Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont, Illinois

Third Sunday after the Epiphany Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM LIFE SUNDAY

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Music Prelude, Ringing of the Bell, Welcome

(Stand)

VERSICLES 1

LSB 229

- L O Lord, open my lips,
- and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- make haste to help me, O Lord.
- 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.

Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

+ PSALMODY +

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!

 Blessèd be the name | of the LORD*
 from this time forth and for- | evermore!

 The LORD is high above all | nations,*
 and his glory above the | heavens!

 He raises the poor | from the dust*
 and lifts the needy from the | ash heap,
 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 be- | ginning,*
 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!

(Sit)

HYMN 839 O CHRIST, OUR TRUE AND ONLY LIGHT

+ READINGS +

READING Jonah 3:1–5, 10

A reading from Jonah, chapter 3.

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.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

READING 1 Corinthians 7:29–35

A reading from 1 Corinthians, chapter 7.

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.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

READING Mark 1:14–20

L A reading from Mark, chapter 1.

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.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

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- Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.
- Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- L Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.
- Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

HYMN OF THE DAY 570, JUST AS I AM

SERMON Reluctant Prophets Can Do Great Things, Jonah 3.

+ CANTICLE +

(Stand)

ANTIPHON J LSB 231

- Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
- and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

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- My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;
- I for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
- III For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.
- For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name:

- II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.
- I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- II He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.
- I He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.
- III He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.
- 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.

(Sit)

OFFERING

+ PRAYER +

(Stand)

KYRIE ♬

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Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

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.

INTRODUCTION TO COLLECTS

LSB 233

- L O Lord, hear my prayer.
- And let my cry come to You.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

ADDITIONAL COLLECTS (Amen to each)

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICAMUS J

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- L Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION J

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- The grace of our Lord
 Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.

(Sit)

HYMN 685 LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS

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