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## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in an offering plate.*

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## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.*

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### **HOLY COMMUNION** *EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP*

#### **GATHERING**

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **\*ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.  
*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

God of peace, we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reunite us with one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of Peace, our Savior and Lord Jesus. **Amen**

In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: in the name of Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.  
**Amen**

\*GATHERING HYMN

*Lord our God, with Praise We Come*

(Sung by leader.)

- 1 Lord our God, with praise we come before you.  
Let all nations humbly now implore you.  
May we endeavor to praise you ever,  
and ceasing never,  
may we forever adore you.
  
- 2 God is God, though lands were all forsaken.  
God is God, though all by death were taken.  
Although all races had left no traces,  
in starry spaces  
God's love embraces creation.
  
- 3 Vales and hills shall move from their foundations;  
heav'n and earth shall crash in consternation;  
mountains transcending will have their ending.  
Then Christ descending  
shall bring unending salvation.

Text: Peter Dass, 1647-1707; tr. Peter A. Sveeggen, 1881-1959, alt.

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\*GREETING

The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit  
in the bond of peace be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your  
service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## WORD

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*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

*The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

*Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.*

The gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Padraig McGuire

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God’s reconciling love, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and non-governmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief, especially... that in the midst of suffering, God’s peace and mercy surround them, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For our congregation and community, for families big and small, and for those who meet here during the week, that God’s steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered in silence or spoken softly.*

In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, especially... that they point us to salvation through Christ, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the One who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

**\*PEACE**

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

**MEAL**

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Good and loving God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. **Amen.**

**\*DIALOGUE**

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 him thanks and praise.**

## \*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**Holy, holy, holy 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.**

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

*Spoken softly by the congregation.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

DISTRIBUTION

*Psalm 117*

Mozart

## \*BLESSING

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

## \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. **Amen**

## SENDING

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## \*BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly,  
name you beloved,  
and shine brightly on your path;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**



1 I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else would do.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story:  
how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

3 I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

\*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Rondo” from *Concerto*

Mozart

## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER	Rev. Padraig McGuire
ASSISTING MINISTER	John Broussard
MUSIC MINISTER	David Richards
SERVICE LEADER	John Broussard
LECTOR	George Valek
GREETERS	Larry Crachy and Karen Kubik
USHER	Janet Broussard
ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN	Fred Kuzel

Welcome and thank you to **Rev. Patrick McGuire** for serving as the preaching and presiding minister this morning while Pastor Dennis is on winter break.

## PRAYER LIST

### *Members of the Congregation:*

Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Elaine Haase, Sheryl Hallmann, Anita Horak, Luddy Kovalsky, Robert Melnyk, Dot Myers, Steve Podzamsky, Mary Sasuta, Bob Skudrna, and Olga Zavodny

### *Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:*

Kelly Alvey, Jeri Basek, Wally Bisping, Mary Costello, Ramona Daus, Eric Dennison, Denise Fricano, Bill Holmes, Nicole Kisiel, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Daryle Lauritsen, Lenyce Lawrenson, Delores Linden, Darlene Loughlin, Michele Mason, Donald Neal, Pat Pileggi, Dolores Pollitz, Alice Puglise, John Racek, Dr. Craig Reckard, Dale Renville, Sandy Rossella, Rev. Dave Stefanson, Jim Sward, Harvey Swenson, Jacob Swenson, Gertrude Tarbox, Janie Tarbox, Ralph Thompson, Mark Van Scharrel and Taz Zajac

The flowers at the Lord's Table today are given in loving memory of beloved mother, grandmother, sister and aunt +**LaVerne Hanzel**+ on the anniversary of her death by remembering children Karen Cox, Kevin and David Hanzel and their families; sister Audrey Bucz and her family, and niece Adrienne Gana.

**UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

*Conversion of Paul*

*Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>*

The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

*Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries*

*Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>*

These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

*Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith*

*Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>*

Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae.

*Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274*

*Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>*

One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymnwriter.

**Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering  
January 17<sup>th</sup> , 2021**

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2020:</i>	\$2,597.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$2,391.00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$ 206.00