

THE LORD'S DAY      11:00 A.M.      JANUARY 21, 2024  
Third Sunday after the Epiphany of Our Lord

## LIFE SUNDAY

### *Preservice Music, Welcome*

#### INVOCATION

*Psalm 113:1-4, 7-8*

Reader: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen!**

Reader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People: the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

Reader: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

**People: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!**

Reader: The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

**People: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**

Reader: to make them sit with princes,

**People: 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.**

Reader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People: the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

#### OPENING SONG

*"Life Is Ours"*

**Life is ours, a gift of Jesus,  
life that blesses, life that frees us.  
Children of the Father's pleasure,  
we now share our Savior's treasure.**

**See this wonder in the making,  
God Himself this child is taking,  
As a lamb safe in His keeping,  
His to be, awake or sleeping.**

**God His own doth tend and nourish,  
in His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them,  
in His mighty arms He bears them.**

**Miracle each time it happens,  
as the door to heaven opens,  
And the Father beams: "Beloved."  
Heir of gifts a King would covet.**

**Here we bring a child of nature,  
home we take a newborn creature,  
Now God's precious son or daughter,  
born again by Word and water.**

**So then join in holy laughter,  
both here now and he - re after,  
Trust the promise! Hear the sending!  
Sing a song of Life Unending!**

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Tune: "Children of the Heavenly Father" AGPS 80

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Life that blesses, life that frees us.  
Children of the Father's pleasure,  
we now share our Savior's treasure.**

**Once in sorrow He was crying,  
on a cross our Lord was dying.  
Why should He, God's glory sharing,  
die for us, God's love not sparing.**

**Not a day nor year shall pass us,  
when His love shall not caress us.  
We shall live our lives believing,  
that His life we are receiving.**

**Oh, the answer is the treasure!  
It brings joy beyond all measure.  
Jesus died new life to nourish.  
Jesus lives that life might flourish.**

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jonah 3:1-5,10*

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." So 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. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And 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.

When 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

*1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

This 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, and 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, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

<sup>32</sup>I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, <sup>34</sup>and 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. <sup>35</sup>I 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.

Reader: This is the Word the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*"Be Glorified"*

**In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In my song, Lord,.....**

**In Your church, Lord,.....**

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## **GOSPEL READING**

*Mark 1:14-20*

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

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **CONFESSION**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father:

**ALL: O Lord God, You have been gracious to us, beyond any right or expectation we could boast. When we were lost in trespass and sin, You sent Jesus to be our Savior. Such love is beyond our understanding, and too great for us to fully fathom. I confess that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed. I humbly ask you to forgive me all my sins for the sake of Jesus. Renew me and make me whole by the power of the gospel and the working of the Holy Spirit.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." *Romans 6:23*

As a shepherd of God's flock and at the command of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## **THE CHILDREN'S TALK**

**SONG OF THE DAY: LSB 570, Just As I Am**

## **SERMON, RELUCTANT PROPHETS CAN DO GREAT THINGS, JONAH 3**

## **THE OFFERING**

*" 'Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test Me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.' "*

Malachi 3:10

**THE PRAYERS** *Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

## **THE 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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## THE CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE

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*"Forever"*

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King;  
His love endures forever.  
For He is good, He is above all things;  
His Love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm;  
His love endures forever.  
For the life that's been reborn; His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us, forever, forever,

From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever.  
And by the grace of God we will carry on;  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us, forever, forever,

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