

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Sunday, January 24, 2021 9:30 am

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

HYMN OF INVOCATION (Please Stand)

"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake" LSB 688

**Come follow Me the Savior spake
All in My way abiding
Deny yourselves the world forsake
Obey My call and guiding
O bear the cross whate'er betide
Take My example for your guide**

**I am the light I light the way
A godly life displaying
I bid you walk as in the day
I keep your feet from straying
I am the way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below**

**My heart abounds in lowliness
My soul with love is glowing
And gracious words My lips express
With meekness overflowing
My heart My mind My strength My all
To God I yield on Him I call**

**I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul's salvation
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free
From sin and its temptation
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav'nly goal**

**Then let us follow Christ our Lord
And take the cross appointed
And firmly clinging to His Word
In suff'ring be undaunted
For those who bear the battle's strain
The crown of heav'nly life obtain**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of
the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

People: (Sing) **Amen.**

Pastor: 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. Hebrews 10:22

(You are invited to kneel, or to be seated)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: (Sing) **who made heaven and earth.** Psalm 124:8

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the
Lord,

People: (Sing) **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalm 32:5

**People: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor,
miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins
and iniquities with which I have ever offended**

Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me a poor, sinful being.

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

[John 20:19-23]

People: (Sing) **Amen.**

(Please Sit)

THE FIRST READING *Jonah 3:1-5, 10 ESV*

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

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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 7:29-35 ESV*

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

(Please Stand for the Gospel)

People: (Sing) **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

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

People: (Sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:14-20 ESV*

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is

fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Reader: Here endeth the Gospel.

People: (Sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please Sit)

"Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower" LSB 694

Thee will I love, my strength, my tower

Thee will I love, my hope, my joy

Thee will I love with all my power

With ardor time shall ne'er destroy

Thee will I love, O Light divine

So long as life is mine

Thee will I love, my life, my Savior

Who art my best and trusted friend

Thee will I love and praise forever

For never shall Thy kindness end

Thee will I love with all my heart

Thou my redeemer art

I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven
Whose radiance hath brought light to me

I thank Thee, who hast richly given

All that could make me glad and free

I thank Thee that my soul is healed

By what Thy lips revealed

O keep me watchful then and humble

Permit me never more to stray

Uphold me when my feet would stumble

And keep me on the narrow way

Fill all my nature with Thy light

O Radiance strong and bright

+++ SERMON +++

We Do Not have to be Reluctant Messengers of Life, when we have such a powerful and positive message of life.

- I. Jonah should not have been such a reluctant messenger, when his message of repentance and life was God's message.
- II. The Church need not be a reluctant messenger, when its message is God's powerful message of protecting life, valuing life, and providing his life-giving forgiveness to those who repent.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Please remain seated)

Reader: 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

(Please rise for the Lord's Prayer)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)

**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**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Spoken by the Pastor)

THE DISTRIBUTION (Please Sit)

(See Communion policy on the front “Welcome” page of the bulletin or on the screen.)

Before approaching The Altar: (Kneel and say)

O Lord Jesus Christ Son Of The Living God, Who according to the will of The Father and through the operation of The Holy Spirit has given life to the world through Your death; by Your Most Sacred Body and Precious Blood deliver me from all my iniquities and from every evil, and make me ever cling to Your commandments, and permit me never to part from You.

Let not my reception of Your Body and Blood, which I, all unworthy, presume to eat and drink, be to my judgment and condemnation; but by Your mercy may it be to me for protection and health both of soul and body. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

After Returning to The Pew: (Kneel and say this or another prayer) O Lord Christ, I can never thank You enough for instituting this Most Blessed Sacrament of Your Most Holy Body and Blood. May it ever be for me salvation to life everlasting and strength for godly living. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus” LSB 919

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.**

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

People: (Sing) **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve you; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our

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

People: (Sing) **Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

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.

People: (Sing) **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus” LSB 919

**Abide O dearest Jesus
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place**

**Abide O dear Redeemer
Among us with Your Word
And thus now and here-after
True peace and joy afford
Abide with heav’nly brightness
Among us precious Light
Your truth direct and keep us
From error’s gloomy night**

**Abide with richest blessings
Among us bounteous Lord
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through Your Word**

**Abide with Your protection
Among us Lord our strength
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length
Abide O faithful Savior
Among us with Your love
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, *Pastor*

Marie Brown, *Organist*

Glenn Cairns, *Elder/Comm. Assist*

Glenn Cairns, *Reader*

Bill Switter, David Brown, & Kathy King, *Ushers*

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cards for members & friends of others

Everyone can sign the cards and they are in the narthex, or entry into the church sanctuary.

Thank You!

Many thanks to Jim & Karen Bumgarner, Pastor & Ruth for driving to Detroit Rescue Mission to deliver over 60 quilts.

Bev Kero

ATTENDANCE

January 17 9:30am 33

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

Ken & Joyce Kosmalski - January 30

Birthdays

Ryan Driscoll – January 24

For the Shut-Ins

Gladys Hill, at Beaumont Commons

Ken Knick, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Bill Morison, Sandy Cairns Father, Prayers of thanksgiving for good test results

Ronald Ladach Jr – Hospitalized with heart problems

The Family of Sam Duplessie – Laurie Pignanelli’s Sister, was called to her eternal home

Alan Hoye, Glenn Cairns Nephew, Aneurysm repair

Cathy Owens, Sandy Cairns Co-worker, Covid-19

Kati Berry, sister of Nancy Dajos, aneurysm

Louie Bigliardi, recovering from cataract surgery on 14th

Karen Morrison, Sister of Sandy Cairns, heart attack

Douglas, Eleanor Wirth’s Son, Home recovering

Ronda Smith, Glenn Cairns Cousin, recovering from Covid

Geraldine Simms, Glenn Cairns Cousin, recovering from Covid

Eric Witte, son of Phyllis Witte, side effects from Covid

Joyce Witte, Daughter in law of Phyllis Witte, reaction from cancer treatments

Place on your refrigerator

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 17th

In person worship 12 Noon & 7:00 PM
(with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes)

MIDWEEK OF LENT 1--February 24th

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website)

MIDWEEK OF LENT 2—March 3rd

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

MIDWEEK OF LENT 3—March 10th

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

MIDWEEK OF LENT 4—March 17th

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

MIDWEEK OF LENT 5—March 24th

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

PALM SUNDAY—March 28th

In person worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am

HOLY (MAUNDY) Thursday—April 1st

In person worship 12 Noon & 7:00 PM w/HC
Stripping of the altar for Good Friday

GOOD FRIDAY—April 2nd

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 4th EASTER SUNDAY

In person worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am