

St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

Third Sunday after Epiphany January 24, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Amen

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm: Psalm 62:5-12

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Sermon

Silence for Reflection

Creed and Confession

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. (*Ephesians 1:13-14*)

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

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

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; **pray in the Holy Spirit.** (Jude 20)

Keep yourselves in the love of God; look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 21)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!** (2 Corinthians 5:17)

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. *Silence for reflection and self examination*.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

Offering Moment

We've come to our time of community with giving as an act of worship. Many of us have been accustomed to giving here in the worship service, but in this time of Covid-19, we find other ways, like giving online through Vanco or our website, or through our local bank, or by mail. Regardless of how you give, we want to celebrate your giving – your act of worship – as a Christ follower.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Concluding Prayers

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Holy God,

Light of the universe, Teacher of truth, Giver of goodness, we hear your Word in the Scriptures, proclaiming to us your wisdom and inviting us to follow your call. For speaking this Word, we thank you, O God.

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Your Word came among us in Jesus, our brother, who preached your righteousness, healed the sick, and revived the brokenhearted.
For giving us this Word, we worship you, O God.
We worship you, O God.

By your Spirit bless all who receive this Word, that upheld by the mystery of the body of Christ, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. For sustaining us with your Word, we praise you, O God. We praise you, O God.

Blessed are you, holy God, around us, with us, and in us, now and forever. Amen

Amen

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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

Almighty God, Father, \pm Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever. **Amen** Be at Peace, Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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