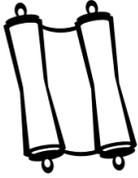


THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - JANUARY 23, 2022



Our human response to God and his Word can range from joy and praise to anger and lashing out at those who proclaim God's message. At times we also struggle with our place in the church compared to others. Jesus was very clear; he came for those who were repentant and hungry for mercy — not those who think they have it all figured out already. May we have attentive ears to hear and obey God's Word.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

PASTOR DAVE HANSEN (912) 826-2711

- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and give thanks to God in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.
- ◆ A personal hearing aid is available if needed. Please ask a Greeter or any member for assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MUSICAL PRELUDE - KAREN HALL

LBW: Divine Service One

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *(Stand, Spoken)*

L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8-9)*

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN — "THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION" *(Sung: LBW # 369)*

**The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.**

Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war,

(Continued)

**She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
That we, like saints before us, May see you face to face.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING (*Spoken*)

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)

C: And also with you.

KYRIE (*Sung*)

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend, us gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

Hymn of Praise (*Sung*)

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Sung*)

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority.

**C: Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and
proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

FIRST READING - Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (*Sit; Pew Bible, p. 474*)

SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (*Pew Bible, p. 1139*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gospel Verse (*Stand, Sung*)

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia. (John 6:68)

GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES - Luke 4:16-30 (*Sung; Pew Bible, p. 1021*)

L: The Holy Gospel from St. Luke, chapter 4. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE (*Sit*) - MRS. BETH HELMLY

HYMN — "LORD, SPEAK TO US THAT WE MAY SPEAK" (*Stand, Sung: LBW # 403*)

**Lord, speak to us, that we may speak In living echoes of your tone;
As you have sought, so let us seek Your straying children lost and lone.**

**Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead The wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
Oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed Your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.**

**Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach The precious truths which you impart;
And wing our words, that they may reach The hidden depths of many-a heart.**

**Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord, Until our very hearts o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word, Your love to tell, your praise to show.**

APOSTLES' CREED (*Spoken*)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

OFFERTORY (*Sung*)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

THE PRAYERS

L: Let us pray.

L: O Lord our God, you have commanded the light to shine out of darkness, and you have again brought us to your house of prayer to praise your goodness and ask for your gifts. Accept now in your endless mercy the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant us those requests which will be wholesome for us. Make us to be children of the light and of the day and heirs of your everlasting inheritance. Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of your mercies, your whole Church, all who join with us in prayer, all our sisters and brothers wherever they may be in your vast kingdom who stand in need of your help and comfort. Pour out upon them the riches of your mercy, so that we, redeemed in soul and body and steadfast in faith, may ever praise your wonderful and holy name; **C: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and always through all ages of ages.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

L: 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 "HE LEADETH ME" (*Sung: LBW #501*)

**He leadeth me: oh, blessed thought! Oh, words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. Refrain**

**Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters, calm, o'er troubled sea, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. Refrain**

**Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see, Since 'tis my God that leadeth me. Refrain**

(Continued)

**And when my task on earth is done, When by thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jordan leadeth me. Refrain**

**Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me, By his own hands he leadeth me.
His faithful foll'wer I would be, For by his hand he leadeth me.**

DISMISSAL (*Spoken*)

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

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