



3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
Jesus is the Fulfillment of God's Promises

January 24 & 27, 2019

ZION

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In the name of our Lord Jesus, welcome! We pray that within our church you will find the quiet assurance of God's presence, the warmth of Christian fellowship, and the abiding truth of God's Word. Come worship with us again!

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SERVING TODAY

Preaching	Pastor Robert Wilke
Presiding	Pastor Timothy Schwartz
Organist.....	Rachel Grambsch
Ushers (8:00)	Randy Koehn, Jadon Schwartz, Joe Grambsch, Ben Grambsch,
.....	Josiah Schwartz, Jim Stadler
Ushers (10:30)	Roger Weiland, Bryce Weiland, Brett Weiland, Norman Weiland
.....	Peter Klokow, Tony Owens
Communion Assistants (8:00)	Don Lamb
Communion Assistants (10:30)	Mike Hallberg
Greeters (8:00).....	Jim & Jenny Greiling
Greeters (10:30).....	Bev Herold and Nikki Henning
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DIVINE SERVICE II

OPENING HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed | CW 93

INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY | *Kyrie*

Mark 10:47

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: **Amen.**

GLORY BE TO GOD | *Gloria*

Sung to the tune of *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* | CW 152

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| <p>1 All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and
grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race.</p> <p>2 Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
For your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.</p> | <p>3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God's right hand, your mercy
share.</p> <p>4 You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;
The Father's glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again:
"All glory be to God!" Amen.</p> |
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THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 | NIV

All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel.

² So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand.

³ He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

⁵ Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. ⁶ Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸ They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.

⁹ Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

¹⁰ Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

SECOND LESSON

Acts 4:23-31 | NIV

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

"Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord
and against his anointed one."

²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." ³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.



A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES

VERSE OF THE DAY



GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:14-21 | NIV

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. **21** He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God from God, O Light from Light | CW 85

SERMON

Some Things Never Change | Luke 4:14-21

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

M: Our God, by your Spirit teach us carefully and deliberately to weigh in our hearts the matter of Christian giving that our gifts ever reflect the great debt of love we owe you. Help our offerings and gifts to be such as are pleasing in your sight. For Jesus' sake we ask this.

C: **Amen.**

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS | 8:00

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

For the gift of divine peace and of pardon for our all sins, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For Christ's Holy Church, here and throughout the world; for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith; for all pastors, teachers and missionaries; and for vocations to church work, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

- M: For laborers in their labor, for the armed forces and police who defend us, for medical workers who care for us, and for the noble character of honest work, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For the sick, the hospitalized and the dying; and for the grieving and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For our communion this day, for hearts led to repentance and faith renewed by the Spirit, and for the true unity of faith that will bear the fruit of unity at the table of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For the faithful who have loved and served the Lord and now rest from their labors, let us give thanks to the Lord and pray for the day when we shall be together with them, united in his presence forever, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: Finally, for all these, for the Lord to grant us all things beneficial and to keep from us all things harmful, and for peace and confidence in our prayers, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: **Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

- M: The Lord be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**
- M: Lift up your hearts.
- C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: **It is good and right so to do.**
- M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came as the Light of the world so that the world may have light and life through Him. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

C: O holy, holy, holy
 Lord God of pow'r and might,
 Your glory, earth and heaven
 In countless ways recite.
 Hosanna! Come and save us,
 Lord God of hosts on high,
 And in your grace and mercy
 Receive our fervent cry.

Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which He has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with Him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28; 1Corinthians 11:24.25

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD | *Agnus Dei* John 1:29



COMMUNING AT ZION

COMMUNION: If you are visiting today we ask you to speak to one of our pastors before communing. We follow the Biblical, ancient custom of close communion (also called “member communion”).

CONFESSION: Receiving Holy Communion is a statement of faith. Any person who takes communion with a group of believers is publicly saying, “I believe everything this church teaches.”

INSTRUCTION: In order for people to understand the teachings that they are confessing when they take communion, we offer classes on the Christian faith in our church (and all of our WELS and ELS churches). We ask all visitors who have not yet received such instruction to first go through the classes before taking part in the Lord’s Supper.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise | **CW 82**
O Living Bread from Heaven | **CW 314**

SONG OF SIMEON | *Nunc Dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32

Sung to the tune of *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* | CW 130

O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!

All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love | CW 76

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