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11:00 am Sunday Worship (Contemporary Music)

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AS WE GATHER

The “epiphany,” the showing forth or manifestation of Jesus as the Messiah, the Savior of the world, began with the coming of the Magi from the East. This “epiphany” now continues as our Lord’s active earthly ministry begins at the hands of His predecessor John the Baptist and His Baptism in the Jordan River. As the Holy Spirit comes upon His human flesh and the voice from heaven declares Him to be the Son of God, so our Baptism gives us “the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12–13). To be thus “born again” is nothing less than to have heaven opened to us with the power of God’s gifts of faith, hope, love, and the perseverance to live as God’s children now albeit as “strangers and exiles on the earth” (Hebrews 11:13), yet as “fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God” (Ephesians 2:19). “I’m but a stranger here,” says the hymn, “Heav’n is my home” (*LSB* 748:1).

PRESERVICE

Instrumental

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

Arr. Crowder/Milligan/Erfreuen

All creatures of our God and King. Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him alleluia.

Thou burning sun with golden beam. Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Thou rushing wind that art so strong. Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him alleluia.

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice. Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Let all things their Creator bless. And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia.

Praise praise the Father praise the Son. And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Praise praise the Father praise the Son. And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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(Please Stand)

INVOCATION *Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

- P** Arise, shine, for your light has come!
C **Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.**
- P** All the nations shall come to the light of Christ.
C **Kings shall bring Him gifts.**
- P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.
C **The Light no darkness can overcome.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Through the Gospel, all people are fellow heirs of salvation and members of the same Body. Yet there have been times when we have failed to live in unity, when we have failed to treat our brothers and sisters in Christ with respect and love. Our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

- P** Heavenly Father,
C **We confess that we are nature sinful and unclean. We confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have created division and discord. We have hidden the light of Christ from others. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us with the light of Christ, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy sent His Son, Jesus, into our world to shine as a light for all people, including You. Jesus has died for your sins and is risen for your righteousness. Therefore, 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. We are partakers of the promise. We are forgiven in Christ.**

(or)

- A** 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.
C **Amen. We are partakers of the promise. We are forgiven in Christ.**

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. **Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life;** through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

✠ **WORD** ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 43:1-7*

- ¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
⁵Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
⁶I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 6:1–11*

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 3:15–22*

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

15जब मानिसहरू प्रतीक्षा गरिरहेका थिए, र सबै आफ्ना मनमा यूहन्नाको विषयमा शायद यिनी नै ख्रीष्ट हुन् कि भनी विचार गरिरहेका थिए, 16तब यूहन्नाले ती सबैलाई जवाफ दिए, “म तिमीहरूलाई पानीले बपतिस्मा दिन्छु, तर एक जना मभन्दा शक्तिशाली आउँदैहुनुहुन्छ, जसका जुत्ताको फित्ता खोल्ने लायकको म छैन। उहाँले तिमीहरूलाई पवित्र आत्मा र आगोले बपतिस्मा दिनुहुनेछ। 17निफन्ने नाङ्गो उहाँको हातमा छ, जसद्वारा उहाँले आफ्नो खला राम्ररी सफा पार्नुहुनेछ, र गह्रुँ आफ्नो धनसारमा जम्मा गर्नुहुनेछ, तर भुसचाहिँ उहाँले ननिभ्ने आगोमा जलाउनुहुनेछ।” 18यसरी ँ रू धेरै ँ तीहरूद्वारा शिक्षा दिएर यूहन्नाले मानिसहरूलाई सुसमाचार प्रचार गरे।

19तर शासक हेरोदले आफ्नो भाइकी पत्नी हेरोदियासलाई राखेको कारण र तिनले गरेका सबै दुष्कर्मका निम्ति यूहन्नाले तिनलाई हप्काएका थिए। 20यूहन्नालाई झ्यालखानमा थुनेर तिनले ती सबै दुष्कर्महरूमाथि ँ झ एउटा दुष्कर्म थपे।

येशूको बपतिस्मा

मत्ती ३:१३-१७; मर्कुस १:९-११

21जब सबै मानिसहरूले बपतिस्मा लिए, ँ नि येशूले पनि बपतिस्मा लिएर प्रार्थना गरिरहनुभएको थियो, तब स्वर्ग उघ्रियो, 22र पवित्र आतुमा शारीरिक रूपमा ढुकुरजस्तो उहाँमाथि ओर्लनुभयो। ँ नि स्वर्गबाट यस्तो एउटा आवाज आयो, “तिमी मेरा प्रिय पुत्र हो, तिमीसँग म ँ ति प्रसन्न छु।”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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

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 sits at the right hand of the Father.
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.

नायसिन धर्मसिद्धांत - Nicene Creed

सर्वसमर्थ एकच देव जो पिता, आकाश व पृथ्वी आणि सर्व दृश्य व अदृश्य वस्तू यांचा उत्पन्न करता, त्याजवर मी विश्वास ठेवितो. आणि एकच प्रभू येशू ख्रिस्त, जो देवाचा एकुलता एक पुत्र, जो सर्व युगांपूर्वी आपल्या पित्यापासून जनित झाला, देवापासून देव, प्रकाशापासून प्रकाश, खऱ्या देवापासून खरा देव, जो जनित आहे कृत नाही, जो पित्याच्या तत्वाचा आहे, ज्याकडून अवघे झाले, जो आम्हा मनुष्यांसाठी व आमच्या तारणासाठी स्वर्गातून उतरला आणि पवित्र आत्म्याच्या योगाने कुमारी मरीया, हीजपासून देहधारी होऊन मनुष्य झाला, आणि पंत पिलाताच्या वेळेस आम्हांसाठी ज्याला कृशी दिले, ज्याने दुःख भगिले व ज्याला पुरिले, जो शास्त्राप्रमाणे तिसऱ्या दिवशी पुन्हा उठला आणि स्वर्गात चढला आणि पित्याच्या उजवीकडे बसला आहे आणि जो जिवंताचा व मेलेलेल्यांचा न्याय करायला गौरवाने पुन्हा येणार आहे, ज्याच्या राज्याचा अंत होणार नाही, त्याजवर मी विश्वास ठेवितो. आणि पवित्र आत्मा जो प्रभू व जीवनदाता, पित्यापासून जो निघतो आणि पिता व पुत्र ज्याची आराधना व गौरव होते जो भविष्यवाद्यांकडून बोलत असे, त्याजवर मी विश्वास ठेवितो, आणि एक पवित्र सार्वत्रिक व प्रेषितीय मंडळीविषयी मी विश्वास धरितो, पापांच्या क्षमेसाठी एक बाप्तिस्मा आहे, असे मी पत्करितो आणि मेलेल्यांचे पुनरुत्थान व परलोकीचे जीवन, यांची मी प्रतीक्षा करितो.

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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: THE POWER OF THE CROSS Townend/Getty

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day. Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then. Nailed to a cross of wood.

CHORUS 1: This the pow'r of the cross. Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh to see the pain written on Your face. Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed. Crowning Your bloodstained brow. CHORUS 1

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath. Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life. Finished the vict'ry cry. CHORUS 1

Oh to see my name written in the wounds. For through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live. Won through Your selfless love.

CHORUS 2: This the pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for us.
What a love what a cost. We stand forgiven at the cross.
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SERMON

(Please Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Response from LSB 400:1*

P Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Light of the world,
C dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid.

P Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in the darkness of grief, [*especially . . .*]. Comfort them with the hope and promise of the resurrection to eternal life. Light of the world,

C **dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid.**

P Lord, bless all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church. Embolden them as they seek to reflect Your light to all the nations. Light of the world,

C **dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid.**

P Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them, and heal them according to Your good and gracious will. Light of the world,

C **dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid.**

P Lord, shine Your light of hope upon all those who are caregivers. Send them rest and peace, knowing that in You their labor is not in vain. Light of the world,

C **dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid.**

(Special Petitions)

P Lord, we commend all of these things to Your caring hands, trusting in Your mercy to all people. Light of the world,

C **dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid. Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Your tithes and offerings shape the lives of people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ for now and eternity. Thank you for your generosity! "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

OFFERTORY AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

LSB 397, v. 3 & 4

As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

(Please Stand)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

How should we each examine ourselves before coming to Holy Communion?

- 1. Be aware of our sins and be sorry for them*
- 2. Believe in our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in His words in the Sacrament*
- 3. Intend, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as God's forgiven people walking in newness of life*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who became flesh and dwelt among us on earth, light in a dark world, so that we might dwell with Him in everlasting life and light. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

HYMN VERSE: AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

LSB 397, v. 5

In the heav'nly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing
Alleluias to our King.

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LORD'S PRAYER

P And now, in the words of our Lord, we are bold to pray:

C **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 LORD'S PRAYER

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९-१३)
हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा बस्नुहुन्छ,
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।
तपाईंको राज्य आओस्,
तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ त्यस्तै यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।
हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्।
हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,

जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।
हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्।
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्।
आमिन्।

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

✝ DISTRIBUTION SONGS ✝

ONE THING REMAINS

Johnson/Gifford/Riddle

Higher than the mountains that I face, stronger than the power of the grave.
Constant in the trial and the change.
One thing remains. One thing remains.

Interlude

Higher than the mountains that I face, stronger than the power of the grave.
Constant in the trial and the change.
One thing remains. One thing remains.

Your love never fails, It never gives up — never runs out on me. SING 3X
Your love.

On and on and on and on it goes. It overwhelms and satisfies my soul.
And I never ever have to be afraid.
One thing remains. One thing remains.

Your love never fails, It never gives up — never runs out on me. SING 3X
Your love.

In death, in life, I'm confident and cover'd by the power of Your great love.
My debt is paid; There's nothing that can separate my heart from Your great love.
SING X2

Your love never fails, It never gives up — never runs out on me. SING 3X
Your love.

DRY BONES

Daigle

Through the eyes of men it seems there's so much we have lost
As we look down the road where all the prodigals have walked
One by one the enemy has whispered lies and led them off as slaves

But we know that You are God, Yours is the victory
We know there is more to come that we may not yet see
So with the faith You've given us, we step into the valley unafraid, yeah

CHORUS: As we call out to dry bones, "Come alive, come alive"
We call out to dead hearts, "Come alive, come alive"
Up out of the ashes, let us see an army rise
We call out to dry bones, "Come alive"

God of endless mercy, God of unrelenting love
Rescue every daughter, bring us back the wayward sons
And by Your spirit breathe upon them
Show the world that You alone can save
You alone can save CHORUS

So breathe, oh breath of God Now breathe, oh breath of God
Breathe, oh breath of God now breathe REPEAT BRIDGE, CHORUS

We call out to dry bones, come alive Oh come alive

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(Please Stand)

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES

P Arise, shine, for your light has come!

C **Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.**

P All the nations shall come to the light of Christ.

C **Kings shall bring Him gifts.**

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

C **The Light no darkness can overcome.**

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.

CLOSING SONG: YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

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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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