

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK



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!** Today we celebrate the precious gift of life — each person wonderfully made and deeply loved by God. Whether you are young or old, joyful or weary, know that your life has purpose and value in His eyes. May we honor the Creator by cherishing the lives He has created.

**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 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.*

### 8:30am - Special Music: "Lamb of God" & "I Love You, Lord"

Lana McHugh, Violin

### We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!

### Opening Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" LSB, hymn #803

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

### INVOCATION, CONFESION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Matthew 28:19b**

C: **Amen.** *Isaiah 9:6*

P: To us a child is born, to us a son is given; *Isaiah 9:6*  
C: **and the government shall be upon His shoulder.**  
P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, *Psalm 98:1*  
C: **for He has done marvelous things!**

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 our Father. . . Most merciful God,  
C: **We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not responded to Your love in joyful and daily thanksgiving. We cannot save ourselves; therefore, for Jesus' sake, forgive us, bless us, and increase joy and gladness in us until we sing Your praises with the heavenly host. 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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen! Alleluia! 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 God, to whom all creation gives thanks and praises You for fulfilling all Your ancient promises in sending our Savior to rescue us. Give us voices to make a joyful noise to You, O Lord and grant us such joy that it overflows our thoughts and words into joyful acts of devotion to You and in service to the people around 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)

**THE READING OF THE WORD**

**Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 98:1-6 (Make A Joyful Noise To The Lord)**

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

**Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3:16-17**

(Sing Psalms And Hymns To God)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Stand (as you are able)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.  
C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Gospel Lesson: Luke 19:37-40**

(The Disciples Rejoice And Praise God)

As he was drawing near - already on the way down the Mount of Olives - the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be Seated)

**8:30am - Special Music: "This Is The Day" & "Grace Flows Down"**

Pre3-8 Day School Choirs

**Children's Sermon**

Pastor Drinnon

**Sermon Hymn: "O Worship the King"**

LSB, hymn #804

O worship the King, all-glorious above.  
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Thy pow'r hath founded of old,  
Established it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.  
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,  
While angels delight to hymn Thee above,  
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

### Sermon: "Classrooms That Cry Out Christ"

Luke 19:37-40

#### 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

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, . . . Almighty God, our heavenly Father, since You have committed the care and nurture of children to Your people, graciously enlighten those who teach and learn at this school that they may know the truth and trust in You all the days of their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Visit, O Lord, the homes in which Your people dwell, and keep all harm and danger from them. Grant that we may dwell together in peace under the protection of Your holy angels, sharing eternally in Your blessings. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, You have called Your church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the Good News of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation. 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.**

P: O Lord, We bring before You the fruit of our daily labor. As we manage our financial resources, Make us mindful that You are the provider of all things. 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.**

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.**

*Psalm 103:1*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

## **Closing Hymn: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

*LSB, hymn #528*

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.

Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.  
Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.

See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.

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.

**See You In Worship Next Week!**

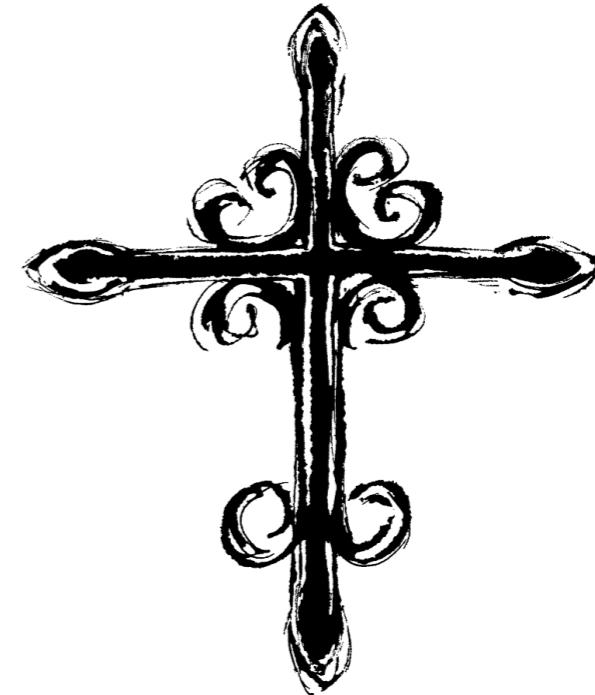
### **After worship prayer**

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:** 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 Mr. Les Jennings.



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