

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is observed for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,

and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

GATHERING HYMN: [ELW#763 “My Life Flows on in Endless Song”](#)

P The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Please be seated.

PSALM 138

L ¹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

C ²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

L ³When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

C ⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

L ⁵They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

C ⁶**The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

- L ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right
hand shall save me.
- C ⁸**You will make good your purpose for me;**
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not
abandon the works of your hands.

READING - LUKE 5.1-11

- L A reading from Luke: ¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of
Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he
saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of
them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one
belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then
he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished
speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets
for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have
caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done
this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. ⁷So they
signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came
and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it,
he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful
man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish
that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who
were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from
now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to
shore, they left everything and followed him.

- L The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: [ELW#696 “Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult”](#)

SERMON: ([Sermon Audio Link](#))

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

OFFERING*: ([On-Line giving Link](#))

The Offering is received and is presented at the altar.

RESPONSE: [“Create in Me”](#)

G Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
 it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
 joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

L With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Please stand, as you are able.

L With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

L Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God of steadfast love, be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need. We pray for Heidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan, Michelle Drayson, the Elshafei family, Jeff Fultz, Lydia Hendersen, Mark Hughes, Kaitlyn Leedy, Charlotte Leer, Wendy Neumann, Rick Newman, Peter Olsen, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Spirit of peace, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L For whom or what else shall we pray?

The congregation is invited at this time to lift up prayers quietly or aloud.

L God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints. Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C **Amen**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach 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**

L 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 \mp give you peace.

C Amen

SENDING HYMN: [ELW#685 "Take My Life, That I May Be"](#)

P Go in peace. Love and serve God and neighbor.

C Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS and Upcoming Events

- Sunday, Feb 2, 2025 – 1:00pm – Lady Terps Basketball

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