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but to us who  
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power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18, NRSV



## Third Sunday after the Epiphany Sanctity of Life Sunday

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship

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**Welcome!** By coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, Jesus shines His Gospel upon “the people who walked in darkness” and “who dwelt in a land of deep darkness” (Isaiah 9:2). He multiplies the nation and increases its joy, (Isaiah 9:3) calling disciples from the ends of the earth. He calls Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow Him and be “fishers of men” (Matthew 4:19). These disciples also go forth, “proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people,” (Matthew. 4:23). They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the power and wisdom of God. This word divides “those who are perishing” from “us who are being saved,” (1 Corinthians 1:18) but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, “in the same mind and the same judgment,” (1 Corinthians 1:10).

### + Order of Worship +

#### Hymn

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”

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#### Invocation

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

C: Amen.

#### Opening Versicles

P: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised!

P: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord,

C: Teach me Your paths.

P: Sanctify us in Your truth.

C: Your Word is truth.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised!

#### Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, asking 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 and 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 deserve 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 to 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.**

**Introit** *(Psalm 22:27-31; antiphon, v. 22)*

P: I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation, I will praise you.

**C: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall worship you.**

P: For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.

**C: All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship;  
before him shall bow all who go down do the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.**

P: Prosperity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the LORD to the coming generation:

**C: They shall come and proclaim His righteousness  
to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it.**

**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.**

P: I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation, I will praise you.

**Hymn of Praise**

“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen”

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**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading**

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12-25

Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately, they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory

P: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## The Ten Commandments

**C: You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or his maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

## The Apostles’ Creed

**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.**

## The Lord’s Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

## Hymn

“O, Christ, Our True and Only Light”

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## Sermon

## **Prayer of the Church**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the holy Christian church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For seasonable weather, and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the Holy Spirit to grant holy desires, good counsels and just works that we may live in peace and quietness, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who are married, that they may fulfill their vocation to honor, cherish and love their spouse; for those who are single and desire to be married, that God would provide companionship according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those in distress of mind, body or soul, for the sick and the dying, and all those who have requested our prayers, including \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: (*Other various petitions*), let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

## **Collect of the Day**

P: 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.**

## **Collect for the Word**

P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear, read, mark and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Luther's Morning Prayer**

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger, and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings in life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C: Amen.**

## **Hymn**

“Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

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