The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: Centered in Christ – Called to Serve



One Body

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Order of Worship

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Introit *Psalm 102:13, 18–22*

You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come. Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD: that he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,

to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die, that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem his praise,

when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- · who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- · who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.

Thank you.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Divine Service

Invocation for the Epiphany Season

- P This is the day the Lord has made;
- **C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Psalm 118:24

P Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

Isaiah 60:1

We have seen His star and have come to worship Him!

Matthew 2:2

- P Arise! Shine! For your light has come.
- And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

Isaiah 60:1

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

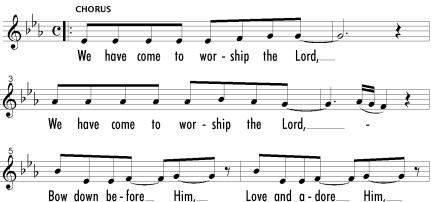
Matthew 28:19

Amen.

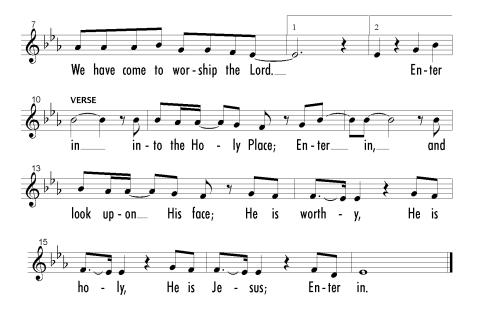
Opening Song We Have Come To Worship the Lord

Horton

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Prayer of Confession

- P Heavenly Father, as we come in the name of Jesus, confident that with you there is forgiveness, we ask you to hear the confession of our sins.
- Often we do not follow the guiding light of your Word, but turn to the artificial lights of sin which Satan has placed on our path.
- P Many times our thoughts and words, our intentions and our actions have been sinful.
- We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In our sin, we have fallen short of the glory of God, and have no power to free ourselves from our sinful condition.

We pause for silent confession and reflection

- P For all our sins those known to us and others, and those known only to you,
- We ask you Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

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!

Psalm Psalm 19:7–14

Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

8the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

⁹the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can discern his errors?

Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

13Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
 let them not have dominion over me!
 Then I shall be blameless,
 and innocent of great transgression.

 14Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
 O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.





Prayer



Old Testament Reading

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

¹All 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. ²So 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. ³And 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. . . .

⁵And 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. ⁶And 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. . . .

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And 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. ¹⁰Then 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."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹²For 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. ¹³For 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.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If 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. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷If 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? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The 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." ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And 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. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶[Jesus] 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. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

18"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,
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And 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. ²¹And he

Luke 4:16-30

began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²And 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?" ²³And 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." ²⁴And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But 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, ²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And 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. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

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 He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will 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 worshiped 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.





Sermon Life in Christ Week 2 of 5

"One Body"

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a



Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response after each petition

- **P** Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

Benediction

- The grace of our Lord → Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Amen.



Chorus x2, Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus x2



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Resources for Meditation this Week

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

23 January 2022

Readings

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a Luke 4:16–30

The Lord Is Manifested as Our Savior through the Preaching of the Gospel

When Jesus opens His mouth to preach, gracious words flow from His lips. The Scriptures are, indeed, fulfilled in your hearing (Luke 4:21–22). For Christ was anointed by the Spirit of the Lord "to proclaim good news to the poor," "to proclaim liberty to the captives" and "to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:18–19). By this proclamation, Christ releases His people from captivity and gathers them to Himself in His Church. So it was when the Lord released His people from Babylon and returned them to Jerusalem. "Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people," sanctified the whole congregation by the reading and preaching of the Law (Neh. 8:8–9). As the people then were urged to "eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready" (Neh. 8:10), so are you anointed by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ to share in His feast and to serve the fellow members of His Body with His good gifts, "giving greater honor to the part that lacked it" (1 Cor. 12:12, 24).



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Readings

Jeremiah 1:4–10 (17–19) 1 Corinthians 12:31b–13:13 Luke 4:31–44

Jesus Has Authority to Forgive Your Sins and Give You Life

Jesus was sent to "preach the good news of the kingdom of God" (Luke 4:43). His preaching is an epiphany, or manifestation, of God because His Word reveals the authority of His cross and resurrection, by which He has atoned for the sins of the world. By the preaching of His Gospel in every place, He silences the unclean spirits and casts out demons, heals the diseases of body and soul, and restores life and health to His creation (Luke 4:40–41). For the sake of His divine love, He is "patient and kind" toward us; He "bears all things," "endures all things" and delivers up His body to save us (1 Cor. 13:3–4, 7). So also for the sake of His love, He calls and sends His prophets, as ministers of His Word, "to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant" (Jer. 1:10).

