

# 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

11:00am

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## GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

### **PRELUDE**

*Trumpet Tune in G*

*Henry Kihlken*

*Stand*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act  
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;  
we resist your call to oppose injustice;  
we give in to scarcity and fear;  
we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults  
and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness.**

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,  
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

**Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In † Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

## HYMN ELW #673

*God Whose Almighty Word*



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

## REETING

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

## KYRIE

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 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 mercy.** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.***

## HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God*

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Sit*

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Pew Bible Page 379

*After the reading:* The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 19**

*The refrain is sung by ALL at the beginning and where indicated (R).*

*Fine print verses sung by cantor; bold print sung by ALL.*

R



The teach-ing of the LORD re - vives the soul.

- <sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup> **One day tells its tale | to another,**  
**and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**
- <sup>3</sup> Although they have no | words or language, and their voices | are not heard,
- <sup>4</sup> **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the**  
**ends | of the world, where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**
- <sup>5</sup> It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.
- <sup>6</sup> **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs**

about to the end of | it again; nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. R

<sup>7</sup> The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

<sup>8</sup> **The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;**  
**the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.

<sup>10</sup> **More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine**  
**gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R**

<sup>11</sup> By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

<sup>12</sup> **Who can detect one's | own offenses? Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not  
get dominion | over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of  
a | great offense.

<sup>14</sup> **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be**  
**acceptable | in your sight, O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer. R**

R

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## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Pew Bible Page 933

*After the reading:* The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Before the reading:* The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL READING**

Luke 4:14-21

Pew Bible Page 835

*After the reading:* The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## **SERMON**

*Silence for meditation*

*Stand*

**HYMN ELW #314**

*Arise, Your Light Has Come! (see page 12)*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 INTERCESSION**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.*

As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share scripture: for parents, grandparents, and godparents; teachers and mentors; deacons, pastors, bishops, and scholars. Inspire passion for the stories of faith. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As heavens declare your glory and the sky proclaims your work, we lift our voices in awe of quarks and atoms, vast stars and solar systems. Guide us to speak on behalf of your handiwork. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community, energize communities and nations to eliminate poverty, engage in prison ministry and transformative justice, and envision new ways of working together for your promised reign. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As your word and presence revive the soul, accompany all experiencing depression, anxiety, or eating disorders; be a source of strength for all affected by memory loss and their caregivers; draw near to all undergoing medical treatment or surgery (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve. Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in this congregation, community, and the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As our faith is strengthened by saints who have gone before us, we remember leaders of the early church and beloved friends and family who have died. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say "peace be with you" or similar words.*

*Sit*

## **MEAL**

### **MUSIC AT THE OFFERING**

*We Will Praise You*

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Praetorius/Wagner*

*We will praise you, Lord and Father, maker, giver,*

*And adore with joy foreverlasting,*

*We will sing and be glad in You.*

*Alleluia! Amen.*

*Stand*

### **OFFERTORY**

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

*As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare,*

*so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,*

*all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Sit*

### **LAMB OF GOD**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of our Lord's body and blood.*

*\*Beginning from the front pews, you are invited to come forward using the center aisle. Return to your seat using the side aisle.*

*\*As you turn onto the side aisle, please leave your cup in the silver tray.*



*\*Let the pastor or communion assistant know you would prefer grape juice and/or gluten free bread.*

*\*Please let the ushers know if you would like communion brought to you in the pew.*

*\*If you prefer, you may use an individual cup-set in your pew, opening the bread section first, then the juice!*

*\*Children who do not yet commune may come forward to receive a blessing.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

ELW #715

*Christ, Be Our Light (see page 13)*

*Stand*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “O Lord, Now Let Your Servant” ELW #313



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

## SENDING

### **BENEDICTION**

The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

### **HYMN ELW #886**

*Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (see page 14)*

*All turn to face the processional cross during the hymn.*

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Fugue on the Sixth Tone*

*Johann Pachelbel*

**Offering:** Thank you for continuing to give of your finances to support Christ Lutheran Church and our community ministries.

**Giving options are:**

- 1) **QR Code** (*secure.myvanco.com*), takes you to the General Fund to donate. This option is helpful to create automatic recurring donations.
- 2) You can put your check in the **US postal** service to the church address.
- 3) Share your offering when the **plate** is passed during the service.



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**Serving Today 11am:**

**Acolytes:** Emma & Lillian Krell

**Greeter:** Jean Weber, **Ushers:** Fariss family,

**Communion Assists:** Betty Mory, Jean Weber, **Reader:** Betty Mory,

**Flower Delivery:** Mark Shelton, **Communique:** Thursday February 27 @ 9am,  
Sue Berry, Wanda & Greg Hoge and Buck Buchanan.

**The Altar Flowers:** *Given in memory of Ludwell Donaldson by Martha Crute and Pat Ferguson.*

Please sign up on the Flower Chart located opposite the Preschool office door or email Fiona in the church office. All Altar Flowers given in donations (\$65.00) from the members and guests of Christ Lutheran Church.

**Children's Bulletins:** Activity bulletins based on today's readings are found as you enter the Narthex when picking up service bulletin and communion, emails sent out each week with the Children's bulletin attached.

**Parlor for Parents & Infants/Preschoolers:** Our Parlor has been set up as space for you to come during 11:00am worship time if you need to bring your child out for a while during the service. We have child proofed the room and provided a basket with books & toys. Speakers are in the room so you can continue to follow the worship service. Please let the Ushers/Greeters know if you need assistance.

**Worship Kits:** These are age-appropriate activity kits for use during the service that are available next to the main doors in the Narthex. Tan colored kits are for pre-school children and the brown kits are for early elementary.

**Devotionals:** for the 1st Quarter 2025, January, February, and March are available in the Narthex.

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# Arise, Your Light Has Come!



- 1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
- 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
- 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
- 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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# Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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## Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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