



Lutheran Church & Christian School



Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Lutheran School's Sunday

January 26, 2020

Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!

100 Maple Avenue, Keene, NH 03431
603.352.4446 | tlckeene.nh@gmail.com | tlckeene.org

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

A VIEW FROM THE PLAIN

January 26, 2020

AS WE GATHER

It is good to pause and give praise, especially for the precious Gospel, bestowed *upon*, and entrusted *to* His disciples. Where, more than likely, it was from Mount Arbel that Jesus cast His vision toward, the “Galilee of the Gentiles.” It was to this region that Jesus would dedicate most of His ministry, later to entrust that mission to His disciples to carry it forward. It is this message of hope and life that we celebrate today, rejoicing in the ministry of Trinity Christian School to be a partner in that commission. Wherein, with the gift of Christian education, Jesus continues to bless others, instilling in us all a love for the Gospel, with a vision to share it in Jesus’ name. Today let us celebrate both the gift of God’s Word, and the privilege we possess as members of His body to proclaim it. Welcome in Jesus’ name!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC “Nothing but the Blood of Jesus” (Instrumental) *TCS Students*

WELCOME

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: With these words, God seeks to bless, call, and equip His people for a life of service in His name.

Congregation: “Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light unto my path.”
(Ps. 119:105)

Pastor: “So is my word that goes out from my mouth,” says the Lord. “It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and the purpose for which I sent it.” *(Is. 55:11)*

Congregation: “Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light unto my path.”

Pastor: Yes, “all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man and woman of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

Congregation: “Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light unto my path.”

HYMN OF PRAISE “Nothing but the Blood of Jesus” (Vocal) TCS Students

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Gracious and Majestic Lord, Your Word teaches us all things needful for this life and for the life to come.

Congregation: Therefore, we give thanks for the gift of Christian Education in this place. Continue to pour out Your blessings on Trinity Christian School, its staff, teachers, parents and children. Strengthen us all by Your grace, so that as You dwell among us, we might dwell among others with Your grace and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 9:1-4 (*The people have seen a great light.*)

¹ But 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.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (Our message is the cross.)*

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² 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." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING "Amazing Love"

TCS Students

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-25 *(Jesus begins His ministry.)*

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

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹² Now when [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee.

¹³ And leaving Nazareth He went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,

the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ 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."

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

¹⁸ 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.

¹⁹ And He said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. ²¹ 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. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him.

²³ 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. ²⁴ 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, those having seizures, and paralytics, and He healed them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN “Shout to the North” (*Words & Music by Martin Smith © 1995 Curious? Music*)

Chorus: *Shout to the North and the South. Sing to the East and the West.
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of Heaven and earth.*

Men: Men of faith rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.
(Chorus)

Women: Rise up women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts.
Who can know the healing power of our awesome King of love.
(Chorus)

Bridge: We’ve been through fire, we’ve been through rain.
We’ve been refined by the power of His name.
We’ve fallen deeper in love with You; You’ve burned the truth on our lips.

All: Rise up Church with broken wings, fill this place with songs again
Of our God Who reigns on high, by His grace again we'll fly.
(Chorus & Repeat)

Ending:

He's Lord of Heaven and earth.

He's Lord ... of Heaven ... and earth.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

APOSTLES' CREED

All:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for all people in their various needs, for the Church wherever it is planted, and for ourselves, gathered in worship.

Lord of the Church, whose Word is at work for all who call out to You in faith, guide and protect all pastors and teachers of Your Word around the world. Give them compassionate hearts, clear minds, appropriate words, and the wisdom to use them so that Your Kingdom grows stronger in faith and closer to You and one another in love. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, giver of life, health and peace, open our hearts and minds to share Your bounty with one another, among our neighbors, and through the agencies of the Church and government, with any people in need. Raise up leaders in our nation and around the world so that all human need will be lessened, and health and human dignity increased. Protect and guide all who order society across the globe, and give patience and resolve to forces deployed for peace across national borders. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, who bestows Your gifts throughout the Church, open the eyes of Your people to see avenues of peace and reconciliation, paths of concord and joy. We remember our brothers and sisters who call out to You for healing. Use the talents that You give to counselors, health-care workers, medical personnel, first responders, and all who are called as Your instruments of care. Grant peace, health, and comfort according to Your gracious plans. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Additional petitions and praises are offered here.

Pastor: Lord, grant these petitions for the sake of our Lord Jesus, who has promised that what we ask in His name will be answered according to Your will; **HEAR OUR PRAYER. AMEN.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

At this time, we share the Lord's peace with each other.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING "Raise a Hallelujah"

TCS Students



OFFERTORY**“Create in Me”***LSB p. 192-193*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

CLOSING PRAYER FOR THE WORD

Pastor: Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own, and to confirm those who have come to saving faith in You. May Your Word pass from ear to the heart, from the heart to the lips, and from the lips to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who also taught us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

All: **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.**

TLC CHOIR ANTHEM "Walk with Them, Lord" (*Words & Music by Nancy Price & Don Besig*)

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

Congregation: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve" *LSB 856, St. 1-2, 5*

1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:
Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,
In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.
teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.

5. O Christ, the apostles' Lord,
The martyrs' strength and song,
The crucified and risen King
To whom the saints belong:
Though generations pass,
Our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
Our lives an offering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LSB 790, St. 4

4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you. AMEN!

The image shows a musical score for a congregational blessing. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '4' indicating a four-measure rest. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing. The lyrics are: '4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you. AMEN!'.

Public domain

Thank you to all the teachers, parents and students who worshipped with us today.
A Special thank you to all the students who participated in the service.
Thank you to all who worshipped with us this morning.