold to say,  
How His redeeming power, transforms my stubborn clay.  
His touch of fire ignites me, with courage I am sent.  
My tongue-tied silence broken, with grace made eloquent.**

**And not alone to nations, in far away retreats,  
But ev'rywhere I broadcast, His love through crowded streets.  
The lives that my life touches, however great or small –  
Let them through me see Jesus, who served and saved us all.**

**That ev'ryone He chooses, for reasons of His own,  
Will find in Christ his calling, to live His love alone.  
His presence always leads us, till time no more shall be.  
Christ's strength, His love, His comfort, give us His victory.**

**(STAND) Lord, gather all Your children, wherever they may be,  
And lead them on to heaven, to live eternally.  
With You, our loving Father, and Christ, our brother dear,  
Whose Spirit guards and gives us, the joy to persevere**

**Nunc Dimittis (sung)**

*Luke 2:29-32*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face  
of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the  
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.**

*Psalms 107:1*

**C: (sung) And His mercy endureth forever.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**ALL:** 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. Amen.

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

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C:** *(sung)* And with thy spirit.

**P:** Bless we the Lord.

*Psalms 103:1*

**C:** *(sung)* Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C:** *(sung)* A - men, A - men, A - - men.

## Closing Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign”

LSB 832

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

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

**People and realms of ev’ry tongue, dwell on His love with sweetest song.  
And infant voices shall proclaim, their early blessings on His name.**

**Blessings abound wher e’er He reigns. The pris’ners leap, unloose their chains.  
The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let ev’ry creature rise and bring, honors peculiar to our King.  
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.**

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