

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 27 & 28, 2019

Welcome to Worship! It took a series of extraordinary events to get your body to worship today. We often fail to appreciate the complexity of the bodies God created and the coordination necessary for them to function. Today God's Word sheds light on the intricate design He has for the church. As a member of the body, how are you working?

First time guests: Please stop by the Welcome Center for a travel mug and other gifts!

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

We love children! If your child gets fussy, please take him/her to the Comfort Place in the Atrium. You can hear the service there, and will allow others to hear as well. **A Staffed Nursery** is also available at **9:00 A.M.** beneath the narthex.

Adult Bible Classes meet in the Fellowship Hall and **Adult Instruction** in 202. **Sunday School** for ages 3-6th grade meets downstairs in the Social Room. **Parent/Toddler Class** meets upstairs in Room 215. **Jr/Sr High School** meets upstairs in the Youth Room.

Holy Communion will be offered at **9:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.** If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. The Common Cup is served to those who do not take an individual cup. Wine with alcohol removed is in the center of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Large Print bulletins and **Hearing devices** are available from an usher.

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THE PRELUDE: "Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

THE OPENING HYMN: "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" **Hymn 901**

THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION: (page 184-185)

THE GLORIA PATRI, KYRIE, and GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: (page 186-189)

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY (We pray together): **Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD OF THE MONTH (together): **But now thus says the LORD... "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." Isaiah 43:1**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: **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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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."

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

+++ **11:15 THE ANTHEM:** "In Christ there is No East or West"

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

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." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 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. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE: (page 190)

THE GOSPEL: Luke 4:16-30 (page 859) **C: (sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: (sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

+++ **THE CREED: 9:00 & 7:00 NICENE** (page 191), **11:15 APOSTLES'** (page 192)

THE HYMN: "O Christ, Our True and Only Light" **Hymn 839**

THE SERMON: "Physiology 111"

THE OFFERING (Please register Attendance and Communion)

THE MUSICAL OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY: (page 192)

THE PRAYERS

+++ **9:00 & 7:00 COMMUNION:** Pages 194-202; "In Christ there is No East or West";
Hymns: 523, 524, 625, 619, 632

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing" **Hymn 409**

Please take time after the closing hymn to greet and introduce yourself to those around you.

THE POSTLUDE

A Pastor will be available after the service in the chapel to take prayer requests or notes for care.

Preacher: Pastor Blumenberg **Liturgist:** Pastor Bloch and Pastor Rodriguez **Lector:** Vicar Werner **Organist:** Katy Rudzinski **Special Music:** Lisa Siefker-Bailey

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