

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 23, 2022

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: At Easter, on the road to Emmaus, the Lord Jesus taught us how all the Scriptures ultimately point to Him and His ministry of salvation. Today, we hear the same claim at the beginning of His ministry. Quoting Isaiah 61, He tells His hometown neighbors, *“Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing”* (Luke 4:21). They were impressed. But only for a short moment. Not everyone will listen to the Word of God until it first inspires repentance over sin. Only when God gets us to face up to our real need, the forgiveness of sins, does the Spirit of God work true faith in the heart that results in praise of God who saves us. The world wants only to cover up and does not like hearing God call what we are doing and what we are sin. In a strange way, however, the Christian actually likes getting honest and facing up to sin, confessing it in order to receive God’s gift of forgiveness and new life. As one Body in Christ, we respond with one voice in praise to God.

PREPARATION

(Please stand)

HYMN

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” *LSB 398*

**Hail to the Lord's anointed
Great David's greater son
Hail in the time appointed
His reign on earth begun
He comes to break oppression
To set the captive free
To take away transgression
And rule in equity**

**He comes with rescue speedy
To those who suffer wrong
To help the poor and needy
And bid the weak be strong
To give them songs for sighing
Their darkness turn to light
Whose souls condemned and dying
Were precious in His sight**

**He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth
Love joy hope like flowers
Spring in His path to birth
Before Him on the mountains
Shall peace the herald go
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow**

**Kings shall fall down before Him
And gold and incense bring
All nations shall adore Him
His praise all people sing
To Him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend
His kingdom still increasing
A kingdom without end**

**O'er ev'ry foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest
From age to age more glorious
All blessing and all-blest
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove
His name shall stand forever
That name to us in Love**

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Romans 7:12, 22–24*

Pastor: The law is holy, and the commandment is holy
and righteous and good.

**People: For I delight in the law of God, in my inner
being,**

Pastor: but I see in my members another law waging war
against the law of my mind and making me

captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

People: Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

(Please be seated or kneel for the confession and absolution)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.

People: To You, O God, we confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and deeds, and also by the good that we have failed to do. Our love for You and for our neighbors has been weak or even dead. By Your Law, You reveal the judgment we rightly deserve. Because Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, has fulfilled Your Law on our behalf, we beg Your forgiveness and grace to restore us to life with You in the fellowship of all believers. Amen.

Pastor: Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ, our Lord! In the stead and by the command of our Savior, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 102:18–22; antiphon v. 13*

Pastor: Thou wilt arise and have compassion on Zion; For it is time to be gracious to her, For the appointed

time has come. This will be written for the generation to come; That a people yet to be created may praise the Lord. For He looked down from His holy height; From heaven the Lord gazed upon the earth, To hear the groaning of the prisoner; To set free those who were doomed to death; That men may tell of the name of the Lord in Zion, And His praise in Jerusalem; When the peoples are gathered together, And the kingdoms, to serve the Lord. Thou wilt arise and have compassion on Zion; For it is time to be gracious to her, For the appointed time has come.

GLORIA PATRI (sing)

**All: 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.**

KYRIE (sing)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Gloria In Excelsis, Glory to God in the Highest” *LSB 154*

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

People: (sing)

**Lord God, heavenly king almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for
your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,
Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive
our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One. You alone are the
Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, Your Word clearly shows Your love for the world in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Give to us both heartfelt repentance and faith that we may rejoice together and praise Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,

our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10 ESV*

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then

he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 12:12–31a ESV*

For 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. ¹⁵ 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.” On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and

our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more representable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 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. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH (sung)

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

People: (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 4:16-30 ESV*

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.” And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?” And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was

cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, he went away.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED Nicene Creed

All: 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 shall 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

worshipped 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.

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Hark the Glad Sound” *LSB 349 vs 1-3*

Hark the glad sound

The Savior comes

The Savior promised long

Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne

And ev’ry voice a song

He comes the pris’ners to release

In Satan’s bondage held

The gates of brass before Him burst

The iron fetters yield

He comes the broken heart to bind

The bleeding soul to cure

And with the treasures of His grace

To enrich the humble poor

(Please be seated)

+ SERMON+

“Gathered, Hearing, Praising”

Text: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Sermon Theme: As we gather, hear, and respond, we see the power of the Word of God in Jesus Christ.

Sermon Goal: That each and everyone present would rejoice at the hearing of God’s Word and its power, especially as we gather in worship.

Outline: as we gather, hear and respond, we see the power of the word of God in Jesus Christ.

- I. The Word of God powerfully gathers his people
- II. The Word of God powerfully opens ears and hearts.
- III. The Word of God powerfully moves hearers to respond in repentance and joy.

(Please stand)

OFFERTORY *LSB pages 192-193 (we sing)*

All:

**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.**

(please be seated or kneel for the prayer)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord God, we give You thanks that You have gathered us together from our solitary lives to be a united family in the forgiveness of our sins. We thank You for Your wonderful grace and mercy, which You have revealed to us and to the whole world in Your Son, Jesus Christ. As we have faithfully heard Your mighty Word this day, cause our hearts to rejoice and respond in glad praise to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant unity and blessing to Your whole Church on earth. Give her grace and power to faithfully proclaim Your perfect Law and glorious Gospel. Bless all preachers of Your Word and those who serve You and the world in their various vocations. Grant that many be drawn by Your Spirit to join us in the fellowship of all the saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord, graciously bless, protect, and defend our nation, its elected leaders, and especially those who serve bravely in the military and all the agencies that help and protect us. Bind all citizens of our country in a common allegiance and obedience to Your will and the rule of law. Bless all who care for the poor, the downtrodden, and the lonely. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: As Your Son came to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, so bring comfort and healing to all who are sick or have any other adversity, . . . Grant Your help and blessing to all who minister to them in any need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand)

✠ SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

PROPER PREFACE

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 by the Spirit and Your Word He has brought the light of Your truth and the liberty of the forgiveness of sins to all who

put their trust in Him. 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 (Sing) LSB 195

**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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: 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. Though the unbelieving world rejects Him and thereby rejects Your gift of life, nevertheless He has poured out His lifeblood in the face of death to deliver all from death. In repentance and faith, we here receive Him in the most intimate way, praising You for Your eternal gift. Hear us as we pray as You have taught us:

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

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."

PAX DOMINI

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (Sung) LSB 198

**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. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Your Table I Approach” LSB 628

**Your table I approach
Dear Savior hear my prayer
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there**

**Lord I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at your hands**

**Your body and Your blood
Once slain and shed for me
Are taken at Your table Lord
In blest reality**

**Search not how this takes place
This wondrous mystery
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be**

**O grant most blessed Lord
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind**

**Oh may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood
O God my peace and light**

(Please stand)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to
life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing
followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**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 with-out end. Amen**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Thanks and praise to You, O God, for Your kindness in the face of our greatest need. Help us to reflect Your great love, living in the forgiveness of sins and proclaiming the liberty of Your everlasting kingdom to all; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Almighty Father, Bless the Word” *LSB 836*

O God of light, Your word, a lamp unfailing
Shall pierce the darkness of our earth bound way
And show your grace, your plan for us unveiling
And guide our footsteps to the perfect day

Form days of old, through blind and willful ages
Though we rebelled, you gently sought again
And spoke through saints, apostles, prophets, sages,
Who wrote with eager or reluctant pen

Undimmed by time, those words are still revealing
To sinful hearts your justice and your grace
And questing spirits, longing for your healing
See Your compassion in the Savior's face

To all the world Your summons You are sending
Through all the earth, to ev'ry land and race
That myriad tongues, in one great anthem blending
May praise and celebrate Your gift of grace

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Glenn Cairns, Elder & Reader

Bill Switter, David Brown, & Kathy King, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you!!!

For all the prayers. Jim & Karen Bumgarner

Thank you from the Kids Club

The youth wish to thank all members and friends of
mount hope who participated in the kid's club
fundraising brunch for the purpose of supplying the
homeless with white socks

Kids Club donations

Collecting Men & Women WHITE socks to donate to a homeless shelter. Collection begins now until Jan. 31st. There will be a box for WHITE SOCKS ONLY placed in the Narthex/Hallway.

Quilters

Next Quilting: February 3rd & 17th

Attendance

Sunday January 16th 9:30 am 38

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

Ryan Driscoll – January 24th
Jesse Ladach – January 26th
Jordan Ladach – January 26th

For the Shut-Ins

Dorothy MacTavish, at home
George Morton, at home
Mack Mayfield, at home
Carmell Faulk, at home
Phyllis Witte, at home
Melvin Kimbrough, at home
Lynn Mayfield, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Family of Dorothy Magy, friend of Pam Benford, who was called to glory

Meghan McHenry, prayers for healing of her illness.

Mary Farrarelli, Frank Pignanelli's sister, hospitalized with stroke

Kathy Crosby, Glenn Cairns sister-in-law, down with covid

Art Warren, friend of Lori Wilson, surgery

Shirley Ripke, prayers of thanksgiving for a successful surgery and is at home, but needs our continued prayers

Barbara and Frank Parise, Frank Pignanelli's family, suffering from COVID

Lynn Mayfield, daughter of Mack Mayfield, with ruptured cervical discs, confined to a neck brace for another four weeks;

Melvin Kimbrough, Carolyn's husband, at home now with Carolyn, using her nursing skills to take care of him

For the family of Eddie Jones, Val Mason's brother, who was called to glory

Barbara Kuderik, friend of Janet Witte, we pray prayers of thanksgiving, surgery went well and she is home

Jack Gurney, Paul Utcai's Nephew, hospitalized;

Kent James, nephew of Linda Panich, has progressed wonderfully under the grace of God with only a small patch on his foot that may have to have a skin graft