

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER the EPIPHANY
Communion - 5:00 pm

GREETINGS and PRAYER

A SONG: LSB 697 "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

(Please rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: We make our beginning in the name of the Father;

People: who has created us, defended us, and provided for all our needs.

Pastor: We make our beginning in the name of the + Son;

People: who has come to us, redeemed us, and will come again to take us home.

Pastor: We make our beginning in the name of the Holy Spirit;

People: who has given us life, brought us to faith, and sanctified us by His Word.

Pastor: To the Triune God be all glory, thanks, and praise.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION

Pastor: Heavenly Father, you have made us, we are your creation, everything we have and need comes from your hand. We thank you for this day and all its gifts. But, Father, we must also confess that we have transgressed your commands and gone our own way. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Therefore, Father, hear us as we confess who we are:

All: Lord God, we confess our sin. You have promised to provide for all our needs, yet we mistrust your promise. You have given us your spirit and called us to obedience, yet we serve our own desires and make them gods before you.

You have urged us to love our neighbors, yet we choose whom we will love and treat the rest as though they do not matter. Father, forgive us, for we have sinned. For the sake of your Son and his awesome sacrifice, forgive us and make us whole again.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our God is a great God and greatly to be praised. He gives us daily bread for both body and soul. Sin no longer has dominion over us, and the Old Accuser has no claim upon us. By his grace, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, and in his Name we have peace with God.

Our sins are forgiven; our guilt set aside. By the cross of Jesus and the Word of God then believe these words: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

(Please be seated)

SONG OF RESPONSE: LSB 814 vs. 1, 2, 6, "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

SALUTATION & COLLECT:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The FIRST READING: JONAH 3:1-5, 10

¹Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.” ³Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” ⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-35

²⁹What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; ³⁰those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep;

³¹those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away. ³²I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord’s affairs—how he can please the Lord. ³³But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife— ³⁴and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord’s affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. ³⁵I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL HYMN: LSB 828 “We Are Called to Stand Together”

The HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 1:14-20

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Please be seated)

¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

¹⁵“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!” ¹⁶As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a

net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ¹⁸At once they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY: Pastor Bruce Kischnick

OFFERTORY: LSB 735 vs. 1, 2, 4 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy...

People: Hear our prayer.

(Please Stand)

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord is with his people; Now may He be with you.

People: The Lord is with His servant; may He be with you, too.

Pastor: Dear Friends, let us now prepare ourselves to meet our Lord Jesus in the Supper he himself instituted for us to eat and to drink. As we gather as brothers and sisters in Christ, may we be strengthened in our faith, may we be assured of the forgiveness won for us upon the Cross, and may we be enabled to live His will in our lives in the days ahead. Let us receive this meal with repentant hearts and joyful anticipation as we pray the prayer He himself has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONSECRATION:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please Be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION

HYMNS: LSB 700 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Songs of Grace 14 "Brothers and Sisters"

Songs of Grace 34 "Great Is the Lord"

(Please Stand)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this great gift, and we ask You by Your great mercy to strengthen us by it that we may love one another and serve You faithfully, through Your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Pastor: Now the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and + give you His peace.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

CLOSING SONG: Songs of Grace 29 "Glorify Thy Name"

SILENT PRAYER

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