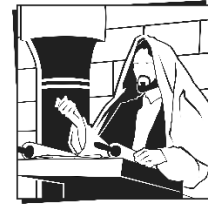


Third Sunday After The Epiphany
Life Sunday
January 23, 2022



AS WE GATHER

Each one of us comes into God's house individually, from different backgrounds, families, situations, experiences, challenges, and joys. But here, in God's house, something happens that makes us not just a collection of individuals but joined together as one person, one Body. This unity happens because we have been gathered by one Baptism in one faith in one Lord, our God whose greatness has been shown in our hearts and to the world in His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Here our Lord speaks, and we listen. And in the listening, we are moved to repentance and faith, true repentance of heart over our sins and true faith that knows that the Scriptures, the Word of God, are fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ. May true joy motivate our praise of God here and all our days as God's people scattered throughout the world.

HYMN **LSB 725 "Children of the Heavenly Father"**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.
People: **To You, O God, we confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and deeds, and also by the good that we have failed to do. Our love for You and for our neighbors has been weak or even dead. By Your Law, You reveal the judgment we rightly deserve. Because Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, has fulfilled Your Law on our behalf, we beg Your forgiveness and grace to restore us to life with You in the fellowship of all believers. Amen.**

Pastor: Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ, our Lord! In the stead and by the command of our Savior, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

KYRIE **LSB 944 Kyrie II "Lord, Have Mercy"**

HYMN OF PRAISE **LSB 941 "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God"**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
 Lord God, Your Word clearly shows Your love for the world in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Give to us both heartfelt repentance and faith that we may rejoice together and praise Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10* (Ezra reads the Law.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalms 19:7–14 (responsively by ½ verse)*

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 12:12–31a* (One Body with many members)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN **LSB 573 “Lord, ‘Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee”**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 4:16–30* (Jesus rejected at Nazareth)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED *Apostles’ Creed*

HYMN OF THE DAY **LSB 839 “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”**

SERMON

Text

HYMN **LSB 849 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”**
(Offerings previously gathered are brought forward as hymn is sung)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER **LSB 958 “Our Father Who Art in Heaven – Ila**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN **LSB 828 “We Are Called to Stand Together”**