

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Imperial NE**

26 January 2020

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Introit

Psalm 22:27–31; antiphon: v. 22

I will tell of your name to my | brothers;*
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you.
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,*
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.
For kingship belongs | to the LORD,*
and he rules over the | nations.
All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;*
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could
not keep him- | self alive.
Posterity shall | serve him;*
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;
they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,*
that he has | done it.

**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.**

I will tell of your name to my | brothers;*
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise 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.

Gradual

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
Extol him, all | peoples!
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Verse*Matthew 4:17*

Alleluia. From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Alleluia.

About the Readings:

The Lord Manifests His Glory through His Office of the Holy Ministry. By His coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, the Lord Jesus shines the light of His Gospel upon "the people who walked in darkness" and "who dwelt in a land of deep darkness" (Is. 9:2). He also has "multiplied the nation" and "increased its joy" (Is. 9:3) by calling disciples to Himself from the ends of the earth. For this purpose, He calls Peter and Andrew, with James and John, to follow Him and be "fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). As Jesus did, they also go forth "proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people" (Matt. 4:23). They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the very power and wisdom of God. This word and preaching of the cross divides "those who are perishing" from "us who are being saved" (1 Cor. 1:18), but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, "in the same mind and the same judgment" (1 Cor. 1:10).

Readings:

This Week

Next Week

Old Testament

Isaiah 9:1-4

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm

Psalm 27:1-9

Psalm 15

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-25

Matthew 5:1-12

Hymns:

This Week

Next Week

810

782

839

851

643

What am I listening for in the sermon? (space left for notes)

Instruction: What did the Word of God teach you in this sermon?

Confession: Having heard this sermon, what sins should I confess?

Thanksgiving: After hearing this sermon, for what should I give thanks?

Prayer: After hearing this sermon, what should I pray for? (For myself and others)

THIS WEEK IN CHRIST ACADEMY I, II, & III

Bible Story: John Baptizes Jesus—Matthew 3 and John 1
120 Bible Stories, 162-163

Catechism: **The Power of Baptism**

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three:

"He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (**Titus 3:5–8**)

For further study, see *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation* (2017), pp. 297-301.

FAMILY DEVOTION

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PSALM

READING

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

TEN COMMANDMENTS

APOSTLE'S CREED

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

