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3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE 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 as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word in this service. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we hope you will join us every week as we gather as God's family in worship.

8:00am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

HYMN: “Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure” (LW #78)

1. Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal, Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End; Godhead, humanity, union supernal, O great Redeemer, you come as our friend! Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder: Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!
2. Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder! Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear. See him burst through with a voice as of thunder! He sets us free from our guilt and our fear, Lifts us from shame to the place of his honor. Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God’s thunder!
3. Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer. See now the threatening strong one disarmed! Jesus breaks down all the walls of death’s fortress, Brings forth the pris’ners triumphant, unharmed. Satan, you wicked one, own now your master! Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!
4. Jesus has come as the King of all glory! Heaven and earth, oh, declare his great pow’r, Capturing hearts with the heavenly story. Welcome him now in this fast fleeting hour! Ponder his love! Take the crown he has for you! Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!

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INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SINS:

P. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C. O MOST MERCIFUL GOD, SINCE YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON TO DIE FOR US, HAVE MERCY UPON US AND FOR HIS SAKE GRANT US FORGIVENESS OF ALL OUR SINS; AND BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT INCREASE IN US TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF YOU AND OF YOUR WILL AND TRUE OBEDIENCE TO YOUR WORD, TO THE END THAT BY YOUR GRACE WE MAY COME TO EVERLASTING LIFE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

THE INTROIT: (*From Psalm 113*)

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets the name of the Lord is to be praised. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore. The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens. He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes, with the princes of their people.

GLORIA PATRI + KYRIE + GLORIA: (*Sung, TLH p. 6-9*)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Glory be to God on high. And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

1 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan— 2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. 3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. 4 For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

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.

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH: (*Sung, TLH p. 10*)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

GOSPEL: (*Responses sung, TLH p. 11*) Matthew 4:12-23

P. The Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 4,

C. GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD.

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.

P. Here ends the Gospel.

C. PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: (*The Apostle's Creed*)

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 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.

SONGS: "*Praise to the Holy One*" (*Ps 71:22*)

1. Praise to the Holy One who leads us on in triumph, Praise to the Rock of Freedom, Judah's Mighty Lion;

Chorus: Jesus is our King! Jesus is our King! Praise to the Rock of Life, He's Jesus Christ our King.

2. Praise to the King of Glory, coming Son of David, Who is the First and Last, the Alpha and Omega; (*Chorus*)

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"Lift Up Your Heads"

Lift up your heads to the coming King, Bow before Him and adore Him, sing! To His majesty, let your praises be, Pure and holy, giving glory to the King of Kings.

Ending... Pure and holy, giving glory to the King of Kings.

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SERMON: Matthew 4: 12-23 "*Jesus' Forgiveness Gives Us Something To Fall Back On*"

OFFERTORY: (*Sung, TLH p. 12*)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP (*Please sign book at end of pew.*)

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (*Spoken together*)

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.

BLESSING

HYMN: #17 "Oh, Worship the King" vs. 1,2,5,6

ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF JANUARY:

January 23rd and 30th 10:30 Service