

+ THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY +

*Sanctity of Human Life Sunday*

Sunday, 23 January A+D 2022 • 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, 26 January A+D 2022 • 7:00 P.M.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**HYMN OF INVOCATION**

*"Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear" LSB 908*

- 1 Lord, open now my heart to hear,  
And through Your Word to me draw near;  
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain;  
Let me Your child and heir remain.
  
- 2 Your Word inspires my heart within;  
Your Word grants healing from my sin;  
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;  
Your Word brings peace and happiness.
  
- △ 3 To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Shall glory, praise, and honor be  
Now and throughout eternity.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 102:18–22; antiphon: v. 13*

**P** You will arise and have pity on Zion;

**C** **it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.**

**P** Let this be recorded for a generation to come,

**C** **so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:**

**P** that he looked down from his holy height;

**C** **from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,**

**P** to hear the groans of the prisoners,  
**C** to set free those who were doomed to die,  
**P** that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,  
**C** and in Jerusalem his praise,  
**P** when peoples gather together,  
**C** and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

**C** ♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without  
end. Amen.**

**P** You will arise and have pity on Zion;  
**C** it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

#### **KYRIE**

*LSB 186*

**C** ♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

*LSB 187*

**P** ♪ **Glory be to God on high:  
and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**  
**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon  
us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** ♪ The Lord be with you.

**C** ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

**P** ♪ Let us pray.

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.

**C** ♪ **Amen.**

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10*

**P** The Old Testament Reading is from Nehemiah, chapter 8.

<sup>1</sup> All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup>So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

<sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup>And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

<sup>8</sup>They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this

day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

**P** Praise the LORD, all nations!

**C** **Extol him, all peoples!**

**P** For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**C** **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

**P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

**C** **bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

## EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 12:12–31a*

**P** The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 12.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

<sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part

that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

#### **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

*LSB 190; Luke 4:18a*

**C** ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**P** Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia.

**C** ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

#### **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 4:16–30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

**C** ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>16</sup>[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.

<sup>17</sup>And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me

to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives

and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup>And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup>and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup>And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup>And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But passing through their midst, he went away.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**C** 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.**

*Sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"O Christ, Our True and Only Light" LSB 839*

- 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.

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**SERMON**

*"An Unwelcome Word" Luke 4:16-30*

*Stand*

**OFFERTORY**

*LSB 956*

1 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
 and renew a right spirit within me.  
 Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
 and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
 and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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**OFFERING**

*Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**PREFACE**

*LSB 194*

**P** ♪ The Lord be with you.

**C** ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

**P** ♪ Lift up your hearts.

**C** ♪ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** ♪ Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** ♪ **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** ♪ It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **SANCTUS**

*LSB 195*

**C** ♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of  
the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*LSB 196*

**P** ♪ 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.

**C** ♪ **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and  
ever. Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*LSB 197*

**P** ♪ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the

new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**PAX DOMINI**

*LSB 197*

**P** ♪ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** ♪ Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 198*

**C** ♪ **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

*Sit*

**DISTRIBUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*"We Give Thee But Thine Own" LSB 781*

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus  
As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,  
To Thee our firstfruits give!
- 3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,  
And homes are bare and cold,  
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled  
Are straying from the fold.

- 4 To comfort and to bless,  
To find a balm for woe,  
To tend the lone and fatherless  
Is angels' work below.
- 5 The captive to release,  
To God the lost to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace,  
It is a Christ-like thing.
- 6 And we believe Thy Word,  
Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
We do it unto Thee.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" LSB 622*

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared  
This feast for our salvation;  
It is Your body and Your blood,  
And at Your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,  
We come to You for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.
- 2 Although You did to heav'n ascend,  
Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
And in Your presence they behold  
Your glory, all excelling,  
And though Your people shall not see  
Your glory and Your majesty  
Till dawns the judgment morning,
- 3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined  
To any habitation;  
But You are present even now  
Here with Your congregation.

Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,  
Unmoved by any daring hand  
Or subtle craft and cunning.

4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,  
Your precious Word believing  
That Your true body and Your blood  
Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true;  
All things are possible with You,  
For You are Lord Almighty.

5 Though reason cannot understand,  
Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is even now  
At once in many places.  
I leave to You how this can be;  
Your Word alone suffices me;  
I trust its truth unailing.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said;  
Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust,  
And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears  
Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive  
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins,  
May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for Your grace  
And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,  
Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*"We Are Called to Stand Together" LSB 828*

1 We are called to stand together  
With the saints of ages past,  
With the patriarchs and prophets  
In the faith they once held fast;  
Promises and hopes they treasured  
Now we find fulfilled at last!

2 Those whom Jesus called apostles  
Journeyed with Him side by side,  
Heard His teaching, felt His power,  
Saw the way He lived and died;  
Then the news of resurrection  
They delivered far and wide.

3 Through the intervening ages  
Round the world the Gospel spread:  
Faithful heralds took the message,  
Guided where the Spirit led;  
So the body grew in stature,  
Serving Christ, the living head.

4 Now in many tongues and cultures  
Songs of celebration ring;  
Millions who confess our Savior  
Honor Him as Lord and King  
And, for courage, grace and guidance  
Ev'ry day their prayers they bring.

5 To each coming generation  
Tell the truth, persuade, explain,  
Till the time when time is ended,  
Till the Savior comes again—  
Till the saints are all united  
Under Christ's eternal reign!

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*Stand*

### **NUNC DIMITTIS**

*LSB 199*

**C** ♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **THANKSGIVING**

*LSB 200*

**P** ♪ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** ♪ and His mercy endureth forever.

**P** ♪ Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** ♪ Amen.

**P** ♪ The Lord be with you.

**C** ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

**BENEDICAMUS**

*LSB 202*

**P** ♪ Bless we the Lord.

**C** ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION**

*LSB 202*

**P** ♪ The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** ♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

**HYMN TO DEPART**

*"Abide, O Dearest Jesus" LSB 919*

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us  
Nor we to sin give place.
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,  
Among us with Your Word,  
And thus now and hereafter  
True peace and joy afford.
- 3 Abide with heav'nly brightness  
Among us, precious Light;  
Your truth direct and keep us  
From error's gloomy night.
- 4 Abide with richest blessings  
Among us, bounteous Lord;  
Let us in grace and wisdom  
Grow daily through Your Word.
- 5 Abide with Your protection  
Among us, Lord, our strength,

Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.

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