

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2023

WELCOME, Dear Visitor! We are happy to have you join us for worship today. May the Lord speak to your heart and supply help for your life as we listen to God's Word. Please fill out a Welcome Card to place in the offering plate and come back soon!

PRAYER AS WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP: Almighty God, in this time of worship, please help us to be thankful of the salvation which You have so graciously given us. This we ask in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements + Please silence your cell phones +

Prelude (LSB 403) "O Savior of our Fallen Race" (Johnson/Kosche)

644 The Church's One Foundation



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

Stand

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

C Amen.

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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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.

Sit

Psalm 27

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; **whom shall I fear?**

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; **of whom shall I be afraid?**

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; **be gracious to me and answer me!**

⁹Hide not your face from me. **Turn not your servant away in anger,**

O you who have been my help. **Cast me not off; forsake me not,**

O God of my salvation!

749 There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To make the wound-ed whole;



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged And think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, If you can - not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour - aged, For Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



But then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.
You can tell the love of Je - sus And say He died for all.
And if you lack for knowl - edge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:1–4

¹ There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ."

¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem (11:00 am) “Arise, Shine, For Thy Light Is Come” (Jennings)

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:17–25

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Apostles' Creed

826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

Sermon

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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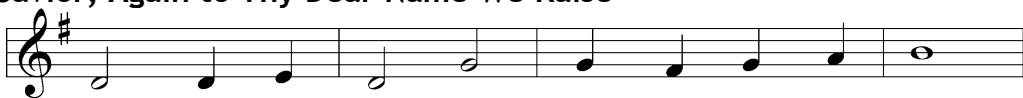
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Prayer of the Church & Lord's Prayer

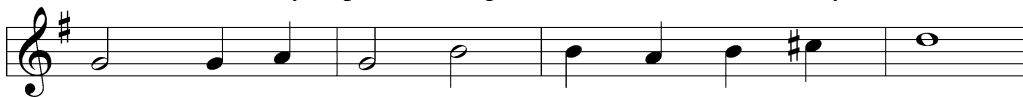
Benediction

- 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.

917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise
2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.
Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.
That in this house have called up - on Thy name.
For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.
Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

Postlude

“The People That In Darkness Sat”

(Herman/J.S. Bach)

3rd Sunday after Epiphany


January 22, 2023

FAMILY PRAYERS: We give thanks for the 101st birthday (*today!*) of our sister in Christ, Kathy Langston. We pray for Tom Maschhoff following the passing of his wife Oleana. (*service to be scheduled soon*) We continue to pray for our nation, community, Preschool and all those undergoing medical care or recovering including: Fred Swenson, Larry Schneibel, Bob Barclay, Onie Morseman, Patti Weizel and son Kelly Napiontek, Rev. Mark Smith, Mark Thomas, Deacon Tim Bruce, Carolyn Stephens, Dave Cason, Jean Collinson, Jan Ruegg, Pat Skinner, Bernie Christianson, Don Haas, Debbie Hayes, Larry Latson, Gerald Martin, Bud & Doris Harris, Kathy Langston, Jean Gookins, Bruce Ludke, and for all our shut-ins. Missionaries of the month: Jim & Susan Kaiser in Ethiopia with Lutheran Bible Translators.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God for all His many blessings by Frank Herodes in loving memory of his wife, Nancy.

THOSE SERVING TODAY: **Audio/Visual Team:** Pat Moored, Paul Schwabe, Tom Davies
Ushers: (8:30) Bill Eichler, Roger Harmann; (11:00) Sylvia Baxter & Jennifer Benson
Lectors: (8:30) Marty Adickes; (11:00) Susan Clements; **Coffee Hour:** Fellowship Board
Elder: (8:30) Norm Drewett; (11:00) Frank Jones; **Counters:** Darlene Smith & Sylvia Baxter
Greeters: (8:30) Carol Yearout & Carman Jarvis; (11:00) Jennifer Benson
Altar Care: Kathy Millar; **Active Trustees:** Paul Kaiser, Paul Schwabe, Larry Schneibel

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK:

MONDAY: 1 pm Line Dancing in the Multi-purpose Room
WEDNESDAY: 8:45 am Preschool Chapel
6 pm Bell Choir; 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY: 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group; 8:45 am & 12:30 pm Preschool Chapel
10 am Living Way Bible Study; 12 pm Quilting Group
FRIDAY: **11 am Memorial Service for Jo Jensen with reception following**
SUNDAYS: 8:30 & 11 am Worship Service
 9:45 am Bible Study class in the Fellowship Hall (*between the services*)

Our LWML collect "mites" or coins in the narthex the 1st Sunday of the month in support of missions.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE: The Celebration of Life Service for Jo Jensen will be held this Friday, January 27th at 11 am. There will be a luncheon reception to follow.

PAUL MAIER DVDS: If you wish to order the 2-disc DVD set of Paul Maier's CHRISTIANITY AND THE COMPETITION, currently being shown in Sunday Morning Bible Class, contact Maureen Meier. Deadline is **TODAY**.

2022 OFFERING STATEMENTS: Contribution statements for 2022 are now available in the narthex to pick up and take home. If you prefer an electronic copy (pdf file) emailed to you, please ask our Financial Secretary, Lynn Thompson. (see directory for contact info.)

HIGHER THINGS

Last year in July of 2022, Ryan Stites, attended the LCMS National Youth Gathering. He was so moved, excited and inspired that he wanted to go to a similar event, before the next NYG in July of 2025. So this summer Ryan is planning on attending the **HIGHER THINGS** conference: JULY 25-28, 2023 AT TRINITY UNIVERSITY IN SAN ANTONIO, TX. Ryan needs your prayers and support as he prepares to go to this gathering of Lutherans for a time of worship, study, and fellowship.



So, to begin raising funds for the trip, Faith Lutheran Youth are hosting a Superbowl Party in the fellowship hall (a time honored tradition here at Faith).



Sunday, February 12, 2023 @ 3pm.
Food and drinks provided.
Entrance by donation