

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The People Who Walked in Darkness Have Seen a Great Light

January 25 & 26, 2014

AS WE GATHER

Formerly held in contempt but now made glorious, Galilee becomes the seat of salvation for all nations as Jesus calls four men from this formerly dishonored land to be “fishers of men” (*Matthew 4:18–22*). Then He goes about “preaching repentance,” “proclaiming the Gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people” (*Matthew 4: 23*). In the Collect we pray that He may also heal and defend us by His majestic hand. Adapted from *Concordia Pulpit Resources, Vol. 24, Part 1, Series A*. Rev. Richard L. Woelmer. Copyright © 2013 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

WELCOME

MINISTRY MOMENT

“Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. (Deuteronomy 30:19b-20)”

FELLOWSHIP GREETING

+ PREPARATION +

5:00 & 8:00 HYMN #412 “The People That in Darkness Sat” Stanzas 1-5

The people that in darkness sat A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long In shades of death have been,
In shades of death have been.

To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness, The gath’ring nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear Their harvest treasures home,
Their harvest treasures home.

To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is giv’n,
And on His shoulder ever rests All pow’r in earth and heav’n,
All pow’r in earth and heav’n.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor, The God by all adored,
The God by all adored.

His righteous government and pow’r Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based, His reign shall have no end.
His reign shall have no end.

10:30 HYMN “Here I Am To Worship”

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
hope of a life spent with You.

**Chorus: So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that You’re my God.
And You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.**

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
all for love’s sake became poor.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge: And I’ll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I’ll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross...

Repeat Chorus

(Rise)

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: O LORD, open my lips,

People: and my mouth will declare your praise.

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**People: make haste to help me, O Lord. 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.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Almighty God, the Lord of all creation, we confess that we have walked in darkness so long that we begin believing that darkness to be the light! Show us the true light of your truth in your Words and in our Savior, Jesus Christ. Teach us to walk in the true light so that your Word may be a light to our feet and a lamp to our path. Teach us repeatedly that you sent us your Son to bring life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

Pastor: By God's grace we are forgiven. He has sent His Son to redeem us from eternally clinging to darkness. This is God's Good News for us! Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Do you believe this?

People: I do so believe.

Pastor: Behold, forgiven in Christ, you are children of the light!

People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE #412 "The People That in Darkness Sat" Stanza 6

Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, and make us Thine alone
Who with the Father ever art and Holy Spirit, one, and Holy Spirit, one.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Lord God, almighty Father, as our Lord Jesus called His first disciples from the land of the shadow of death, so may we today look to see in Him the light that shines through the darkness, and the light that the darkness cannot overcome; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Be seated)

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 9:1–4 (*The People Who Walked in Darkness*)
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 Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan – The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men 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.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1:10–18 (*The Same Mind, the Same Judgment*) I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers, 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 into the name of Paul? I am thankful that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptized into 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 words of human wisdom, 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.

ANTHEM "I Want to Walk as a Child of Light" St. Paul's School Children

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 4:12–25 (*Follow Me*) When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he returned 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 to the sea, along 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 is 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 make you fishers of men." 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, preaching 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.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Laurel Privatt

HYMN OF THE DAY #839 "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

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.

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 binds.

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.

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.

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.

SERMON

"Following Him"

Matthew 4:12-25

(Rise)

LUTHER'S EXPLANATION— THE THIRD ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

People: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

After each petition:

Pastor: . . . let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Pastor: . . . one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #629 "What Is This Bread"

What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:

This bread we break, This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release,
O taste and see the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine; The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing! O taste and see the Lord is King.

So who am I, That I should live and He should die Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have you not forsaken me? O taste and see the Lord is free.

Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear, In mouth and soul He makes us whole Christ, truly present in this meal. O taste and see the Lord is real.

Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free! I do believe That I receive His very body and His blood. O taste and see the Lord is good.

5:00 & 8:00 HYMN #537 "Beautiful Savior"

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shine purer Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration Now and forever-more be Thine!

5:00 & 8:00 HYMN #825 "Rise, Shine, You People"

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered Our human story;
God in Him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.

See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, Now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story Of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation His new creation.

10:30 "How Beautiful"

1. How beautiful the hands that served
the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked
the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.
How beautiful... how beautiful...
how beautiful... is the body of Christ.

2. How beautiful the heart that bled,
that took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes
that chose to forgive and never despise.
How beautiful... how beautiful...
how beautiful... is the body of Christ.

Bridge: And as he laid down His life we offer this sacrifice
that we will live just as He died;
Willing to pay the price, willing to pay the price.

3. How beautiful the radiant Bride
who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes.
How beautiful when humble hearts give
the fruit of pure lives so that others may live.
How beautiful... how beautiful...
how beautiful... is the body of Christ.

4. How beautiful the feet that bring
the sound of good news and the love of the King.
How beautiful the hands that serve
the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful... how beautiful...
how beautiful... is the body of Christ.

10:30 "You Are My All In All"

1. You are my strength When I am weak
You are the treasure That I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jew'l
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

**Chorus: Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name**

2. Taking my sin My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Repeat Chorus

(Congregation sings)

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(Praise Band)

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COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son's body and blood. Help us today to receive the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control as your lights shining in our dark world, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

5:00 & 8:00 HYMN #394 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" Stanzas 1,4,5

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine, All will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear, All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confessed, God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word
Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

You're my Prince of Peace
and I will live my life for You.

Ending: You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for You.

10:30

"You Are Holy"

Chorus:

(Praise singers)

(Congregation sings echo)

You are holy.

(You are holy)

You are mighty.

(You are mighty)

**You are worthy,
worthy of praise.**

**(You are worthy)
(worthy of praise)**

I will follow,

(I will follow)

I will listen.

(I will listen)

I will love You,

(I will love You)

All of my days.

(All of my days)

1. You are Lord of lords, You are King of kings,
You are mighty God, Lord of ev'rything.
You're Emmanuel, You're the Great I AM,
You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb
You're the Living God, You're my saving grace.
You will reign forever; You are Ancient of Days.
You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.
You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend.
You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for You.

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Repeat Chorus

2. I will sing to and worship
the King who is worthy.
And I will love and adore Him,
and I will bow down before Him.
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