THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPHANY
Order of Worship — 9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER — From His very first years on this earth, Jesus was marked for sacrifice and service. Isaiah says of the Lord’s anointed that He was “a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief” (Isaiah 53:3). As we reflect on the ministry of Jesus, we can find the theme of sorrows and sacrifice throughout His earthly life. And we can thank Him for carrying our sorrows and bearing our griefs. Scripture shares that those whom He chose to follow Him, including His twelve disciples, also shared in His suffering. We honor their sacrifice as well in this Epiphany season.

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” Wilbur Held

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

OPENING HYMN The People That in Darkness Sat LSB 412

1 The people that in darkness sat A glorious light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness, The gathering nations come; They joy as when the reapers bear Their
3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is giv’n, And on His shoul-der ev-er rests All
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ever- last-ing Lord, The Won-der-ful, the Coun-sel-or, The
shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
har - vest trea - sur es home, Their har - vest trea - sur es home.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
God by all a - do red, The God by all a - do red.

5. His righteous government and pow'r
    Shall over all extend;
    On judgment and on justice based,
    His reign shall have no end,
    His reign shall have no end.
6. Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
    And make us Thine alone,
    Who with the Father ever art
    And Holy Spirit, one,
    And Holy Spirit, one. Amen.

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES
Psalm 45:6a; 50:6, 14–15
P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.
C The heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is judge!
P Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,
C and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS
P Let us now make confession of our sins to our gracious heavenly Father.
C Eternal God, we confess that by nature we are sinful people. We have transgressed
Your Law in many ways, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have
not always been good friends, faithful neighbors, or caring family members. Our
motives and thoughts have not always been pure. We deserve Your punishment now
and for eternity. O God, in Your mercy forgive our sin and restore us to a full and joyful
relationship with You through the merits of Jesus, our Lord. Direct our days by Your
Holy Spirit, that we joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments as
Your redeemed people.
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the
Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of
my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may
your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.
C Thanks be to God. Amen.

INTROIT
Psalm 22:27–31; antiphon: v. 22
P I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You.
Women: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families
of the nations shall worship before You.
Men: For kingship belongs to the Lord, and He rules over the nations.
All: All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before Him shall bow all who go down
to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.
Women: Posternity shall serve Him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; Men: they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done it. All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You.

HYMN OF PRAISE  Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness  LSB 849

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light; Praise the One who frees the prisoners,
2 Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word; Praise the One who drove out demons, in our place. Jesus died and rose victorious
3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered

Turn-ing blind-ness in- to sight. Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev 'ry dread disease, Calming storms, and feeding thou-sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.

With the pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burn-ing sand; From this glad-ness, See-ing what our God has done; Let us

Gos-pel, Heal-ing ev - ry dread dis-ease, Calm-ing wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us

well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench-ing thirst in ev - ry land. praise the true Redeem-er, Praise the One who makes us one.


PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray.
All: Gracious God, You sent Your Son, the Word made flesh, to call us to Yourself. In response to His call, those He summoned as His disciples followed Him. By the working of the Holy Spirit, help us to hear His call, to believe in Him, and to follow were He leads, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.
SHARING OF THE PEACE

P  The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C  And also with you.
P  Let us share this peace with one another.
(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L  This is the Word of the Lord.  C  Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L  This is the Word of the Lord.  C  Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

P  The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.
C  Glory to You, O Lord.
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
P  This is the Gospel of the Lord.  C  Praise to You, O Christ.

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY  O Christ, Our True and Only Light  LSB 839

O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Lost in error's maze; let those afar now hear Your voice and in Your fold with us rejoice.

Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now in most minds some dark delusion haunts and blinds.

O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience walk a part; confirm the weak and doubting heart;

Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wan'd'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You.

That they with us may evermore
Such grace with You be giv'n by all Your Church in earth and heav'n.
APOSTLE'S 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 there 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    “The People That in Darkness Sat”    Johann Gottfried Walther

OFFERTORY    Where Charity and Love Prevail    LSB 845

1. Where charity and love prevail
   There God is ever found;
   By Christ’s love we are thus bound.

2. With grateful joy and holy fear
   His charity we learn;
   Mind and soul now love Him in return.

3. For give we now each other’s faults
   As we our faults confess;
   Other well in Christian holiness.

4. Let strife among us be unknown;
   Let all contention cease;
   That we seek; Be ours His holy peace.

5. Let us recall that in our midst
   Dwells Christ, His only Son;
   As members of His body joined
   We are in Him made one.

6. For love excludes no race or clan
   That names the Savior’s name;
   His family embraces all
   Whose Father is the same.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
P  Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their
   needs. We pray for the Church, that the light of the Gospel of salvation be proclaimed and
   the gifts of God be shared. Lord of the Church,
C in mercy, hear our prayer.

P  We pray this day for our nation and for all nations of the world, that there be an end to
   hostilities and that times of peacefulness everywhere prevail. Lord of all times and all people,
C in mercy, hear our prayer.
We pray for our families and our neighbors. Grant that we walk in the light of Christ and together praise our gracious God for all He has done for us. Lord of all generations,

in mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all sorts and conditions of people, especially for the hospitalized and those who are shut in during this season. We pray for those whose lives are in transition, the unemployed, those who are downcast or grieving, and all those for whom our petitions are desired, [including ...]. Lord of care and grace,

in mercy, hear our prayer.

As a community of the faithful, we remember those who have shared the faith with us and now have departed this earthly life in hope and joy. Direct our ways on earth that we complete our journey of life in faith and rejoice together with them eternally with saints and angels and all the company of heaven in life everlasting. Lord of eternity,

in mercy, hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

**BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**

**O Christ, Who Called the Twelve**

1. O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and follow You, For sak-ing old, fa-mil-iar ways For ven-tures bold and new:
2. O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for ages sealed, Whose words and works a-wak-ened faith, The ways of God re-vealed:
3. O Christ, who led the Twelve Among the des-o-late And broke as bread of life for all Your love com-pas-sion-ate:
4. O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev-er trod To serve, to suf-fer, teach, pro-claim The near-er reign of God:

(continued)
Grant us to hear Your call To risk se- cure- ty And, 
In- struct us now, we pray, By Your em-pow- ing Word. True 
Lead us a-long the ways Where hope has near- ly died And 
Send us on ways where faith Tran- scends ti- mid- i ty, Where 
bound in heart and will to You, Find per- fect lib- er- ty, 
teach- er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord. 
help us climb the lone- ly hills Where love is cru-ci- fied. 
love in-forms and hope sus-tains Both life and min- is- try. 

5. O Christ, the apostles' Lord, 
The martyrs' strength and song, 
The crucified and risen King 
To whom the saints belong: 
Though generations pass, 
Our tribute still we bring, 
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise, 
Our lives an offering.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: Tanner Rich]

POSTLUDE

"Allegretto"  
E. L. Ashford

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE
KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 am

February 2: "Gold Without Glitter"; Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker  
Without the fire of the refiner's forge, there can be no glittering gold. And so it is with us. You are more precious to God than gold. But, like gold, you and I need refining. (Genesis 42)