



3rd Sunday after the Epiphany - January 21, 2024

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Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Welcome, Happy Morning* A. S. Sullivan/ arr. R. C. Wilson

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Praise the Lord*

Robert J. Hughes

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

L: 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.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.

C: In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

L: When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

C: At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

L: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

C: Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

L: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song: You Are Holy

ELW #525

(sing one time all the way through, then divide into two groups and sing twice through as a round)

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we ever understand.
You are always at hand. Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming
here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present.

Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!

Sing hosanna... in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

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

Kyrie

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Glory to You, God

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L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day...

C: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive reading of Psalm 62:5-12

L: For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

C: God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

L: In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

C: Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

L: Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

C: Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase set not your heart upon it.

L: God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

C: Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time
Sermon

Pastor Tammy Bull

Hymn of the Day: You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

ELW #817

1. You... have come down to the lake-shore
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)

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith...

Apostles' Creed

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C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Prayers of the People (each petition ends... "Hear us O God... **your mercy is great.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering: (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy. In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. We do this, in part, through our ministries of faith formation for God's children of all ages. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today - either in person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)

Offertory Music: *Trumpet Tune*

Gertrude H. Richolson

Offering Response: God Bless to Us Our Bread

ACS #1056

God bless to us our bread, and give bread to those who are hungry, and hunger for justice to those who are fed. God bless to us our bread.

Offertory Prayer: **C: Abiding God, under the cover of winter's darkness, you bring forth life. Nourish us with earth's bounty, that we may freely share the gifts you have first given us, through the one who gives his life for the world, Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, [...] Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Be Known to Us

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Hymn during Communion: The Rice of Life

ACS #965

[In many Asian cultures rice, not bread, is the staple food. During the season of Epiphany we celebrate Jesus' revelation to the Wise Ones from the East - and to the whole world. This hymn reminds us that the words and images we use for Jesus may differ by culture and place.]

1. The rice of life from heaven came to bring true life from God above.
Receive this gift; God's mercy claim; in joy and pain give thanks for love.
2. True rice the hungry world has fed, the rice required for life below.
Provide this gift; God's mercy spread; in weakness God's compassion show.
3. The rice of God for all is meant; no one who comes is turned away.
Believe in Christ whom God has sent; in humble trust God's will obey.
4. The living rice, for all a sign, came down eternal life to give.
Abide in Christ, the living vine; in Christ, with people, die and live.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

Recognition of LWR Quilters: *Susan Bueling, Leanna Coulter, Peggy Dean, Myrna DeBolt, Trudi Schmidt, Carol Strom, Romaine Swenson, Barbara Valentine, Kay White, Donna Winters*

L: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in (+) Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ELW #815

1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see... the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

(refrain)

3. I'm looking for... the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run... with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

L: Go in peace. Christ is your light. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Postlude in C*

Reginald Martin/ arr. John E. Boalt

Thanks to our worship assistants!

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Victoria Bull

Reader: Melanie Jensen

Fellowship:

Communion Assistant:

Worship texts for next Sunday: Deuteronomy 19:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28



Keeping in Prayer... Pat, Eloise Moorhead, Lilith, Chris Bender, Dawn, Brian, Kathy's friend, Beth, Jim, Arnie Depping, Larry & Peggy Johnson, Rachel, Don & Donna, Ann, Jennifer, Diana, Rose Ulery, Amy, Ted, Carl & Harley, Marilyn, Angie, Dorothy Sowa, Sandy Kirkegaard, Noah, Elaine Rice, Dorothy Roseth, Jerry, Toni Sperle, Steven, Megan, Scott, Haley, Judi Jonas, Esther Bender, Reta, Sharron.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of January 21:

- Congregational Life team meets today after worship
- Helping Hands board meeting Thurs. 1/25 at 6:30 pm at FELC.
- GF Community Band rehearses Thur. 7 pm in the Fireside Room.
- **The ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** is Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 11:00 am following the worship service. A potluck meal to follow.

COMING SOON!

Discovering the biblical person of Judas Iscariot – Wednesdays, Jan. 31 & Feb. 7 at 7 pm in the Library. Led by Allan Tooley.

FLOWING WATER noon recital series beginning Wednesday, Feb. 14. (Ash Wed.)

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