

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 26, 2020



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know
Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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HYMN "Word of God, Come Down on Earth".....LSB 545 vs. 1-3

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,

C: to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

P: They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;

C: there is none who does good, not even one.

P: The wicked are estranged from the womb;

C: they go astray from birth, speaking lies.

P: Against You, You only, have I sinned

C: and done what is evil in Your sight.

P: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

C: and in sin did my mother conceive me.

P: What is man that You are mindful of him,

C: and the son of man that You care for him?

P: For we are brought to an end by Your anger;

C: and all our days pass away under Your wrath.

P: Yet You are He who took me from the womb;

C: on You was I cast from my birth.

P: Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies

C: You have prepared praise.

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: The Lord is a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime. In His great compassion, He atoned for our iniquity and did not destroy us. He has delivered His Son into death for your trespasses and raised Him from the grave for your justification. In the stead and by the command of this Lord Jesus

Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 119:105-112

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

C: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep Your just and righteous decrees.

P: I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to Your word!

C: Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me Your just decrees.

P: I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget Your law.

C: The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from Your precepts.

P: Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.

C: I incline my heart to perform Your statutes forever, to the end.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Christ Be My Leader" LSB 861

**Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**

**Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**

**Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

COLLECT

P: Almighty God, Whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³ You have multiplied the nation; You have increased its joy; they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, You have broken as on the day of Midian.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those

who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-25

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth He went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – ¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew His brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. ²¹ And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him. ²³ And He went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So His fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought Him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and He healed them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES 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 was 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.

HYMN "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"..... **LSB 589**

SERMON

PRAYERS

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty Maker, You have pronounced humankind very good, created in Your own image and knit together even in the womb. Let us receive every life as Your gift and safeguard especially those threatened by abortion, assisted suicide, and embryo experiments. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Incarnate Savior, You have declared the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, taking our nature and making Yourself like us in every respect except without sin. Open our mouths to speak the sanctity of life with courage and show it with compassion. Open our ears to share the sorrows of those who grieve pregnancy loss or struggle under infertility. And open our hands to serve mothers with child and little ones awaiting adoption. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Everlasting God, You have decreed You have no pleasure in anyone's death and You desire all men to be saved. Bring us to contrition and repentance for dismissing Your Word and despising the least of these. Forgive and reform also those who persecute us and ridicule the unborn and the aged that we may embrace them as brothers and sisters. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, You have proclaimed apart from You we can do nothing and You work in us bearing much fruit. Bless especially birthdays and anniversaries among us as witnesses to Your power made perfect in weakness. Abide with emergency and military personnel delivering Your peace and protection to the vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Good Shepherd, You have promised Your body and blood provide propitiation for the whole world's sin, once and for all. By Your merciful absolution work relief and healing, hope and comfort in consciences broken by the guilt of violence against life. Silence Satan's accusations with the assurance of Your atonement for every sin and every person. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Great Redeemer, You have instructed that You appoint authorities to approve good and avenge evil. Bless our land with leaders and laws that ensure safety, freedom, and fairness for persons great and small. Grant us insight, energy, and opportunity to take part in civic affairs for Your glory and the good of our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious Lord, You have directed that our bodies and lives belong not to us but to You, having bought them for Your own. Preserve those suffering illnesses and injuries, including ..., and bestow upon them recovery. Draw near to those grieving with the guarantee of resurrection in the body and reunion in the new creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

PREFACE

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood in this Sacrament You lead us to remember all that You have done for us before we were born, to realize that You are with us today, and to await Your promised return one day to receive us into Your eternal kingdom. So remember us in Your kingdom now and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

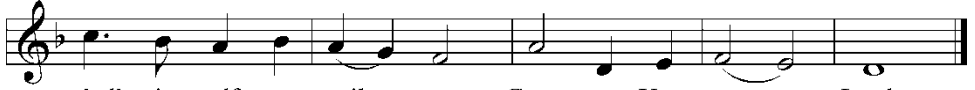
AGNUS DEI "Lord of Our Life" LSB 659



3 Lord, be our light when world-ly dark-ness veils us; Lord, be our
4 Peace in our hearts, where sin-ful thoughts are rag-ing, Peace in Your



shield when earth-ly ar-mor fails us; And in the day when
Church, our trou-bled souls as-suag-ing, Peace when the world its



hell it-self as-sails us, Grant us Your peace, Lord:
end-less war is wag-ing, Peace in Your heav-en.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Seek Ye First" LSB 712

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

HYMN "You Are the Way; through You Alone" LSB 526

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (1/26/20 – 2/2/20)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Education, 10:30am

Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am; 1st year Confirmation Class,
5:30pm

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending January 19, 2020)

General & Building Funds: \$4609.00; Blessings: \$8.07; Memorial:
\$10.00; Pro-Life Ad: \$123.00

Attendance: Thursday: 15; Sunday: 126

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

CLC PIZZA SALE orders need to be placed by this Sunday. Order sheets listing the varieties of pizza available are located on the big table by the mailboxes. Pick up will be on February 1 & 2. Proceeds will benefit Military Biblestick and Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High.

CLC BLOOD DRIVE will be taking place on Tuesday, February 4th from 3:30 - 6:00pm in the lower level of the church. A sign-up sheet for donating and helping is located on the podium in the fellowship area. Walk-ins are always welcome. Save a life, donate blood!

OPERATION BABY BOTTLE: Please have the bottles back at church by Sunday, February 2.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MEDICAL MISSION TRIP - Ann Juliot will be traveling to the Dominican Republic with a group from Aspirus Feb. 19-26 to provide medical care and supplies to the under-served. Please keep the Mission and participants in your prayers. Sheets listing the needed supplies, as well as a box for collecting them can be found near the mailboxes. Thank you for your help!

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS FOR CHURCH SERVICES /

ACTIVITIES: Please check the Channel 7 or Channel 9 websites, the CLC website or Facebook page, or call the church at 715-848-2040 and press option “6”.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“The ‘right’ of abortion does not expand personal choice or freedom; it severely restricts it because it establishes the prior ‘right’ of the state to permit or to deny the right to life at will. Such a step, the legalization of abortion, is the beginning of the death of freedom and of man.” *R. J. Rushdoony, theologian and philosopher – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*