

# *Third Sunday After Epiphany*

## *January 22, 2023*



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**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**     January 22, 2023  
**REPENT - FOLLOW - HEALED**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**    "Here I Am, Lord" (arr. Schrader) & "Lord, I Need You" (arr. Hayes)

**A Reminder: Please be respectful to our brothers and sisters who use the time prior to worship for quiet meditation on God's Word. - Thank you**

**SHOW US CHRIST**

*Worship Team ~*

*Prepare our hearts, O God. Help us to receive.*

*Break the hard and stony ground. Help our unbelief.*

*Plant Your Word down deep in us; Cause it to bear fruit.*

*Open up our ears to hear. Lead us in Your truth.*

**CHORUS - All**

Show us Christ. Show us Christ.

O God, reveal Your glory through the preaching of Your Word.

Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.

Your Word is living light upon our darkened eyes.

Guards us through temptations, makes the simple wise.

Your Word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave.

Riches for the needy soul. Come speak to us today. **CHORUS**

**BRIDGE 3X**

Where else can we go, Lord? Where else can we go?

You have the words of eternal life. **CHORUS**

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**MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.    *Romans 8:39*

**INVOCATION**

**P**    In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**    Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES**

*1 Corinthians 1:18; Psalm 27:14*

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

**C**    **but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

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

**C**    **wait for the LORD!**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Matthew 4:17; Philippians 3:20; 1 Corinthians 1:18*

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

**C**    **Heavenly Father, we confess our sins to You. We are too much a part of this fallen world. Because our citizenship is in heaven, invade our thoughts, words, and deeds by Your gracious power. Help us to live each day as pilgrims heading to the eternal promised land. Turn us from our sinful direction to follow our Savior's gracious lead, walking in ways pleasing to You for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

**P** “For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” 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 our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL, SAVIOR

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;  
Who would’ve thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men,  
O, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,  
O, we’ve hopelessly lost the way.

### REFRAIN

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore;  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,  
O, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, Infinite Father, faithfully loving your own;  
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,  
O, we’re falling before Your throne. **REFRAIN 2X**

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## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God,

**C** **mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us;**

**P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 9:1–4*

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 1:10–18*

<sup>10</sup>I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup>For it has been

reported to me by Chloe’s people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” <sup>13</sup>Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 4:12–25*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup>And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— <sup>16</sup>the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>18</sup>While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. <sup>24</sup>So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. <sup>25</sup>And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### 849 PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris’ners,  
Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,  
Healing ev’ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands  
With the very Bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children  
With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons  
With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water

To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water,  
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,  
Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious  
That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer,  
Praise the One who makes us one.

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**SERMON** "Repent - Follow – Healed" Matthew 4:12-25

**CREED** Early Service – Apostles' Creed Late Service – Nicene Creed  
(*Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens*)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

**P** let us pray to the Lord,

**C** **Lord have mercy.**

*At the end of the prayer:*

**C** Amen.

***Early service please continue with the Lord's Prayer & Benediction***

**+ SACRAMENT +**

## PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)

- 1 “Holy, holy, holy!” all the saints in glory  
Fill Your temple with their song around Your golden throne;  
“Holy, holy, holy!” with them we adore You;  
God in three persons, all in Christ as one.


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## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### LORD’S PRAYER

### PAX DOMINI

 The peace of the Lord be with you always.

 Amen.

### O LAMB OF GOD, WE PRAY

- 1 O Lamb of God, we pray:  
Take all our sins away—  
Our faith increase.  
Have mercy on us all,  
Strengthen us when we fall,  
Answer our fervent call  
And grant us peace.

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## + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

***For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement  
regarding the Lord’s Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.***

### IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME (Keaggy) Praise Team

### LORD, I NEED YOU

*Solo - Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest.*

*Without You, I fall apart, You’re the One that guides my heart.*

### CHORUS

Lord, I need You, oh I need You. Ev’ry hour I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found, is where You are.

Where You are, Lord I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. **CHORUS**

*BRIDGE – Solo*

*So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way.*

*When I cannot stand I’ll fall on You; Jesus You’re my hope and stay. **CHORUS 2X***

### ENDING

You’re my one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

*Solo – My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.*

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## 744 AMAZING GRACE

sts. 1–5

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see!
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven's joy and peace.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

Text (sts. 1–4): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 5): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790, Richmond  
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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,
- G** **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

- P** 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.
- G** **Amen.**

## MIGHTY TO SAVE

Ev'ryone needs compassion, love that's never failing.  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior,  
The hope of nations.

## CHORUS

Savior, He can move the mountains.

My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of salvation,

He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures.

Fill my life again. I give my life to follow,

Ev'rything I believe in. Now I surrender. **CHORUS**

Shine Your light and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus,

Shine Your light and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King. **CHORUS TWICE**

Shine Your light and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus,

Shine Your light and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King. **CHORUS**

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## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

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## Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

**Invocation** In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Introit** (found on front page)

**Catechism Review** (found on front page)

**Meditation:** Portals of Prayer, [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions), Other

### ***Daily Scripture Readings***

Sunday: Joel 2:1-17; Romans 11:1-24  
Monday: Joel 2:18-32; Romans 11:25-12:13  
Tuesday: Joel 3:1-21; Romans 12:14-13:14  
Wednesday: Zechariah 1:1-21; Romans 14:1-23  
Thursday: Zechariah 2:1-3:10; Romans 15:1-13  
Friday: Zechariah 4:1-5:11; Romans 15:14-33  
Saturday: Zechariah 6:1-7:14; Romans 16:17-27

### ***In Our Prayers This Week*** (as of Thursday morning)

Herb, health issues	William, a child with leukemia
Kathy, cancer	Mary, Jan's sister-in-law, cancer
Diane, recovery	Pierce, an infant with leukemia
Jack, ongoing health issues	Georgia, recovery
Lauren's mother, Phyllis	Margo, health issues
Shirley, health issues	Duane, cancer
Kent, recovery	Blake
Georgia, recovery	Dave, health issues
Jim, cancer	Jim, Parkinson's
Tom, cancer	Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome
Lauren, cancer	Barb, Healing
Barb, recovery	Dana, stroke recovery

Mike's mother - Jean, health issues

Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues

For those who mourn the evil in our world, that God's comfort and peace may point them to the hope of the resurrection.

For those with hearts where evil dwells, that God's kingdom would come and rule over their life.

For our nation, that God would bring about repentance through His Word that He may heal our land.

**Our Savior Families:** Sherri & Family, Barry, Thomas & Kathleen, Ralph & Mara, Beth

**Hymn of the Week** "Sing Praise to the God of Israel" LSB 936

**Collect** (found on front page)

**Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction**