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# ❖ THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ❖

ORDER OF WORSHIP • JANUARY 25, 2026 • 9:00 AM

† Indicates the congregation should stand as able.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

† OPENING HYMN     JESUS CALLS US; O'ER THE TUMULT  
LBW #494

## † CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL:     Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

All:     **Amen.**

WL:     Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection*

WL:     Merciful God,

All:     **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act**

**with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;**

**we resist your call to oppose injustice;**

**we give in to scarcity and fear;**

**we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults**

**and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness.**

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,**

**that we may live in Christ's ways.**

WL:     God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In † Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

All:     **Amen!**

## † PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: Let us pray.

WL: Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 9:1-4

R: The First lesson for this third Sunday after Epiphany is from the ninth chapter of the prophet Isaiah.

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.  
You have enlarged the nation  
and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice  
when dividing the plunder.  
For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE LESSON

## 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

R: The Epistle is from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, the first chapter.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

† VERSE

ALLELUIA, LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?  
LBW SETTING 1, PAGE 62

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## † HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 4:12-25

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

All: **Glory to your, O Lord!**

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,  
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,  
Galilee of the Gentiles—  
the people living in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of the shadow of death  
a light has dawned.”

From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## TODAY’S MESSAGE

## † MESSAGE HYMN O CHRIST, WHO CALLED THE TWELVE LSB #856, STANZAS 1, 4, 5

O Christ, who called the Twelve to rise and follow You,  
Forsaking old, familiar ways for ventures bold and new:  
Grant us to hear Your call to risk security  
And, bound in heart and will to You, find perfect liberty.

O Christ, who sent the Twelve on roads they'd never trod  
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim the nearer reign of God:  
Send us on ways where faith transcends timidity,  
Where love informs and hope sustains both life and ministry.

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.

## † PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

WL: Let us boldly confess our faith, with the words of the 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

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# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## † PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## † THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### † THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray today:

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.**

## † PAX DOMINI

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

All: **Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### COMMUNION HYMN

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

*REFRAIN:* **One bread, one body, one Lord of all,**  
**One cup of blessing which we bless.**  
**And we, though many, throughout the earth,**  
**We are one body in this one Lord.**

**Gentile or Jew,**  
**Servant or free,**  
**Woman or man, no more.**      *REFRAIN*

*continued on next page*

**Many the gifts,  
Many the works,  
One in the Lord of all. *REFRAIN***

**Grain for the fields,  
Scattered and grown,  
Gathered to one, for all. *REFRAIN***

### **† THE DISMISSAL**

**WL:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

**All:** **Amen.**

### **† CLOSING PRAYER**

**WL:** Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

**All:** **Amen.**

### **† BLESSING**

**WL:** May the love of God uphold you; the light of Christ guide you; and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy, now and forever.

**All:** **Amen.**

### **† SENDING HYMN**

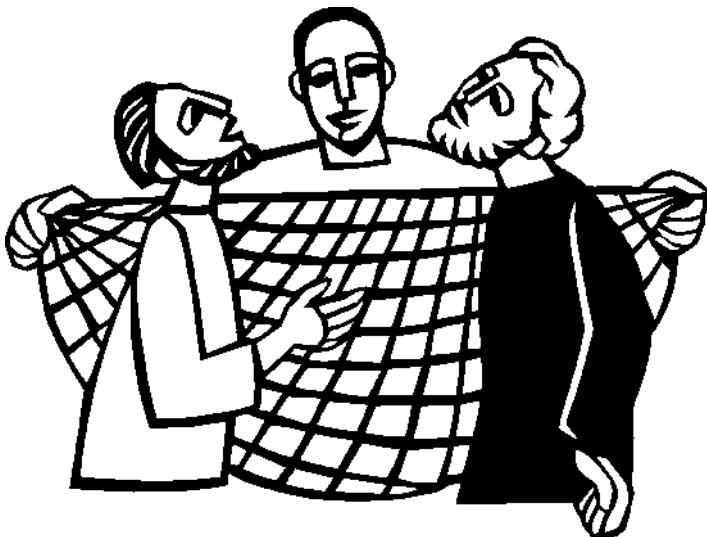
**O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED**  
**LBW #503**

### **† SENDING**

**WL:** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**SOLI DEO GLORIA**  
**TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY**



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