

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 21, 2018

11:00



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.

PRE-SERVICE "We Believe"

Hooper/Fike/Ryan

In this time of desperation, When all we know is doubt and fear.

There is only one foundation. We believe, we believe.

In this broken generation, When all is dark, You help us see.

There is only one salvation. We believe, we believe.

**CHORUS: We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ,
We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life,
We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection, And He's coming back (again. We believe.)**

So let our faith be more than anthems. Greater than the songs we sing.

In our weakness and temptations. We believe, we believe. CHORUS

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised. In the here and now let love invade.

Let the church live loud our God we'll say, We believe, we believe.

And the gates of hell will not prevail. For the pow'r of God has torn the veil.

Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe, we believe. CHORUS

He's coming back again, He's coming back again, We believe, we believe.

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WELCOME

✘ PREPARATION ✘

OPENING SONG "God Knew Your Name" Likens

BOB 253

Before the light of day shined on your little face, God knew your name.

When no one else could see how precious you would be, God knew your name.

And He held you so close in His loving hand, and He wanted all to see

that before the light of day shined on your little face, God knew your name.

Before you walked around, before you first fell down, God knew your name.

Before you rode your trike and then that first red bike, God knew your name.

He was with you ev'ry day, right there by your side, even when you made mistakes.

And before the light of day shined on your little face, God knew your name.

**Before those wedding bells rang their story well, God, knew your name.
Before that first new home and children of your own, God knew your name.
And through all the times, both the good and bad, He held you in His hand.
And before the light of day shined on your little face, God knew your name.**

**As you gracefully grew old, you know you had been told God knew your name.
And one day when you died, your friends and fam'ly cried; God knew your name.
And my angels carried your soul to me, and I said welcome home.
You were one of mine. I loved you for all time. I knew your name.**

You were one of mine. I loved you for all time. I knew your name.

(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 ✠

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)



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.**

SONG OF THE DAY “Mighty to Save”

Fielding/Morgan

**Everyone needs compassion. Love that’s never failing. Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness. The kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.**

**CHORUS: Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.**

Interlude

**So take me as You find me. All my fears and failures. Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow. Everything I believe in, now I surrender. CHORUS**

**CHORUS: Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.**

**Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus, Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King. CHORUS, BRIDGE**
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OFFERTORY “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” H. Smith *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. Give thanks.
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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 “Revelation Song”

Riddle

Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord God Almighty

Who was, and is, and is to come

With all creation I sing: Praise to the King of Kings!

You are my ev’rything, And I will adore You! REPEAT

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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*)

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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.

Please be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION SONGS “All My Hope”

Ingram/Morgan (2011 Hillsongs)

Light in my darkness, peace for my soul,

You are my rescue, you never let go.

Light in my darkness, peace for my soul,

You are my rescue, you never let go.

All my hope is in You. All my strength is in You.

With ev’ry breath my soul will rest in You.

Here in my weakness, always the same.

Your love is my shelter. Your life is my way.

All my hope is in You. All my strength is in You.

With ev’ry breath my soul will rest in You.

All my hope is in You. All my strength is in You.

With ev’ry breath my soul will rest in You.

**Constant Savior, Friend forever, Lord, You have my heart.
Sure foundation, never failing, Lord, You have my heart.
Constant Savior, Friend forever, Lord, You have my heart.
Sure foundation, never failing, Lord, You have my heart.**

**All my hope is in You. All my strength is in You.
With ev'ry breath my soul will rest in You.
All the earth beneath You. All my life before You.
With ev'ry breath my soul will rest in You.
With ev'ry breath my soul will rest in You.**

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“Your Grace Is Enough”

Maher

**Great is Your faithfulness, O God; You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.**

**CHORUS: So remember Your people, remember Your children,
remember Your promise O God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.**

**Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob; You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along. CHORUS**

**Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me. CHORUS**

**Yeah, Your grace is enough; Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I sing Your grace is enough; I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me.**

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(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 SONG “You Never Let Go”

Redman

**Even though I walk through the valley Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle Of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know You are near**

**And I will fear no evil For my God is with me
And if my God is with me Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear**

**CHORUS: Oh no You never let go Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go Lord, You never let go of me**

**And I can see a light that is coming For the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth**

**And I will fear no evil For my God is with me
And if my God is with me Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear CHORUS**

You keep on runnin' and You never let go . . . Singin' CHORUS

**Yes I can see a light That is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles But until that day comes
Still I will praise You Still I will praise You REPEAT, REPEAT CHORUS X2**

Lord, You never let go of me.
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POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

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