

We Worship our Lord
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday, January 22, 2023, 11:15am

Not witnessing is like telling a person who is sick with appendicitis to just relax, think positive thoughts, listen to some nice music and everything will be fine.

No it won't, they need to see a doctor!

Salvation is SERIOUS, life and death, heaven or hell.

Opening Praise Service

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

C: but to us who are being saved it's the power of God.

P: Wait for the LORD, be strong, and let your heart take courage,

C: wait for the LORD!

P: Matthew writes that Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Let us respond by confessing and asking our God's forgiveness.

C: Heavenly Father, I confess my sins to You. I am too much a part of this fallen world. Because my citizenship is in heaven, seize my thoughts, words, and deeds by Your gracious power. Help me to live each day heading to the eternal promised land. Turn me from my sinful direction to follow my Savior's gracious lead, walking in ways pleasing to You for Jesus' sake, Amen.

P: Be assured that through Jesus' blood-bought rescue, you are already citizens in the Kingdom of heaven. In the stead and by the command of Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Together, we pray.

C: Lord Jesus, who came from heaven to earth, heal us in body, soul, and spirit that we may serve You in joy, now and always; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Children's Time

Isaiah 9:1–4

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Matthew 4:12-25)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Praise Song

The Sermon ***Tell Your Story***

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

Prayers of His Children

P: Lord in Your mercy **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: ...who taught us all to pray,

C: Our Father...

God's Benediction

Sending Praise Song

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