

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

January 26, 2025, 8:30 a.m.



And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" Luke 4:36

Music of Preparation
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

Our Ministry: We are a people of God who are: ***"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."***

Welcome! Welcome, dear family in Christ. May you sense the care and guidance of Father, Son and Holy Spirit during worship, faith education and Christian fellowship today.

Devotions & Publications Available are found in the main entryway. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

..... **WORSHIP NOTES**

Note About Attendance Cards...Remember that the only way we may know you are worshiping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. **Please list the name of each person in worship.** (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children) There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

To Our Visitors...Our church and school have a few nooks and crannies, so don't be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available in the main (west) entryway.

For All Who Worship...If you are arriving after the service has started, please allow our ushers to assist you with seating. We ask that you avoid entering during the confession, prayers, or Bible readings as these are quiet and meditative moments.

For Parents with Small Children...We love and want children in our services as a part of God's family, to spend time with Jesus, and to learn how to worship. We also know that kids can be kids. We want you and your children to experience our Lord's love and to have a great opportunity to worship the Lord along with all who are gathered here to praise our Savior's name.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

(The music for the liturgy may be found on page 203 in the Hymnal)

Notes for Worship: As you prepare for worship this day, we invite you to turn to the prayer section of the Hymnal (page 305). In addition to prayers for before and after worship, there are prayers for all aspects of the Christian Life (some of the prayers are also located on the inside front cover of the hymnal). May these prayers be useful in your worship.

Before worship prayer

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. AMEN.

Special Music: “Amazing Grace”

Grace West, Piano

We’re So Glad God Brought You Here Today!

Opening Hymn: “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

LSB, hymn #590

Baptized into Your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.

My loving Father, here You take me
To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat’ning clouds around I see.

My faithful God, You fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.

O cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely;
Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but Yours alone.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

C: Amen.

Matthew 28:19b

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And with thy spirit!

P: We praise God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

C: We praise Him now and forever. Alleluia! *1888 Dedication Litany*

P: This is the name by which our God reveals Himself.

C: This is the name He has given us in baptism.

P: In this name, we have gathered for 165 years!

C: In this name, we have taught children for 160 years!

P: In this name, we gather and rejoice in His goodness.

C: In this name, we gather today to celebrate His gracious acts.

P: Dear Friends in Christ, each week, through the ministry of God's holy Church and the power of His Word, the forgiveness of sins is offered to you and to millions throughout the world. Let us now examine our hearts to see how faithfully we have received and carried forth this great gift of God.

(A brief silence to reflect upon your sins)

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

C: Father, I have sinned against You. I know my sin is truly great, because I have known Your commands and still I do wrong and fail to do right. Even when I have confessed my sin, I forget that repentance means not only admitting guilt, but changing my life to put You first in all things, as Your First Commandment teaches. Forgive me for Jesus' sake and make me new and whole again. Amen.

P: As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I speak God's Good News to you when I say that no matter how often or how grievously you have sinned, God's power to save is greater! His Son paid the ransom for your bondage to sin with His own life. His love purifies you and leads you into the greatest fellowship the world has ever known, His family of believers. Rejoice then, for in His stead and at His command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the t Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: God grant it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy (Sung) *Mark 10:47*
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory To God In The Highest (Sung) *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high**

**For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

P: Let us pray . . . 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
(Please be Seated)

Special Music: "This Little Light of Mine" and "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands"
Day School Preschool Choir

THE READING OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10 *(The Call of Jeremiah)*

The word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." "Ah, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD. Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

Stand (as you are able)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:31-44 *(Jesus Confronts A Demon-Possessed Man)*

Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority. In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, "Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are - the Holy One of God!" "Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him. All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!" And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area. Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they

asked Jesus to help her. So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them. When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ. At daybreak Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. But he said, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

Special Music: "God Bless Our Family" and "Jesus In The Morning"

K-8 Day School Choirs

Children's Sermon

Pastor Drinnon

Sermon Hymn: "'Away from Us!' the Demon Cried" *LSB, hymn #541, tune 707*

"Away from us!" the demon cried
When Christ, the Lord, drew near.
"Our dark, disordered world is lost
When You, the Light, appear!"

But Jesus spoke with God's own pow'r;
"Come forth!" was His command;
For evil cannot bear the Light
Nor sin the Truth withstand.

O risen Christ, God's living Word,
To us, we pray, draw near.
Come, speak the truth that cleanses sin
With love that conquers fear.

Drive out the doubt that cripples faith;
Expel our pride and greed
That we, from pow'rs that threaten us,
May, by Your grace, be freed.

Then help us, Lord, to greet each day
With hearts and wills made new
And, when You call us forth to serve,
To rise and follow You.

Sermon: "The Word - Speaks A Powerful Word"

Luke 4:31-44

Stand (as you are able)

P: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: 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

(Please be Seated)

Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards

Special Music: "Ode To Joy" *Amber Brinkmann & Autumn Olney, Piano Duet*

Stand (as you are able)

OFFERTORY - Create In Me

LSB, Divine Service 3, pg 192-193

C: (Sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. . . . Heavenly Father, We give You thanks for the blessings You have given to our congregation during these 165 years and our school for 160 years. Work in our hearts that we may not be obstacles, but channels for the coming of Your kingdom to a lost and evil world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: This year, O Lord, we remember Your hand at work in the life of our church school in the past. You have blessed us and guided us these many years. We thank You this day for the past, in which You have made known Your salvation time and time again. For Your past blessings, we give You thanks. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, while we celebrate the past, we also do not forget that You are with us this very moment. For Your present blessings, we give You thanks. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God, even as we celebrate our past and rejoice in our present, we also look forward to the future in joy. We pray that You would continue to make Your saving acts known among us. Give us a zeal for mission. Help us to look beyond our walls to those who do not know You. Make this church and school a blessing to those around us, and embolden us to move forward with strength toward what lies ahead. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty Father, we lift up before you our Lutheran Schools this week, Bless all principals, teachers, parents, and students with your love and grace. May they come to a greater and richer knowledge of Your love for them shown in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Lord, In Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious God, we give You thanks for all guidance you have given to St. Paul's Lutheran School this year - For our Principal, Our teachers, assistants, day care workers, lunchroom staff, office staff, custodial staff and all the volunteers that give of their time throughout the school year. We thank You for

their faithful service and dedication and we pray that their witness of the love of Christ may be a strong example and model to the children of St. Paul's and the community. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, we pray for those who in any way suffer the consequences of living in an unrighteous world, be that because of sickness, death, broken relationships, or emotional struggles. Teach us all to bear these trials relying on Your grace. We pray that you be with those hospitalized this past week (*Especially, . . .*). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). O Lord, in the midst of their trials, bring peace and where You will, grant healing and wholeness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . .)

P: . . . Lord, In Your Mercy,

C: Hear Our Prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught 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

BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

Closing Hymn: "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

LSB, hymn #601

All who believe and are baptized
Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
They are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand
Among the glorious, heav'nly band
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

With one accord, O God, we pray:
Grant us Your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity
Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.

With joy and thanks, We praise Your name,
Oh Mighty God and Savior,
We teach Your Word and we proclaim,
Your gracious Love and Favor,
We teach the children of Your love,
And Jesus Christ, Word from above,
For we are Yours forever.

See You In Worship Next Week!

After worship prayer

O Lord, We commit ourselves and all for whom we pray to Your fatherly care and benediction. Be gracious to us and defend us by Your power. Direct us by Your Spirit that we may daily grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Savior until we shall stand before You in the joy of everlasting glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

There is a Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that is wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you want a prayer for someone else, a concern or situation you may have, or yourself.

Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after Sunday services.

Altar Flowers:

January 18 & 19: Altar flowers this weekend are given in memory of Eileen Zufall by husband Ray Zufall and daughter Lori & Chris Curtis and family; also in loving memory of my stepfather, Clearence Bretzman, by Randy & Michelle Gossman.

January 25 & 26: Altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of my parents, Harold & Anita Kerschke, on their wedding anniversary and in thankfulness for the wonderful blessing of our grandchildren, by Matt & Loree Yoakum; also in honor of my parents, Melbourne & Sandra Sadnick's 58th wedding anniversary (1/27), by Louise Sadnick and Ryan Sarkozi.

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