

Epiphany III  
January 27, 2019  
10:45 a.m. Non-Communion  
Praise & Worship Service

The Spirit of the Lord  
 is on me  
 . . . . .  
to preach good news to the poor  
to proclaim freedom   
 for the prisoners  
to proclaim the year of the  
Lord's favor. 

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## **AS WE GATHER**

“The Spirit of the Lord.” The theme runs like a bright thread through all three readings today. The Holy Spirit is always active in His Church through the means of His grace. He sees to it that God’s good message of hope comes through to those in trouble. Because the Word of God has the power of the spirit flowing mightily through it, it brings joy. The Spirit is with us with all of his gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation as we hear our Lord and worship Him today.

## **PRESERVICE MUSIC - [Praise Singers]**

**Peace Be Yours**  
**Awesome God**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP SONG SET**

### **AGPS #86 Come Let Us Worship**

Come, let us worship the Lord together,  
Let us sing His praise forevermore.  
When the family of God comes together,  
We love sing His praise forevermore.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, hosanna to the King!  
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, hosanna to the King!

## **AGPS #207 - Seek Ye First**

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, And His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you!  
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be giv'n unto you, Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone, But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,  
Allelu, alleluia!

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## **INVOCATION AND PRAYER**

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

C: Amen.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: Our Lord knows that today each one of us here is in need. Each one of us has been held prisoner to the darkness of sin—by the power of Satan and by our own choosing.

C: **We are in great need of release, of freedom from our captivities.**

P: You have come to the right place and at the right time, for yet today the Lord's gate is open and His freeing offer stands. Since the Father's gate is open, let us enter and tell Him our wrongs, that He may free us from their power.

*(A moment of silence to consider our need for forgiveness.)*

C: **O merciful Father, again today we must humble ourselves before You and confess that we have sinned. We have not done the good You require, and we have done the wrong You forgive. We are caught up in uncleanness in our actions, our words, and our thoughts. We are oppressed by our own sinfulness, and we come to You for hope and for freedom.**

P: Jesus was anointed by the Spirit of the Lord God to preach good news to all those caught in the bondage of this world. As His called and ordained servant, it is my joy to announce to you here and now that all your sins are completely forgiven in Christ. By the power unleashed through his perfect obedience and sacrifice on the cross, you are freed from the guilt and punishment of our sins. This is most certainly true!

C: Thanks be to God! Amen!

## **PRAISE SONG SET**

### **LSB #850 God of Grace**

God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow;r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our praise to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.

# He is Exalted

♩ = 60

F F/A B $\flat$

He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on\_\_ high,\_\_\_\_\_ I will

4 C F F/A

praise\_\_\_\_\_ Him. He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed and

7 B $\flat$  C B $\flat$ /C C Dsus D

I will praise His name!\_\_\_\_\_

11 Gm Dm/F C/E C F Am B $\flat$  F/A

He is the Lord,\_\_\_\_\_ for - ev - er His truth shall reign.\_\_\_\_\_

15 Gm Dm/F C/E C F Am B $\flat$  F/A

Heav - en and earth\_\_\_\_\_ re - joice in His ho - ly name.\_\_\_\_\_

19 Gm Gm/F E $\flat$ maj7 B $\flat$ /C F

He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high!\_\_\_\_\_

## **FIRST LESSON** - Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. 2 So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. 3 And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. 5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. 6 And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. 8 They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. 10 Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

## **SECOND LESSON** - 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”...If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

## **VERSE - Awesome God**

Our God is an awesome God; He reigns from heav'n above  
With wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God.

## **HOLY GOSPEL - Luke 4:14-30**

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?” And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, he went away.

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON HYMN – LSB #829 Christ the Eternal Lord

### SERMON

#### 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.

#### OFFERING

#### OFFERING SONG More Precious Than Silver



Lord, You are more pre-cious\_\_\_ than sil-ver.\_\_\_\_ Lord, You are more



cost-ly\_\_\_ than gold. Lord, You are more beau-ti-ful\_\_\_ than dia-monds,\_\_\_ and



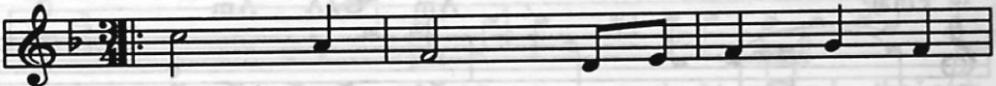
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# PRAYERS LORD'S PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

### RESPONSIVE SONG SET - Peace Be Yours

Verse  
 F Dm Dm/C B $\flat$ 2



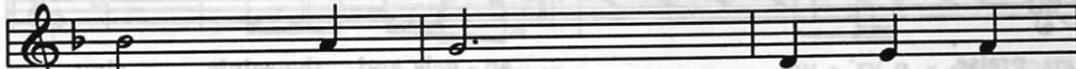
1. Peace be yours. May the Lord be with  
 2. Peace be yours. as you scat - ter from  
 3. Seek your strength where the Lord does a -  
 4. Al - ways know He has con - quered the

4 F B $\flat$  F



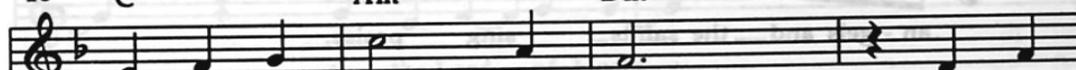
you here. as we gath - er now and your  
 bide An - y - where you go, God is  
 one when the great - est e - vil is  
 who de - fies your life in God's

7 Gm C7sus C7 B $\flat$



whole life through, bless - ing and  
 al - ways near, lov - ing and  
 at your side. In Word and  
 on - ly Son. Yours is the

10 C Am Dm B $\flat$



mer - cy and whole - ness, too. May God's  
 calm - ing your deep - est fear.  
 Sac - ra - ment, Christ re - sides.  
 strug - gle that Christ has won.

14 B $\flat$ /C C7 F

1.2.3.	4.
C7sus C7	F2



peace be yours.

## **LSB #937 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace**

Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,  
Your word is now fulfilled.  
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,  
This child so long foretold.

This is the Savior of the world,  
The Gentiles' promised light,  
God's glory dwelling in our midst,  
The joy of Israel.

*(please rise in honor of the Holy Trinity)*

With saints of old, with saints to come,  
To You we lift our voice;  
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest  
Be honor, love, and praise.

## **POSTLUDE**

He is Exalted  
More Precious Than Silver  
Peace Be Yours

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