

**The Order of Worship for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Lutheran Service Book Divine Service Setting One**

**Prelude** "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" Nicolai, arr. Hildebrand

**Opening Hymn** – "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

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- 1 O Christ, our true and only light,  
Enlighten those who sit in night;  
Let those afar now hear Your voice  
And in Your fold with us rejoice.
- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace  
The souls now lost in error's maze;  
Enlighten those whose inmost minds  
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
- 3 O gently call those gone astray  
That they may find the saving way!  
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed  
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.
- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;  
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.  
Unite all those who walk apart;  
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
- 5 That they with us may evermore  
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore  
And endless praise to You be giv'n  
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

**Confession and Absolution**

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

**Congr:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**Congr:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**Pastor:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Congr:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**Pastor:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Congr:** **Amen.**

**Psalm 27:1-9**

**Pastor:** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
**Congr:** **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

**Pastor:** When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,  
**Congr:** **my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

**Pastor:** Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
**Congr:** **though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

**Pastor:** One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:  
**Congr:** **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

**Pastor:** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
**Congr:** **he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**

**Pastor:** And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
**Congr:** **I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

**Pastor:** Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
**Congr:** **be gracious to me and answer me!**

**Pastor:** You have said, "Seek my face."  
**Congr:** **My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

**Pastor:** Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,  
**Congr:** **O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***  
**And to the Holy Spirit;**  
**As it was in the beginning, \***  
**Is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Kyrie**

**Pastor:** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**Congr:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**Congr:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
**Congr:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**Congr:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**Congr:** **A-men.**

**Hymn of Praise** – LSB Page 154

**Pastor:** Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.

**Congr sings:** Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father:  
We worship You, we give You thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.  
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**Congr:** **And also with you.**

***The Lessons for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany***

**The First Lesson – Isaiah 9:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

**Pastor:** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Congr:** **Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

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

**Pastor:** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Congr:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Congregation stands for the Holy Gospel – LSB Page 157**

**Congr: “Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.”**

### **The Gospel - Matthew 4:12-25**

**Congr: "Glory to You, O Lord!"**

<sup>12</sup>When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup>And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—<sup>16</sup>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.”

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

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. <sup>25</sup>And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

**Congr: "Praise to You, O Christ!"**

### **The Apostle's Creed - LSB Page 159**

**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.**

### **Hymn of the Day – “‘Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake”**

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- 1 “Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake, “All in My way abiding;  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.  
O bear the cross, whate'er betide,  
Take My example for your guide.
- 2 “I am the light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;  
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show  
How you must sojourn here below.

- 3 "My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing;  
And gracious words My lips express, With meekness overflowing.  
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,  
To God I yield, on Him I call.
- 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul's salvation,  
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.  
I am the refuge of the soul  
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."
- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff'ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle's strain  
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

**The Sermon** *"We Are Solar Powered Beings"*

*Matthew 4:12-25*

**Offering/Offertory** *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"* Chapin

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation  
and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now  
in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Benediction**

**Closing Hymn** *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*

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- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

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### **Silent Prayer**

### **Announcements**

**Postlude** *"O Christ Who Called the Twelve"* Sheppard, arr. Whitworth