

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 21, A+D 2024



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> DIVINE SERVICE Setting 4 – Page 203 Lutheran Service Book

The Lord Calls Us to Himself by the Preaching of Repentance in His Name

When "the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time," sending him to preach judgment against the great city of Nineveh, "Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD" (Jonah 3:1, 3). By this preaching, the people were brought to repentance. Because they "believed God," as He spoke to them through His prophet, "they turned from their evil way" and were spared "the disaster that he had said he would do to them" (Jonah 3:5, 10). St. Paul also warns that "the appointed time has grown very short" (1 Cor. 7:29). Therefore, while we live in this world and deal with it, we are not to cling to it, nor put our trust in it, for "the present form of this world is passing away" (1 Cor. 7:31). Rather, give "your undivided devotion to the Lord" (1 Cor. 7:35). When our Lord Jesus Christ comes and is proclaimed in the Gospel, "the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 1:14–15). Therefore, He still calls men and sends them to become "fishers of men" with the net of that Gospel (Mark 1:17).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

511 Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation LSB 203

- Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution LSB 203

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 113:1-2, 4, 7-8; antiphon: v. 3

- **P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- the name of the LORD is to be praised!
- Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,
- praise the name of the LORD!
- P Blessèd be the name of the LORD
- from this time forth and forevermore!
- P The LORD is high above all nations,
- and his glory above the heavens!
- P He raises the poor from the dust
- and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
- P to make them sit with princes,
- with the princes of his people.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- **P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- the name of the LORD is to be praised!



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!

O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.

For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo-ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad re-ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A The Old Testament Reading for The Third Sunday after the Epiphany is from the third chapter of the prophecy of Jonah.

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed

God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 7:29-35

A The Second Reading is from the seventh chapter of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

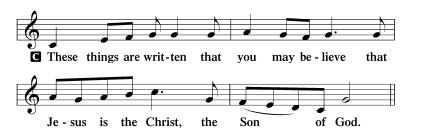
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Verse LSB 205



Alleluia LSB 205



Holy Gospel Mark 1:14–20

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed 159

l 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.

Sit

839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

Sermon

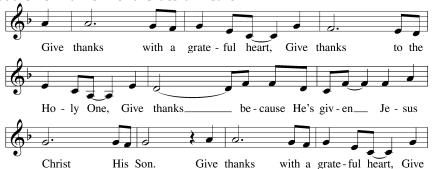
Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Musical Offering

Stand

806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart





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Prayer of the Church

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- **P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

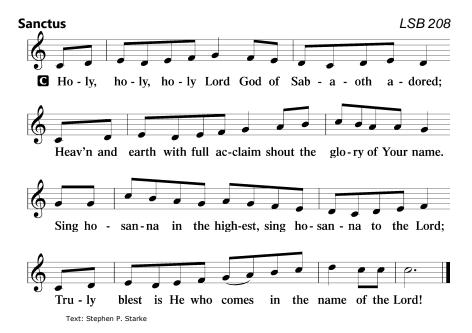
Stand

Preface

LSB 208

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

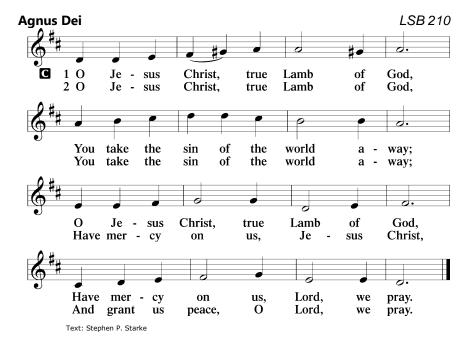
The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Amen.



Sit

Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Just Before Communing: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer Just After Communing: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

Stand

The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 → in peace.
- C Amen.



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

- **A** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.

922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

sts. 1-4

Silent Prayer

Announcements

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Kristin Geiger, Family Logan Piper Geiger Steven Gercken Brianne Giba, Family Genevieve, Victoria Nicole Golembeck, Family Lilliana Christopher & Tracy Gribbin, Family Oliver

BIRTHDAYS

Micci Orth, 1/23 Layla Baker, 1/25 Dominique Sella, 1/25

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Loitz, 1/21 Oliver Gribbin, 1/27 Janice Reichert, 1/21

CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Loitz, 1/27

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Dean & Judy Bloom, 1/21

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Diane Akers, Norma Allen, Janice Abel, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer, Ray Zander.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.



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NEWS UPDATE

Grieving a loss? Find hope and healing at Grief Share weekly grief support group. Saturdays, 10 AM – Noon, January 20 – April 13 at Peace Lutheran Church, 540 Oak Park Ave, Beecher. Contact: Rev. Michael Stein, griefshare@outpeacelutheran.org, 708-946-2271.

Register: griefshare.org/findagroup



St. Paul Book Club will meet Wednesday February 7, to review *The Lonely Hearts Book Club* by Lucy Gilmore. We always welcome new members. Book Club is in person and thru FB chat. Please let Deb know in advance so she can link you in.

Christ For You this week on KFUO.org: Hear Mental Health Monday and the 3rd episode in the LCMS History Series on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), study 2 Corinthians 6-9 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study all of Colossians and the beginning of Lamentations on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

Ruth Bible Study... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on The Book of Ruth. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.

We'd love to see you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at www.facebook.com/splcms/videos. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at www.splcms.org/worship.

"As Christians, each one of us should be deeply steeped in God's Word. That is where the truth lies. We don't want to be 'right' for our own sake so we can boast in our 'right-ness.' We should want to be 'right' because God is revealing His truth to us, and we have been aligned with His truth. As we labor together in the life arena, let each one of us be so grounded in God's Word that we recognize God's truth and speak it in love."

Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Fishing for People

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Mark 1:17 (TNIV)

Based on Mark 1:14-20



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JOHN	NEWS	CASTING	FISHERMEN	SIMON
KINGDOM	BOAT	GALILEE	NETS	BELIEVE
ANDREW	REPENT	SEA	BROTHER	FATHER
GOOD	COME	FOLLOW	JAMES	LAKE

GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

January 14th Attendance Communed, 0 Online

Basket	\$5.00	Weekly Missions	\$10.00
Envelopes	427.00	Luth. Church Charity	10.00
General Fund	100.00	Social Ministry	24.00
Budgeted Total	532.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$44.00
Offering Needed	1,233.00		
Short	\$-701.00		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30	am Wor	ship Se	ervice

10:30 am Coffee &...

10:45 am Bible Discussion

Council & Elders meet Circuit Visitor Monday 11:00 am

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Sunday 9:30 am Worship Service

Coffee &... 10:30 am

SERVANT SCHEDULE

Sun, Jan 21, 9:30 AM Sun, Jan 28, 9:30 AM Pastor Fluechtling

Pastor Pastor Dobberstein Usher

Dave Bloom

Lay Reader Dana Krieger Bill Sommer

DONATIONS



FOOD PANTRY



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