

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sat. Jan. 21, 2023, 6:00 p.m. & Sun. Jan. 22, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

* indicates congregation stands

We welcome all people in the Name of Jesus Christ!

John 3:16-17

Prelude

The People That in Darkness Sat *Paul Manz*

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken *LSB 648*



1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -
3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken Formed you
ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters And all
fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, Show - ing
mem - ber am, Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will



for His own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges found - ed,
fear of want re - move. Who can faint while such a riv - er
that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner
glo - ry in Your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain plea - sures,



What can shake your sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's
Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace, which like the
Light by night and shade by day, Safe they feed up -
All their boast - ed pomp and show; Sol - id joys and



walls sur-round - ed, You may smile at all your foes.
Lord, the giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.
on the man - na Which God gives them on their way.
last - ing trea - sures None but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

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* Invocation

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

* Opening Sentences

1 Corinthians 1:18; Psalm 27:14

Leader: The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

All: but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Leader: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;

All: wait for the LORD!

* Confession and Absolution

Matthew 4:17; Philippians 3:20; 1 Corinthians 1:18

Leader: Matthew, the Evangelist, writes that Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Let us respond by confessing our sins and asking our Lord's forgiveness.

All: Heavenly Father, we confess our sins to You. We are too much a part of this fallen world. Because our citizenship is in heaven, invade our thoughts, words, and deeds by Your gracious power. Help us to live each day as pilgrims heading to the eternal promised land. Turn us from our sinful direction to follow our Savior's gracious lead, walking in ways pleasing to You for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Leader: 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.

All: Amen.

* Kyrie

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: 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.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

* Hymn of Praise

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice *LSB 556*



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for

rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
 my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He

His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
 did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.

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* Prayer of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: 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.

All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:1–4 *NIV*

Light and joy will replace gloom and sadness.

Lector: The Old Testament Reading is from the 9th chapter of 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

I Corinthians 1:10–18 *NIV*

There should not be divisions in the one Church.

Lector: The Epistle is from the 1st chapter of 1 Corinthians.

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

Come Unto Me

Carmen Scialla, 2004: Matthew 11:28-30

Come unto me all ye that labor, and I will give you rest.
Take up my yoke and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.
You will find rest for your soul, for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
Come unto me all ye that labor, and I will give you rest.

Please stand to sing the Alleluia and Verse.

*** Alleluia and Verse**



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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of text. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), G4 (half), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half) for the first line; and G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), G4 (half), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half) for the second line.

*** Holy Gospel**

Matthew 4:12–25 NIV

In Galilee, Jesus calls the first four disciples.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter.

All: Glory to You, 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.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You. O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

The People That in Darkness Sat *LSB 412*



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring
3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a
△ 6 Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, And make us
light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All
Thine a - lone, Who with the Fa - ther ev - er art And
shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
Ho - ly Spir - it, one, And Ho - ly Spir - it, one.

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Sermon

Rev. Mark Rossington

* 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

*Offerings will be received at the end of the service
as you exit the Sanctuary.*

* Offertory

“Create In Me”

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

* Prayer of the Church

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Let us pray for the Church here and around the world, that God's light would shine through us, attracting many who still walk in the darkness of their own making, and uniting in faith and confession all who trust in Christ their Lord.

All: Light of the world, use Your Church to enlighten those who live in this world's darkness, and enable our brothers and sisters to find in their Savior the true source of peace and concord.

Leader: Let us pray for governments local and national, that God would open leaders' eyes to see opportunities for peace between nations and safety and concord among their citizens.

All: Light come to us from above, we ask that You guide, protect, and defend elected officials, police in our communities, and troops deployed, that peace may break out and the Church may prosper.

Leader: Let us pray for those near and dear to us, who suffer this day. Lord Jesus,

All: source of light and health and peace, hear the prayers of all who call to You in their illnesses, sorrows, and grief. Shine on them in blessings and peace so that faith may remain firm until it is replaced by sight.

Leader: Let us pray for expectant parents, helpful counselors, and resourceful agencies as they seek to help families be nurseries of growth in body, soul, and mind.

All: By Your gracious visitation, give them strength, increase their love, and provide unexpected joy in their service to You and the people around them.

Leader: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

* Lord's Prayer

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

* Benediction

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus *LSB 660*



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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Postlude

Pasticcio *Jean Langlais*

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