

The Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 24, 2010



Welcome to Zion! May our worship be a blessing to all of you. A special welcome to our visitors. We cordially invite you to return and worship with us again. Please sign our Guest Register in the narthex.

The theme for this Sunday is from the Gospel lesson. Jesus taught in the synagogue in Nazareth. What did Jesus teach? How are His teachings related to His work?

The Lord's Supper is celebrated this morning. Before coming forward to receive, please fill out one of the registration cards and hand it to an usher. Our policy regarding admission to the Lord's Table is clearly explained on the card.



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† **The Divine Service** †

The Prelude

The Introduction to Worship:

The Hymn *O Word of God Incarnate* No. 523

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

People: *(sing)* **Amen**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord. Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise and receive the body and blood of our Lord, let us first confess to our God that we have sinned against Him in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: *(sing)* **Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."

People: *(sing)* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

The Confession of Sins: *(all speak)*

O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

The Absolution

People: *(sing)* Amen

The Introit: *(Psalm 113)*

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets;

People: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

Pastor: Praise, O servants of the Lord;

People: Praise the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Let the name of the Lord be praised;

People: Both now and forevermore.

Pastor: The Lord is exalted over all the nations;

People: His glory above the heavens.

Pastor: He raises the poor from the dust;

People: And lifts the needy from the ash heap.

Pastor: He sets them with princes;

People: With the princes of their people.

Pastor: He settles the barren woman in her home;

People: As a happy mother of children.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets;

People: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

The Kyrie:

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: *(sing)* **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: *(sing)* **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

People: *(sing)* **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: *(sing)* **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: *(sing)* **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

*Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.*

*Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding guest, in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.*

*Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, mirrored in thy holy Word;
may we imitate thee now, and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be at thy great Epiphany;
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.*

Pastor: And may the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

People: *(sing)* **Amen**

The Word of God

The First Lesson:

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

The Second Lesson:

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

The Announcement of the Gospel for the day:

People: (sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

The Gospel:

Luke 4:16-30

People: (sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

A Teaching for our Children:

The Hymn:

O Savior, Precious Savior

No. 527

The Sermon:

The Teachings of Jesus

The Offertory:

*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.
Amen*

The Gathering of the Offerings

The Prayer of the Church:

(Following "Lord, in Your mercy...", respond with "Hear our prayer.")

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The 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.

The Words of Institution of the Lord's Supper

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: (sing) **Amen**

The Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

*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.*

During the distribution of the Lord's Supper, the congregation will sing:

The Hymn:

Blessed Assurance

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

Refrain: *This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **Refrain***

*Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. **Refrain:***

The Hymn: *When Peace Like a River* No. 763

The Hymn: *Seek Ye First* No.712

The Hymn: *Beautiful Savior* No.537, vss. 1-3

Following the distribution, the congregation will rise and sing:

The Hymn: *Beautiful Savior* No.537,vs.4

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord for He is good;

People: (sing) **And His mercy endureth forever.**

The Closing Prayer

People: (sing) **Amen**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (sing) **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: (sing) **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction

People: (sing) **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

The Closing Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

No. 918

† **Service Participants** †

The Officiant:	The Rev. Donald G. Matzat
The Assistant:	Darren Elikier
The Organist:	Paula Gardner
The Elders:	Jay Andereson, Tom Erebrecht
The Acolytes:	Joshua Gielarowski
The Greeters:	George and Jane Kozak
The Ushers	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop Ron Meier
Altar Guild:	Jean Endler, Elsie DallaPiazza