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Third Sunday after Epiphany



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Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk ()*

Opening

Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,

**C: we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through † Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

* **Hymn** *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* **ELW # 843**

* **Greeting** *WOV page 28*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* **Kyrie** *Lord, Have Mercy* *WOV page 28*

P: Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christe eleison. **C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

* **Canticle** *Glory to God* *WOV page 29*

**C: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Glory to God...

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

Glory to God...

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Glory to God...

and peace to God's people on earth.

*** Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Readings

First Reading: *Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

L: A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

¹And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law .

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood.

⁶ And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸ They read from the book, from the Law of God, with interpretation, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 19

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 19.

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the expanse above proclaims his handiwork.

² **Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.**

³ There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

⁴ **Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,**

⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

⁶ **Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
⁸ **the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**
⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**
¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
¹² **Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**
¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. [ESV]**

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:12-31a*

L: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and on those members of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts. [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** Gospel Acclamation**

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

*** Gospel: Luke 4:14-21**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Sermon

Pastor Thomas Mosbo

* **Hymn** *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* **ELW # 886**

* **Apostles' Creed** *WOV page 33*

P: Let us profess our baptismal faith in the triune God.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Choir Anthem *The Word Who Sang the Light into Creation*

Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

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Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: ... God of grace,
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Brady Meier, Virgil Martin, Tena Rackow, Marilyn Fulfs, Caroline Jam, Curt Diddens, Cyndy Schumacher, Duane Tessendorf, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Jeri, Allie, Al, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Howard D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Anita, Eric, Roger, Larry, Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Dennis Bokemeier, Susan Anderson, Brenda, Sylvia Jones, Madielyn Yeager, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Judy, Bob Schulz, prayers for stroke patients, Kenny Frie, Pete Grandstad, Steve Rothschadl, Nathan Lott, Gary L. Hartwig Josh and Hannah(4 yr. old), *Ellie Joy, Hannah (4 months old).*

Good Shepherd's Annual Meeting,

TODAY

At 10:30am following worship service.

Back up dates for Annual Meeting are, February 2nd or February 9th.

Hannah Circle

February 2nd during Fellowship Hour.

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

February 13th, 6: 30pm

Piece Corps Quilting Group

Every Wednesday at Good Shepherd in Fellowship Hall

8:00am-11:30am

Thankfulness

So, then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6-7