

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 20 & 21, 2018

5:00 & 8:15



AS WE GATHER

Silos are used by farmers to hold one thing. How often do we segregate our lives into separate silos? Family, money, work, vacation, religion—each in their own separate container never to be mixed or comingled. In today's Epistle, Paul invites us to bring our marriage relationships into harmony with our relationship with God through faith in Jesus, who is at the heart of all our human relationships. This way, our lives are more like wheels, with many spokes connected by a hub. Jesus is the only hub of the wheel of our lives that can hold together all our spokes in an integrated and fully functional manner. God's gracious invitation is to live life not as silos but as wheels—with Jesus at the center of everything.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS - *We Prepare our hearts and minds for worship*



WELCOME

✘ PREPARATION ✘

OPENING HYMN "Oh Christ, Who Called the Twelve" *LSB 856*

**O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and follow You,
Forsaking old, familiar ways For ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear Your call To risk security
And, bound in heart and will to You, Find perfect liberty.**

**O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith, The ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray, By Your empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.**

**O Christ, who led the Twelve Among the desolate
And broke as bread of life for all Your love compassionate:
Lead us along the ways Where hope has nearly died
And help us climb the lonely hills Where love is crucified.**

**O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains Both life and ministry.**

**O Christ, the apostles' Lord, The martyrs' strength and song,
The crucified and risen King To whom the saints belong:
Though generations pass, Our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise, Our lives an offering.**

(Please Stand)

INVOCATION

Pastor: At our Lord's Epiphany, we celebrate God in man made manifest.

Men: *Manifest to the Magi.*

Women: *Manifest to the Jews.*

Men: *Manifest to the Gentiles.*

Women: *Manifest to all nations.*

All: **Manifest to us! Manifest through us!**

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

People: **Amen.**



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 45:7, 17*

*(If you would like private confession and absolution,
please call the office (314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark)*

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

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **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.**

Pastor: 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*

People: **Amen.**

[OR]

Seminary Student: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12, Philippians 1:6*

People: **Amen.**

☩ **WORD** ☩

HYMN OF PRAISE "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" *LSB 394, v. 1 & 5*

**Songs of thankfulness and praise Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar.**

Branch of royal David's stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:

Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

**Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word—
Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God,
People: **mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



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

(The people of Nineveh repent at the preaching of Jonah.)

³ Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,² “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against 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, three days' journey in breadth.⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”⁵ 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**



EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 7:29–31* *(Time is short. Jesus claims our attention.)*

²⁹ 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,³⁰ 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,³¹ 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

GOSPEL VERSE “O God of God, O Light of Light” *LSB 810, v. 1*

**O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
To You in heaven’s glory bright The song of praise forever rings.
To Him who sits upon the throne, The Lamb once slain but raised again,
Be all the glory He has won, all thanks and praise! Amen, amen.**



HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:14–20* (Jesus invites His followers to become fishers of men.)

The congregation is invited to read the scripture in bold

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, **“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”**¹⁶ 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.¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, **“Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”**¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



APOSTLES’ CREED

LSB 159

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.

(Please Be Seated)



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “This Little Gospel Light of Mine” v. 1

**This little gospel light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little gospel light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little gospel light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
Let it shine all the time let it shine.**

HYMN OF THE DAY “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” *LSB 685*

**Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above, Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.**

**Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy; All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.**

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin; And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.



SERMON

(Please Stand)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Pastor: Heavenly Father, Your Son once called Andrew and Peter, James and John to follow Him with the promise that He would make them fishers of men. Grant Your baptized the faith so to hear and heed the Savior's call. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, look in mercy on our nation. Give to those entrusted with civil authority courage and compassion, wisdom and integrity. This Life Sunday weekend, we beg Your protection especially for those most vulnerable among us, particularly those in the womb. Free us from all willful blindness and disregard of Your precious gift of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Kind Master, the words of St. Paul seem more true to us today than ever before. We know and can see that the world in its present form is passing away. Protect all Your children from fear in these gray and latter days, and fill them with great confidence and hope in what never passes away: Your faithful promises in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your merciful hands, we commend all who are afflicted or suffering in any way [*especially*]. Stretch forth your precious hand to heal and defend them in Your own chosen time and manner. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

(Special Petitions)

Pastor: All this we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

(Please Stand)

OFFERTORY “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

LSB 806

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, give thanks.



✠ SACRAMENT ✠

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at Ascension in the confession that, as He says, our Lord gives not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. All those who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *[2 Timothy 4:22]*

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **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, for Your Son is God in flesh made manifest to us. You continue to make Him known to the nations today through Your Holy Word and Spirit. 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

LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;*

1 Corinthians 11:23–25

LORD’S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

LSB 162

Pastor: 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.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “What is the World to Me?”

LSB 730

**What is the world to me With all its vaulted pleasure
When You, and You alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord, My Soul’s delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!**

**The world seeks to be praised And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone. What is the world to me!**

**The world seeks after wealth And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers,
I have a higher good, Content with it I’ll be:
My Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me!**

**What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all. My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me!**

**O Christ, our true and only light, Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice And in Your fold with us rejoice.**

**Fill with the radiance of Your grace The souls now lost in error’s maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.**

**O gently call those gone astray That they may find the saving way!
Let ev’ry conscience sore oppressed In You find peace and heavn’ly rest.**

**Shine on the darkened and the cold; Recall the wand’ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart; Confirm the weak and doubting heart.**

**That they with us may evermore Such grace with wond’ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv’n By all Your Church in earth and heav’n.**

(Please Stand)



BENEDICTION *Isaiah 60:1*

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
People: and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Have No Fear, Little Flock”

LSB 735

**Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!**

**Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!**

**Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!**

**Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you, In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!**

POSTLUDE

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