

Sunday Worship Service – January 22, 2023
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book – Holy Communion Setting Ten

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Candles & Christ Candle

Introduction to the Theme of the Bible Readings

Call to Worship*

Christ is our light, our way in the dark.

Come to the light of Christ.

Christ calls us here, to worship and to pray.

Come and answer Christ's call.

Christ leads us forth, to teach and to heal.

Come and worship our God!

Thanksgiving for Baptism¹

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy
and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word
you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy
Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as your children,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,

and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

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Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Opening the Epiphany Gift

On this Day of Epiphany we bring forth this gift,
a symbol of Christ who is present in our midst as we gather on this day.

#593 Gathering Hymn "Drawn to the Light"

- 1. People who walk in darkness have sought
a light in the heart of the darkest night.**

Just when we thought all would be lost, we were drawn to the light of God.

Refrain

**Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the light and the morning.
Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight to be drawn to the light of God.**

- 2. How can we tell a heaven from hell if ev'ryone dwells in the dark of night?
Morning dispels, gently compels, and we're drawn to the light of God.**

Refrain

- 3. Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none!
The Lamb is the one who is shining bright,
bids us to come! Life has begun when we're drawn to the light of God.**

Refrain

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

- 1. Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**
- 2. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**
- 3. Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

p.204 Canticle of Praise “Glory be to God”

1. **Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**
2. **Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav’n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God’s right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**
3. **Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father’s splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

Sacrament of Baptism

Sharing of the Peace

Prayer of the Day*

Light of the World, shine upon us this day. Break through the clouds that separate us from one another, that we may worship you as one body. Guide our steps, that we may walk in your light and live as your people of love. Amen.

Isaiah 9:1-4

Nonetheless, those who were in distress won’t be exhausted. At an earlier time, God cursed the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but later God glorified the way of the sea, the far side of the Jordan, and the Galilee of the nations. The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned. You have made the nation great; you have increased its joy. They rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest, as those who divide plunder rejoice. As on the day of Midian, you’ve shattered the yoke that burdened them, the staff on their shoulders, and the rod of their oppressor. (CEB)

p.205 Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. Jesus left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. This fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet said:

Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, alongside the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light, and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in shadow of death.

From that time Jesus began to announce, "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!"

As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." Right away, they left their nets and followed Jesus. Continuing on, Jesus saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee their father repairing their nets. Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues.

Jesus announced the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people. (CEB)

Sermon

#817 Hymn of the Day "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

- 1. You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.**

Refrain:

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;

kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
 On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
 now with you, I will seek other seas.

2. You know full well what I have, Lord:
 neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
 just these my fish nets and will for working.

Refrain

3. You need my hands, my exhaustion,
 working love for the rest of the weary –
 a love that's willing to go on loving.

Refrain

4. You who have fished other waters;
 you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
 O loving Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain

Prayers of Intercession

Offering*

Gracious God, we thank you for this day – a day blessed with light and joy, a day blessed with hope and abundance. May these gifts bring light to those lost in darkness, and chase away the shadow of death from those who have lost hope. Bless our lives to your service, in the name of the true Light. Amen.

p.206 The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts
of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

#574 Communion Hymn "Here I Am Lord"

1. "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain: Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" (*Refrain*)
3. "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" (*Refrain*)

#818 Communion Hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

1. O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true;

- tell me your secret; help me to bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.
 3. Teach me your patience; share with me a closer dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,
 4. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way, in peace that only you can give; with you, O Master, let me live.

Communion Blessing

Prayer after communion**

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

Blessing*

Go forth bathed in the light and love of God.
 Go forth to join with Jesus to proclaim the good news of this light and love.
 Go forth empowered by the Spirit
 to live in God's light with courage and joy.

Sending

Go in peace, inspired by Christ to love and serve. **Thanks be to God!**

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