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3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ today as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word. Please, take home any of the material found on the tables in the entrance, and we hope you will join us every week for worship in Jesus' name.

10:30am

WELCOME

SONG: "Shine Jesus Shine"

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us, Set us free by the truth You now bring us; Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus: Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire, Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance; by the blood I may enter Your brightness; Search me, try me, consume all my darkness; Shine on me, Shine on me. *(Chorus)*

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, so our faces display Your likeness; Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me, Shine on me. *(Chorus x2)*

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INVOCATION:

P. O Lord, open my lips,

C. AND MY MOUTH WILL DECLARE YOUR PRAISE

P. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.

CONFESSION OF SIN: *(Spoken together)*

P. Do you confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment?

C. I DO CONFESS.

P. So we should confess; for the Holy Scripture declares:

C. "IF WE SAY WE HAVE NO SIN, WE DECEIVE OURSELVES, AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN US.

P. Do you repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed?

C. I DO REPENT.

P. So we should repent, as did the penitent sinners:

C. KING DAVID, WHO PRAYED FOR A CONTRITE HEART; PETER, WHO WEPT BITTERLY; THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY; THE PRODIGAL SON; AND OTHERS.

P. Do believe that God, because of His love for us and for the sake of Jesus' death on the cross, will forgive you all your sins?

C. I MOST CERTAINLY BELIEVE.

P. So we should believe for the Lord Jesus declares:

C. "GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE."

P. Do you promise that with the help of the Holy Spirit you will turn away from sin and seek to do good in obedience to God's commands?

C. I DO PROMISE.

P. So we should promise, for Christ, the Lord, says:

C. "LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN."

P. Finally, do you believe that the word of Christ's forgiveness I speak to you as a called servant of God, is from the Lord himself as Jesus said, "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

C. I DO SO BELIEVE.

P. Then as you believe, so may it be to you.

C. AMEN.

ABSOLUTION

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Adapted from Psalm 100)*

P. Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C. OH, COME, LET US WORSHIP HIM.

P. Oh,, come, let us sing to the Lord;

C. LET US MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION.

P. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

C. LET US MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO HIM WITH SONGS OF PRAISE.

P. For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

SONG: "Power of Your Love"

(Col 3:10 And have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.)

1. Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed, flowing from the grace that I've found in You; And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me will be striped away, by the pow'r of Your Love.

Chorus: Hold me close, let Your love surround me, bring me near, draw me to Your side; And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle, and I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on in the pow'r of Your love.

2. Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You, face to face, the knowledge of Your love, as You live in me; And Lord, renew my mind, as Your will unfolds in my life, in living ev'ry day by the pow'r of Your love. *(Repeat chorus)*

End... And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on in the pow'r of Your love.

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EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

10 I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. 11 My brothers, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. 12 What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ." 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul? 14 I am thankful that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so no one can say that you were baptized into my name. 16 (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. 18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:12-25

12 When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he returned to Galilee. 13 Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— 14 to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: 15 "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— 16 the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." 17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." 18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." 20

At once they left their nets and followed him. 21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. 23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. 24 News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed them. 25 Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SONG: "Heart of Worship"

1. When the music fades, all is stripped away and I simply come; longing just to bring something that's of worth, that will bless Your heart.

Refrain: I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself; Is not what You have required. You search much deeper with-in through the way things appear; You're looking into my heart. I'm coming back to the heart of worship, And it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus. I'm sorry Lord, for the thing I've made it, When it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.

2. King of endless worth, no one could express, how much You deserve. Though I'm weak and poor; all I have is Yours, ev'ry single breath. *(Refrain)*

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SERMON: Amos 3:1-8 "Chosen But Not Immune"

(A sermon outline with the Scripture reading is printed in the bulletin to aid your meditation on God's Word)

SONG: "No Condemnation" (Ro 8:1)

Chorus: There is therefore, now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
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Verse: For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus will set you free from the law of sin and death. Oh... *(Repeat chorus & verse)*

Ending... There is therefore, now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus *(repeat ending)*

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OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew.)

PRAYER:

P. Lord, we thank you that you have taught us what you would have us believe and do.

C. HELP US BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST, TO KEEP

YOUR WORD IN PURE HEARTS,

P. So we may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness,

C. AND COMFORTED THROUGHOUT LIFE AND EVEN IN DEATH. AMEN.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BLESSING

SONG: "My Life Is in You, Lord"

Chorus: My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You;
My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.

Verse: I will praise You with all of my life,
I will praise You with all of my strength;
With all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in You. (chorus, verse, chorus)

Ending.....in You

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SILENT PRAYER + ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF JANUARY:

January 27th – 10:30 Service

Amos 3:1-8

"Chosen but Not Immune!"

I Hear this word the LORD has spoken against you, O people of Israel—against the whole family I brought up out of Egypt: 2 "You only have I chosen of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your sins." 3 Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so? 4 Does a lion roar in the thicket when he has no prey? Does he growl in his den when he has caught nothing? 5 Does a bird fall into a trap on the ground where no snare has been set? Does a trap spring up from the earth when there is nothing to catch? 6 When a trumpet sounds in a city, do not the people tremble? When disaster comes to a city, has not the LORD caused it? 7 Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets. 8 The lion has roared— who will not fear? The Sovereign LORD has spoken— who can but prophesy?

1. What was the problem the Israelites were falling into?

2. How have we become God's chosen people?

3. When do we start to live like "spiritual teenagers"?

4. What threat surrounds us constantly because of our sins against God?

5. What's the only thing that keeps us safe from the threat that surrounds us?

6. Why is it so dangerous to turn away from Jesus in willful sin?

7. If we were baptized as a child, does that mean we're safe forever? Why or why not?

8. Why doesn't going to church guarantee a person is saved?

9. We live in God's love only as long as _____
_____.