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The Third Sunday After the Epiphany



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+ <u>Worship</u>:

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am *Communion:*

1 st, 3 rd & 5 th Sundays

Adult Bible Study & Sunday School: 9:30 am

(Grace Hall)

<u>Pastor:</u> Richard Willsea

<u>Deaconess:</u> Karen Suter

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♣ PREPARATION **♣**

PRELUDE

"The Clarion Call"

"O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"

D. Paxton arr. A. Fedak

WELCOME

love

hymns

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Stand

HYMN "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve" LSB 856 1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To fol - low You, For rise and 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth a - ges sealed, Whose for 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong des - o - late And the 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To 5 O Christ, the a - pos-tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new: sak - ing old, words and works a - wak-ened faith. The ways of God re-vealed: Your love com - pas - sion - ate: broke as bread of life for all suf - fer, teach, pro-claim The near - er reign of ris - en King To cru - ci - fied and whom the saints be - long: To Grant to hear Your call risk se - cu - ri - ty us struct us now, we pray, By Your em-pow'r-ing Word. True In the ways Where hope has near - ly died Lead us a - long And us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where Send Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty. bound teach - er. be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord. lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied. help us climb the

hope sus-tains Both life

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and min-is - try.

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INVOCATION

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

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

- Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,
- praise the name of the LORD!
- P Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!
- From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.
- Yet we often do not live as You have called us to live as Your own. We do not always honor Your name nor Your calling with our praise.
- We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You as we follow in faith.
 - Silence for reflection
- P Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,
- we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as ourselves, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. We have not always welcomed Your call for us to follow You and You alone.
- The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel. Hear and rejoice in the Good News. Jesus Christ died for you, and for His sake, God has compassion. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in His stead, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **☐** Amen. Thanks be to God!
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- praise the name of the LORD!
- P Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!
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♣ SERVICE OF THE WORD **♣**

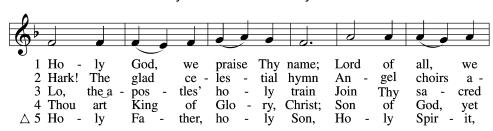
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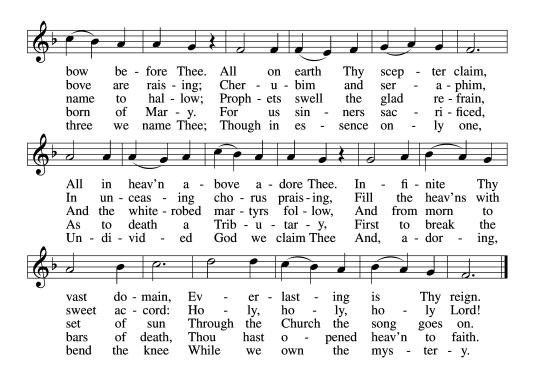
- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace coming to us from beyond creation and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the peace of all people around the planet, for the well-being of the Church of God in time and space, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise to our majestic God let us pray to the Lord.
- **■** Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

LSB 940 sts. 1-5





SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- 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.
- C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The Word is read...

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

PSALM Psalm 62



¹For God alone my soul waits in | silence;* from him comes my sal- | vation.

²He only is my rock and my salvation, my | fortress;*

I shall not be greatly | shaken.

³How long will all of you attack a man to | batter him,* like a leaning wall, a | tottering fence?
 ⁴They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in | falsehood.*
 They bless with their mouths, but inwardly | they curse.

For God alone, O my soul, wait in | silence,* for my hope is | from him.
 He only is my rock and my salvation, my | fortress;*
 I shall not be | shaken.
 On God rests my salvation and my | glory;* my mighty rock, my refuge | is God.

⁸Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart be- | fore him;* God is a refuge | for us.

9Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a de- | lusion;*
in the balances they go up; they are together lighter | than a breath.
10Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on | robbery;*
if riches increase, set not your | heart on them.

11Once God has spoken;
 twice have I | heard this:*
 that power belongs to God,
 12and that to you, O Lord, belongs | steadfast love.
 For you will render | to a man*
 according | to his work.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 7:29–35

The Word is read...

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

Stand

VERSE Mark 1:15

- Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- A The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.
- **⚠** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:14–20

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

The Gospel is read...

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

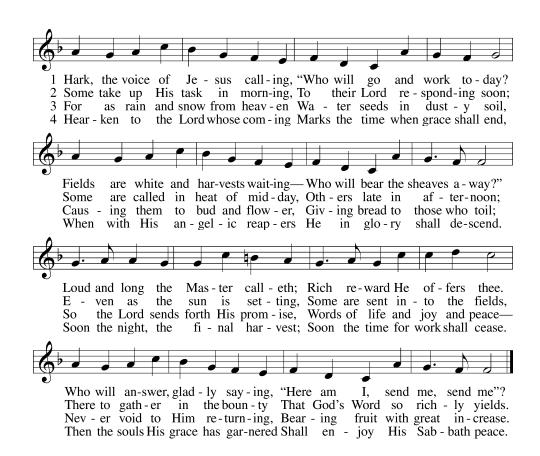
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE, 11:00 AM Service only

Deaconess Karen Suter

HYMN "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"

LSB 827



SERMON

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rod Gorham, Meg Johnson, Jim & Julie Walker, Cheryl & Terry Gardner

- P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R Yes, I do.

- **A** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?
- R Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- A Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- \mathbb{R} 1 do.
- P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- **R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- A Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- **R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- **A** Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?
- R I do.
- Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?
- **R** *I will, with the help of God.*
- Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Stand

Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them with the hearts to believe and with the mouths to

confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

New Members return to their seats

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord, as You have called us as Your own, gathered us together, and enlightened us by Your Spirit through Your Word, we bring to You our prayer and praise. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for all people of the world, that the Epiphany light that shines the radiance of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, shine in the hearts and minds of all people. For those who are wayward and lost and for those who have rejected Your call to repentance and faith, we pray You use us in our words and witness to point to You that many more would faithfully follow.

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

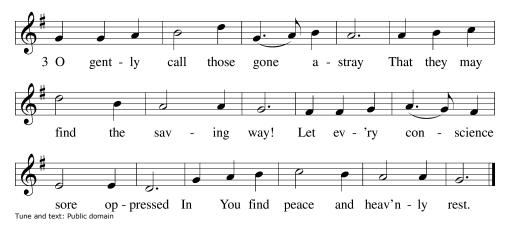
sts. 1–2



A Ever-present Lord, be with Your Church on earth and the congregations in their work to serve and praise You and to be nourished by Your Word and Sacraments. Bless those You have called in roles of pastors and church workers that they faithfully speak and live Your Word of truth and that the call to a repentant and faithful life in Christ be followed. Continue to raise up called servants and leaders within Your Church for Your work and mission to continue that many more may know You and follow where You lead.

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

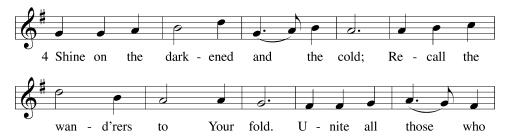
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Lord of comfort and peace, be present with those who face various needs in mind, soul, and body, [especially . . .]. Grant healing according to Your will. Be with those who grieve that the assured promise of Christ's victory over death and the grave brings hope in times of hopelessness. For those who live in doubt, fear, and distress, extend Your call of grace through Your Word and those who proclaim it.

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

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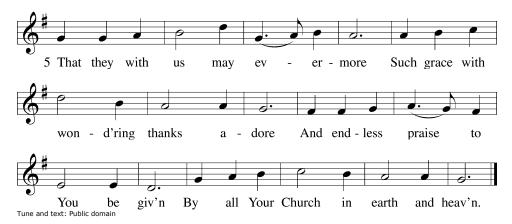




A Lord, we praise Your name for You gave Jesus Christ, whose love for us compelled Him to go to the cross that we by faith are saved. Unite us in Him and in our fellowship together, that in repentance we faithfully receive the gifts of life and grace He gives to us through His body and blood. Help us to draw our strength, love, compassion, and mercy through You.

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

st. 5

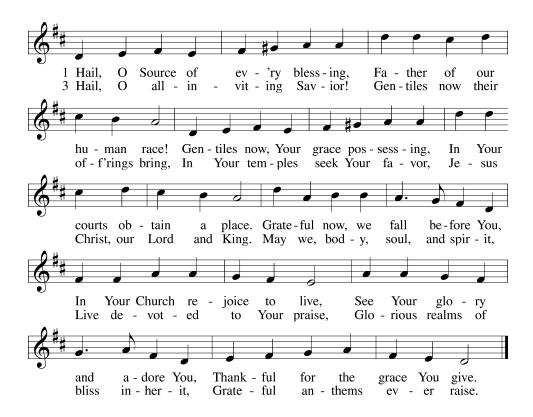


- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER, As printed on the forward screens

MISSION MINUTE Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Deaconess Karen Suter

OFFERTORY "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing" LSB 409 sts. 1,3



PAX DOMINI

- P The peace of the Lord be with you all.
- And also with you.

BENEDICTION

- P Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!
- **©** From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!
- As the Lord sent His life-renewing Word through Jonah and the prophets, be assured of His forgiveness and love. As the Lord called and sent His apostles to be fishers of men, hear His voice and follow Him. As we have received God's grace this day for the sake of Christ our Lord, heed His call to repentance, rejoice in His forgiving grace, and give Him thanks and praise.
- C Amen.

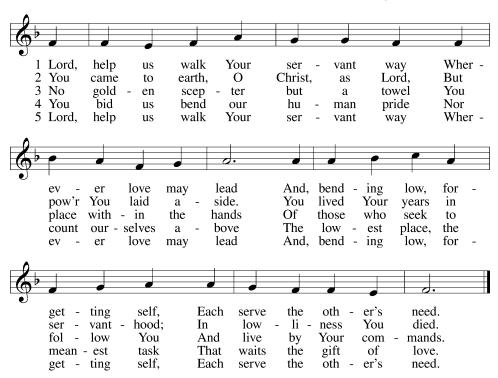
- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

HYMN

"Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"

LSB 857



Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

Deaconess Karen Suter

- **A** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name" Trumpet Solo, Susan Messersmith

setting: W. Wold

PARTICIPATING IN THIS SERVICE

Pastor: Rev. Richard Willsea Deaconess: Karen Suter Organist: Patty Barnes Trumpet: Susan Messersmith

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