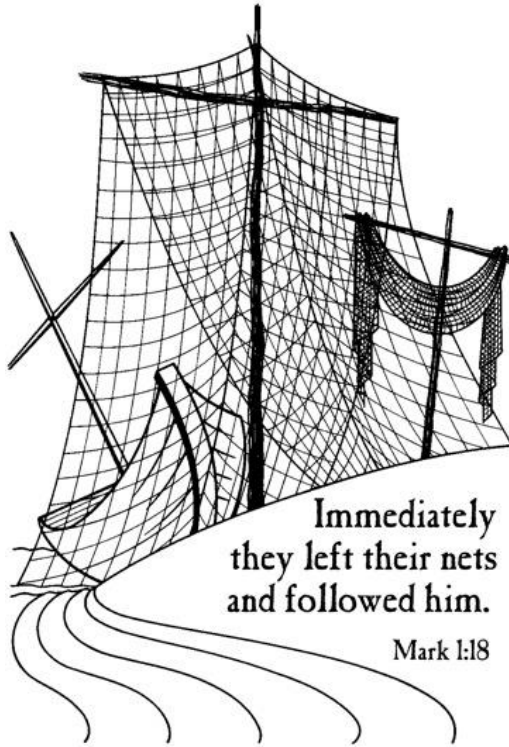


**Life Sunday/Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**January 24, 2021 10:30 a.m. Service**



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You are invited to use the yellow Prayer Cards located in the pew for prayer requests. Please hand this card to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

*\* Please turn off cellphones\**

## ***As We Gather***

Jesus objects to nothing more strongly than making life and death a matter of commerce (*John 2:15-16*). Abortion occupies an entire business industry. Assisted suicide is driven by financial considerations. No, Jesus sacrificed Himself instead (*John 2:19*) so that “you shall not kill” (*Exodus 20:13*).

Why? Because Almighty God (*1 Corinthians 1:28-30*) chose the lowly for His own, the unborn, aged, impaired – even you and me.

**LIFE SUNDAY/  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

Divine Service – Setting Four  
January 24, 2021     10:30 a.m.

***Welcome & Announcements***

+ INVOCATION + *LSB 203*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*


**[L]** We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C]** **Amen.**

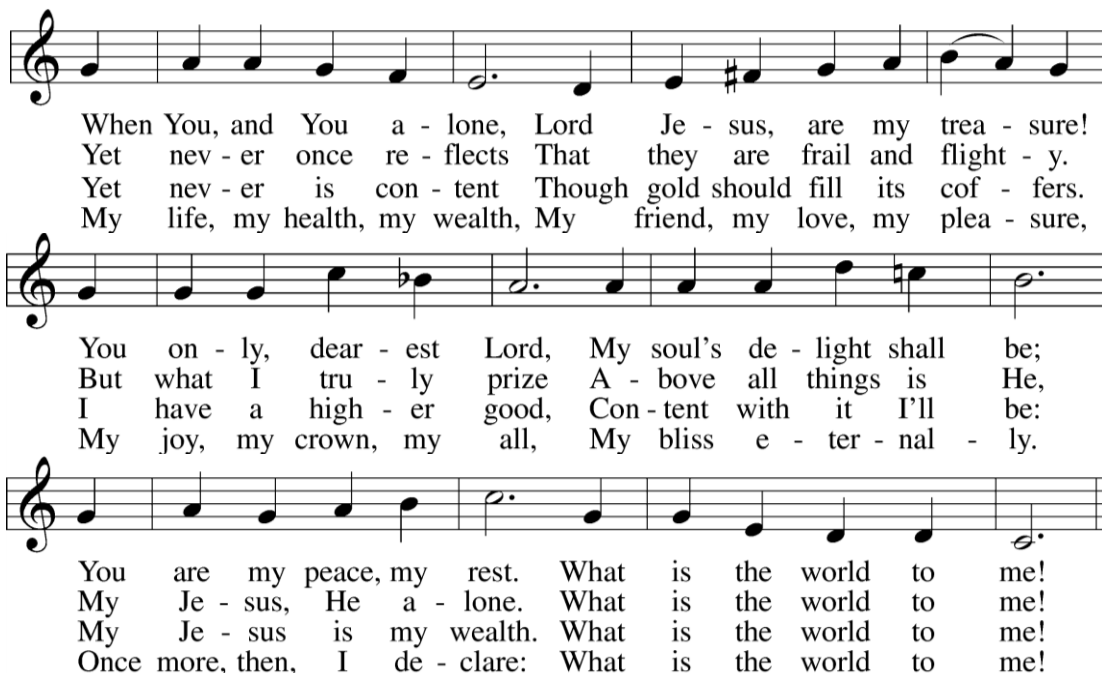
*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

*Opening Hymn* *LSB 730 sts. 1-4*

*“What Is the World to Me”*



1 What is the world to me     With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure  
2 The world seeks to be praised     And hon - ored by the might - y  
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth     And all that mam - mon of - fers  
4 What is the world to me!     My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.  
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,

You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;  
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,  
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:  
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.

You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!  
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
 Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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## *Stand*

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + *LSB 203*

**L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

**L** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord,  
 who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness;  
 therefore You are feared.

**L** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

*(Silence for self-examination and confession to God in light of the Ten Commandments and reflection on God's Word.)*

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: *Luke 18:13*

**C** God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**[L]** Almighty God, merciful Father,      *LSB 203*  
in Holy Baptism You declared us  
to be Your children and gathered us into Your  
one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly  
forgive us our sins and grant us new life through  
Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith,  
and graciously receive our prayer and praise;  
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**[C]** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +      *LSB 204*

### **Life Litany**

**[L]** In His hand is the life of every living thing  
and the breath of all mankind.      *Job 12:10*

**[C]** Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

*Psalms 95:6*

**L** Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. *Psalm 100:3*

**C** **The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.** *Job 33:4*

**L** Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments. *Psalm 119:73*

**C** **For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb.**

**L** Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. *Psalm 139:16*

**C** **Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.**

*Psalm 127:3*

# Kyrie

*Mark 10:47, LSB 204*



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

# Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14, John 1:29; LSB 204*



☐ 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 205*

**L** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God,

**C** I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.

**L** Mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading** *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: 2 “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

3 Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city—a visit required three days.

4 On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned.”

5 The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth...

10 When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8*

**Ⓐ Ⓒ Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

## Epistle Reading

*1 Corinthians 7:29-35*

29 What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they had none; 30 those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; 31 those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

32 I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord. 33 But a

married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife— 34 and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord’s affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. 35 I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

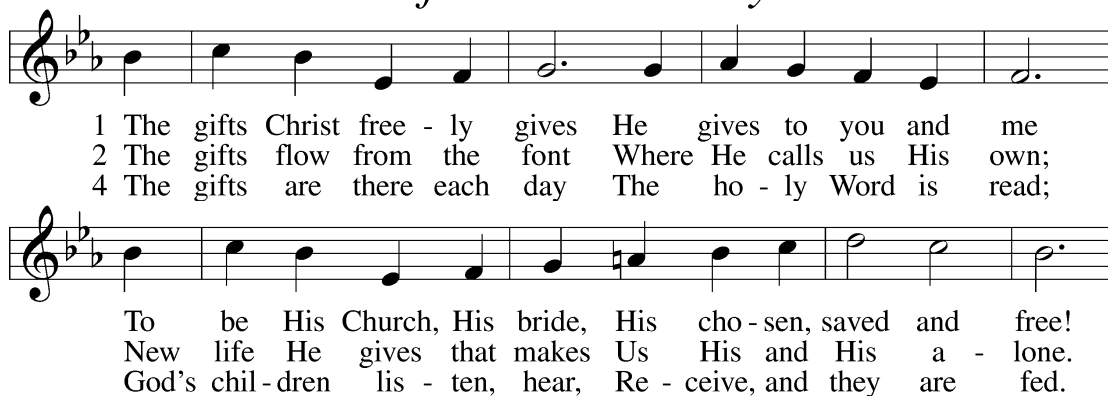
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of Praise*

*LSB 602 sts. 1-2, 4, 6*

*“The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”*



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me  
 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;  
 4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;

To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!  
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.  
 God’s chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts      Are chil - dren who pro - claim  
Here He for - gives our sins      With wa - ter and His Word;  
Christ fills them with Him - self,      Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.  
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.  
Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

6 All glory to the One  
Who lavishes such love;  
The triune God in love  
Assures our life above.  
His means of grace for us  
Are gifts He loves to give;  
All thanks and praise for His  
Great love by which we live!

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## *Stand*

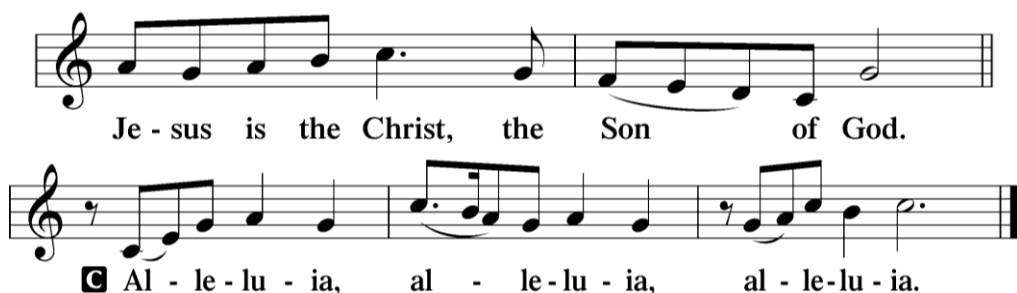
### **Alleluia and Verse**      *John 20:31, LSB 205*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten      that      you      may be - lieve      that



## Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:14-20*

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark,  
the first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

15 “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 17 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” 18 At once they left their nets

and followed him.

19 When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. 20 Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

*Hymn of the Day*

*LSB 839 sts. 1-5*

*(to the tune of LSB 844)*

*“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”*



1	O	Christ,	our	true	and	on	-	ly	light,
2	Fill	with	the	ra -	diance	of		Your	grace
3	O	gent -	ly	call	those	gone		a -	stray
4	Shine	on	the	dark -	ened	and		the	cold;



En -	light -	en	those	who	sit	in	night;
The	souls	now	lost	in	er -	ror's	maze;
That	they	may	find	the	sav -	ing	way!
Re -	call	the	wan -	d'ers	to	Your	fold.



Let those a - far now hear Your voice  
En - light - en those whose in - most minds  
Let ev - 'ry con - science sore op - pressed  
U - nite all those who walk a - part;



And in Your fold with us re - joice.  
Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,

5 That they with us may evermore  
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore  
And endless praise to You be giv'n  
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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## Sermon “The Time is Now” Pastor Tom Rhodes (*On Screen*)

*Stand*

*Together Using the Words of the Apostle's Creed*  
*We Confess Our Common Faith* *LSB 207*

**☐ ☑ 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 thence 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

*In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)*

## Offertory

*LSB 781 sts. 1-2*

### *We Give Thee But Thine Own*



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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## Prayer of the Church

LSB 207

**L** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

### *Brief silence*

**L** Heavenly Father, at just the exact right time Your Son once called Andrew and Peter, James and John to follow Him with the promise that He would make them fishers of men. Grant all Your baptized people of faith so to hear and heed the Savior's call, that through following Christ, the Holy Spirit would draw many into the Savior's net and rescue them from everlasting destruction. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**L** O Lord, You are high above all nations and Your glory is above the heavens! Look in mercy on our nation. Give to those entrusted with civil

authority courage and compassion, wisdom and integrity. Give our nation the grace of repentance to turn from evil. We beg Your protection especially for those most vulnerable among us, particularly those in the womb. Free us from all willful blindness and disregard of Your precious gift of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**L** Kind Master, the words of St. Paul seem more true to us today than ever before. We know and can see that the world in its present form is passing away. Protect all Your children from fear in these latter days, and fill us with great confidence and hope in that which never passes away: Your faithful promises in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**L** Creator and Preserver of all things, we give thanks that You form us in the womb and give us

life. Bless all women who are with child,  
granting health and safety through pregnancy,  
labor and delivery. Lord in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**L** O God, the Help of the helpless, have mercy  
upon all who cry to You for help, especially those  
on our prayer list and cards. Heal the sick, injured  
and afflicted according to Your will, and in the  
meantime give them the glad confidence of Your  
gracious favor for the sake of Your Son, Jesus  
Christ. Visit those who are incarcerated by  
authority or homebound by infirmity; assure them  
that You will not forget Your people wherever  
they are found. Be the consolation of those to  
whom it is given to mourn, and grant that they  
might find their comfort in Christ, the  
resurrection and the life. Lord in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**L** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for

whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**Lord's Prayer**

*Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 209*

**L** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.**

**Benedicamus and Benediction**

*LSB 212*

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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 ✠ give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

# Closing Hymn

LSB 685 sts. 1-2, 4

## “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en

am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,

sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;

Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence

hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,

Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.