

**THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 24, 2021**

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Sunday

9:00 A.M.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

**Adult Bible Class &
Sunday School**

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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**“Now after John was put in
prison, Jesus came to
Galilee, preaching the
gospel of the kingdom of
God, and saying,**

**“The time is fulfilled,
and the kingdom of God is
at hand. Repent, and
believe in the gospel.”**

(Mark 1:14-15)

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

Next week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Almighty and everlasting God, as the call to follow You comes to me through Your Word, grant me Your Holy Spirit that I 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. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - When someone calls you on your phone, do you always answer? In our present day with caller identification, many are apt to let the call go to voicemail to wait and see what the message is and who it's from and at times wait to respond depending on the level of importance. How about when God calls? Especially, if that call is one to repentance? Do you answer? We hear in today's Readings of

the response of some. Jonah was a reluctant follower. He went to Nineveh begrudgingly, but through him God would issue a call for the Ninevites to repentance. Jesus would call Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow Him, and promised that through them, God would issue a call of repentance to many. In Baptism, God has called us to follow Him in a life of faith and repentance, and He promises that through us, others will also be called to that same repentance and new life.

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)





1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, “Who will go and work to - day?
 2 Some take up His task in morn - ing, To their Lord re - spond - ing soon;
 3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,
 4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com - ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?”
 Some are called in heat of mid - day, Oth - ers late in af - ter - noon;
 Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;
 When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de - scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
 E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,
 So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—
 Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, “Here am I, send me, send me”?
 There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God’s Word so rich - ly yields.
 Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.
 Then the souls His grace has gar - nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

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▲ INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

▲ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

▲ INTROIT *Psalm 113:1-2, 4, 7-8; antiphon: v. 3*

P From the rising of the sun to its going down the Lord's name is to be praised.

C Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

P Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

C The Lord is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens.

P He raises the poor out of the dust, and lifts the needy out of the ash heap,

C That He may seat him with princes—with the princes of His people.

P From the rising of the sun to its going down the Lord's name is to be praised.

▲ KYRIE



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

▲ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

▲ SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

▲ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jonah 3:1–5, 10*

(The Lord causes repentance of the Ninevites through Jonah's preaching.)

1 Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to 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, a three-day journey in extent. 4 And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" 5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. 10 Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 62; antiphon: v. 8*

P Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.

C Truly my soul silently waits for God; from Him comes my salvation.

P He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.

C How long will you attack a man? You shall be slain, all of you, like a leaning wall and a tottering fence.

P They only consult to cast him down from his high position; they delight in lies; they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly.

C My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him.

P He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved.

C In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

P Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.

C Surely men of low degree are a vapor, men of high degree are a lie; if they are weighed on the scales, they are altogether lighter than vapor.

P Do not trust in oppression, nor vainly hope in robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

C God has spoken once, twice I have heard this: that power belongs to God.

P Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy; for You render to each

one according to his work.

P Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.

HYMN

Fishers of Men

1 Lord, You once came to the seashore, searching not for the noble or mighty. Now, deeply yearning, You call me to follow.

REFRAIN: O Lord, You have lovingly found me, warmly smiling, my name You have spoken; left behind lies my boat on the sea shore, at Your side, Lord, we will fish in new seas.

2 Lord, by the pow'r of Your Spirit, help me tell of Your love and forgiveness, that others follow, proclaiming Your praises. **Refrain**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(Children remain seated)*

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 7:29–31 (32–35)

(As time grows short, Paul encourages faithful use of time.)

29 But this I say, brethren, the time is short, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as though they had none, 30 those who weep as though they did not weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though they did not possess, 31 and those who use this world as not misusing it. For the form of this world is passing away.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Δ ALLELUIA and VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Δ HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

(Jesus calls the first disciples to follow Him.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

14 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." 16 And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 17 Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." 18 They immediately left their nets and followed Him. 19 When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets. 20 And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

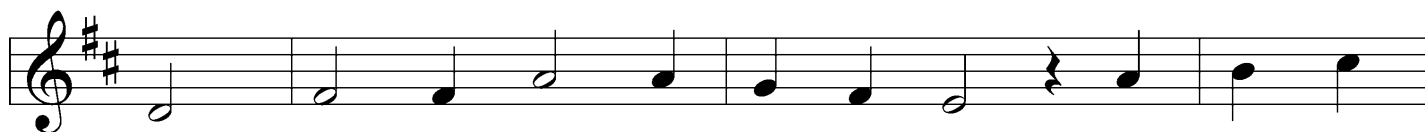
▲ APOSTLES CREED

All 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.





1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My
 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."

5 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.

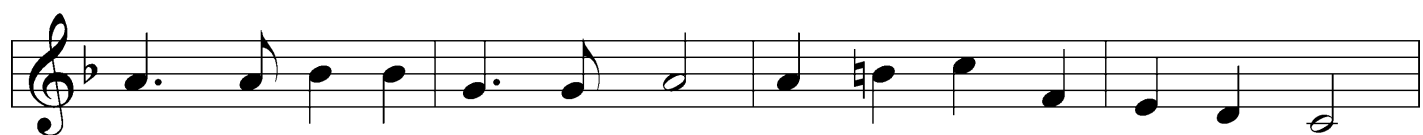


SERMON***"Beloved of the Father"***

(Mark 1:11)

OFFERING *(Please place your offering in the offering plate as you leave.)***OFFERTORY** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* **LSB 394**

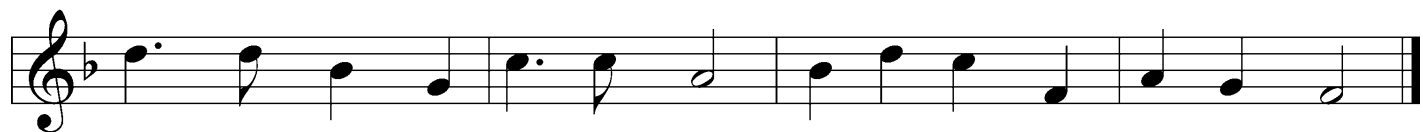
1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
 ▲ 4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
 Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.

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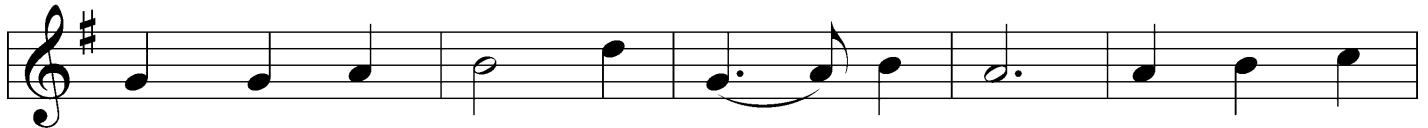
▲ **SHARING OF THE PEACE** *"Peace be with you" (John 20:21)*
[using ASL (American Sign Language)]

▲ **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P Lord, as You have called us as Your own, gathered us together, and enlightened us by Your Spirit through Your Word, we bring to You our prayer and praise. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for all people of the world, that the Epiphany light that shines the radiance of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, shine in the hearts and minds of all people. For those who are wayward and lost and for those who have rejected Your call to repentance and faith, we pray You use us in our words and witness to point to You that many more would faithfully follow.

C HYMN "O Christ, Our True and Only Light" **Sts. 1-2: LSB 839**



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - jice.
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.

P Ever-present Lord, be with Your Church on earth and the congregations in their work to serve and praise You and to be nourished by Your Word and Sacraments? Bless those You have called in roles of pastors and church workers that they faithfully speak and live Your Word of truth and that the call to a repentant and faithful life in Christ be followed. Continue to raise up called servants and leaders within Your Church for Your work and mission to continue that many more may know You and follow where You lead.

C HYMN "O Christ, Our True and Only Light" **St. 3: LSB 839**

3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may

find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science

sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.

P Lord of comfort and peace, be present with those who face various needs in mind, soul, and body, [especially . . .]. Grant healing according to Your will. Be with those who grieve that the assured promise of Christ's victory over death and the grave brings hope in times of hopelessness. For those who live in doubt, fear, and distress, extend Your call of grace through Your Word and those who proclaim it.

C HYMN "O Christ, Our True and Only Light" **St. 4: LSB 839**

4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the

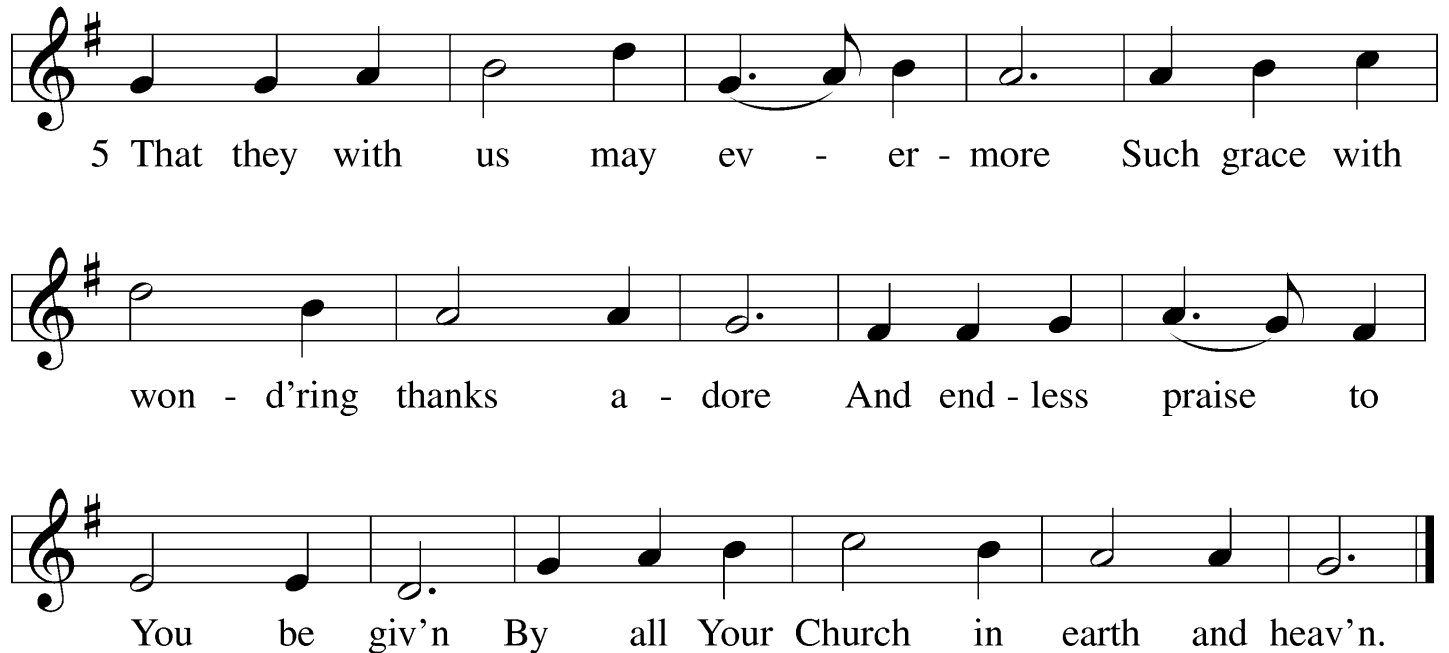
wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who

walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,

P Lord, we praise Your name for You gave Jesus Christ, whose love for us compelled Him to go to the cross that we by faith are

saved. Unite us in Him and in our fellowship together, that in repentance we faithfully receive the gifts of life and grace He gives to us through His body and blood. Help us to draw our strength, love, compassion, and mercy through You.

C HYMN "O Christ, Our True and Only Light" **St. 5: LSB 839**



5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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

C Amen.

▲ 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.



▲ BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

▲ BENEDICTION

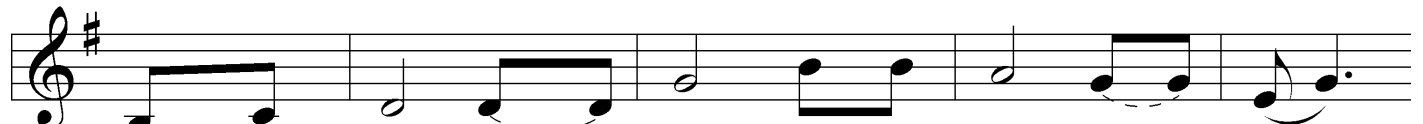
P The LORD bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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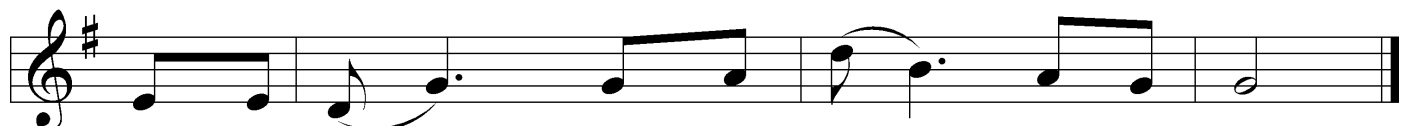
1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
When my life is al - most gone,
And the day is al - most gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,



Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Memory Verse Challenge

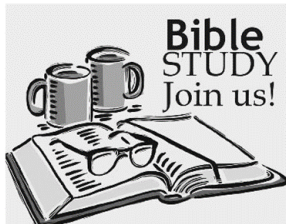
The LCMS invites everyone to join together in memorizing a verse each week.

This week's memory verse: ***Colossians 2:13-14***

"And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. "



*Portals of Prayer
for January to March 2021 are available in the
Narthrex or office.*



*Adult Bible Class/Sunday School
at 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Goetz leading the class.*

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	January Sunday Servants:	February Servants:
Elder:	Joe Winston	Earl Neuhaus
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez	L. Eilers & S. Wehling
Music:	Bonny Winston	
This Week	Third Sunday after Epiphany	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am

The Lord Calls Us to Himself by the Preaching of Repentance in His Name

When “the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time,” sending him to preach judgment against the great city of Nineveh, “Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord” (Jonah 3:1, 3). By this preaching, the people were brought to repentance. Because they “believed God,” as He spoke to them through His prophet, “they turned from their evil way” and were spared “the disaster that he had said he would do to them” (Jonah 3:5, 10). St. Paul also warns that “the appointed time has grown very short” (1 Cor. 7:29). Therefore, while we live in this world and deal with it, we are not to cling to it, nor put our trust in it, for “the present form of this world is passing away” (1 Cor. 7:31). Rather, give “your undivided devotion to the Lord” (1 Cor. 7:35). When our Lord Jesus Christ comes and is proclaimed in the Gospel, “the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand” (Mark 1:14–15). Therefore, He still calls men and sends them to become “fishers of men” with the net of that Gospel (Mark 1:17).

1/17/2021

Sunday Worship	34	
Plate:		\$ 210.00
Envelopes:		\$ 833.00
Memorials:		\$ 50.00
for Shirley Weber		
Total:		\$ 1,093.00
Bible Class:	18	\$ 14.00

***Fourth Sunday
after Epiphany
Readings:***

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28*