Family of Christ Lutheran Church and Early Education Center

Welcome to the Family!

Third Sunday of the Epiphany of Our Lord

January 24, 2021

Pastor's Greeting

Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; Mark 1:14b-15*

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

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

C: Amen.

P: Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

C: Amen.

Exhortation *1 John 6-10*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

The Confession of Sins

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

ABSOLUTION *John 20:21*

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.

C: Amen.

CATECHISM REVIEW: THE THIRD ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED–SANCTIFICATION

P: 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.

What does this mean?

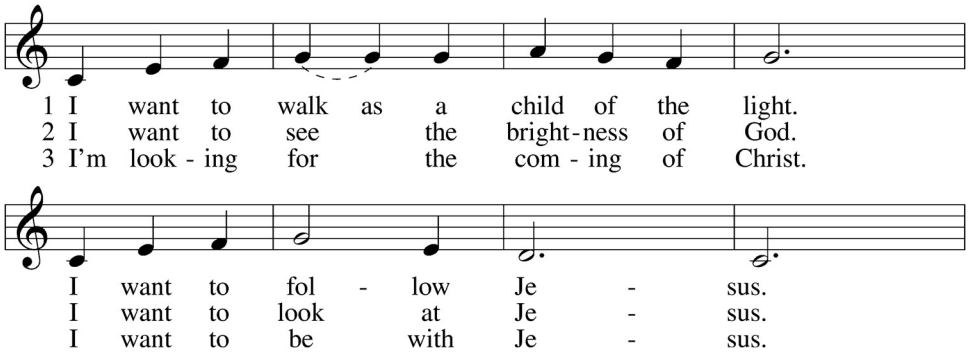
C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

OPENING HYMN I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT *LSB 411*



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Psalm 113:1–2, 4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 3

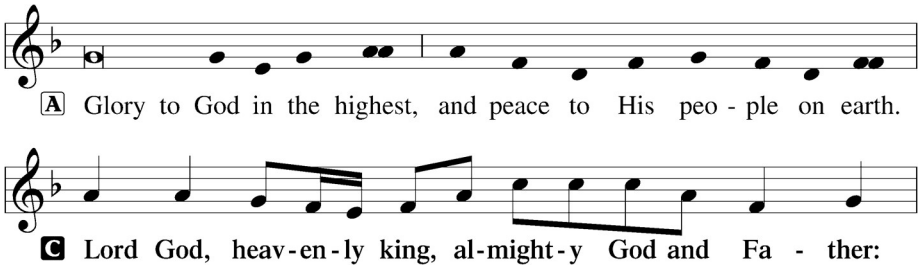
P: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised! Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

C: Blessèd be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens! He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of His people.

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154 *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

R: *Let us pray*: 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.

C: Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

P: The Old Testament reading is from the Book of Jonah 3:1-5, 10

P: Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

P: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

P: The Epistle reading is from 1 Corinthians 7:29-35

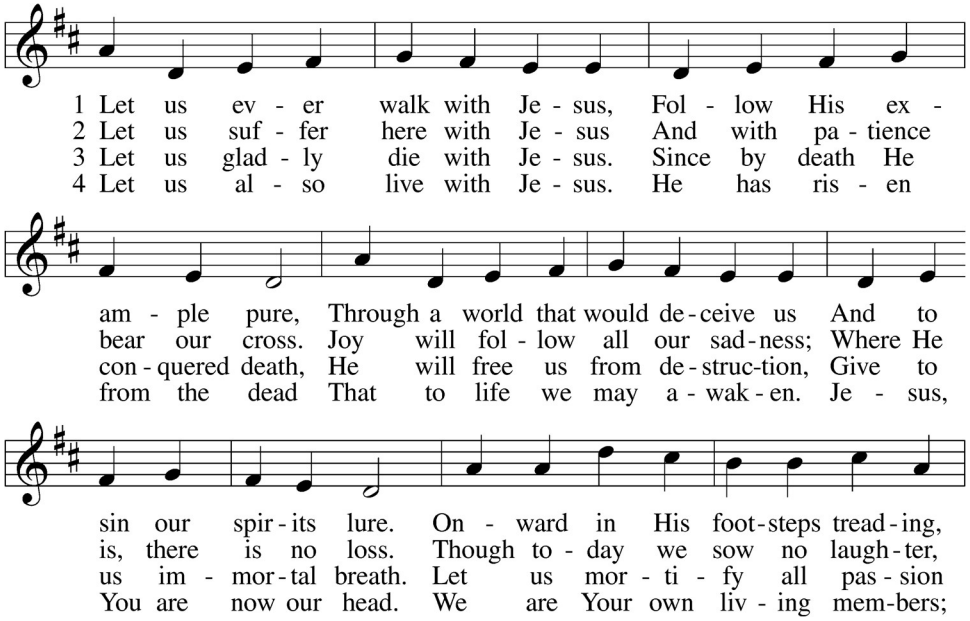
P: This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

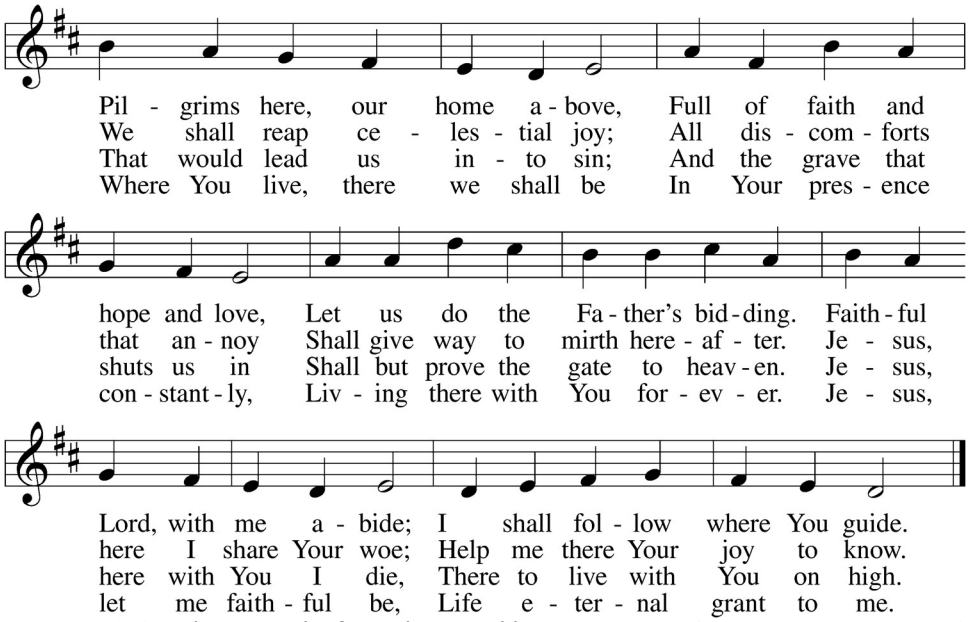
I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS *LSB 685*





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THE GRADUAL

Psalm 117; Psalm 96:8

P: Praise the **LORD**, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!

C: 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!

ALLELUIA VERSE

LSB 156

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

P: A reading of the Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:14–20

C: Glory to You O Lord!

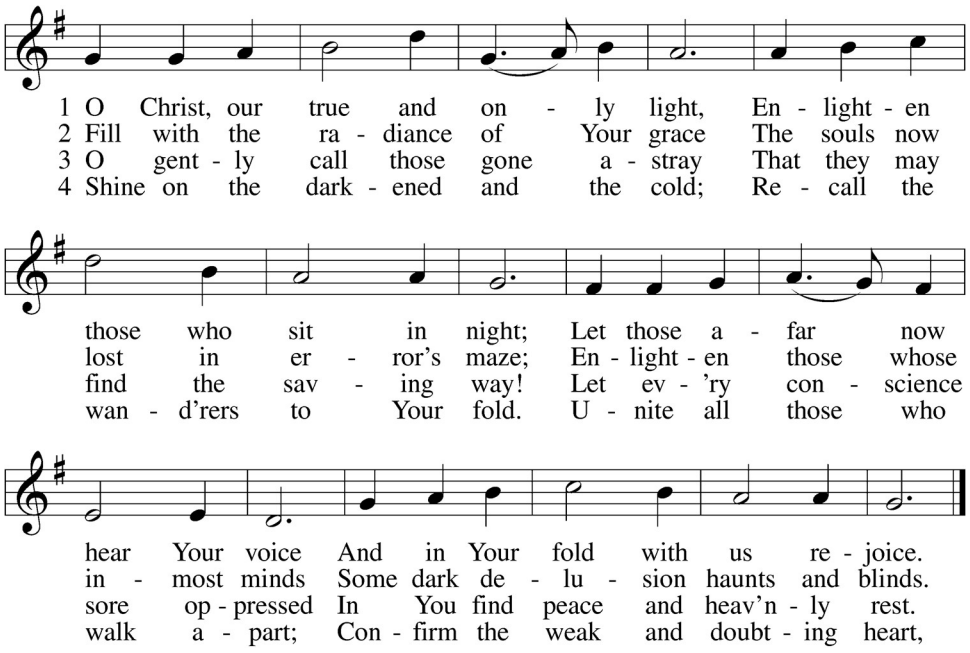
P: After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed Him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You O Christ!

SERMON HYMN **O CHRIST, OUR TRUE AND ONLY LIGHT** ***LSB 839 STS.1-4***



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SERMON ***"THE TWO REALMS"***

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All: 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 will 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.

OFFERTORY

As we celebrate the holy gifts and blessings God has given to us, please pray concerning your first fruits offering of thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Prayer requests may be submitted online at www.FamilyofChristLutheranAZ.org or emailed to Pastor@familyofchristlutheranaz.org or Prayer@familyofchristlutheranaz.org)

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

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, You desire not the death of a sinner but that all would repent and believe the Gospel. In the epiphany of Your Son, Your time of salvation and Your kingdom have come near. As this world passes away, give faithfulness and urgency to Your Church to proclaim the Gospel of our God to all people. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Eternal Lord, in view of every current distress as the present form of this world passes away, give constancy and contentment to Your people in their God-given stations. Give comfort and faithfulness to the married and strengthen them to pass on the faith to the next generation. Show kindness also to the unmarried and assure them of the holiness of their place in life, that they would be freed from anxiety and attend to holiness in body and spirit, undividedly devoted to You. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, preserve our nation with its rulers. Call to repentance those who have forgotten You. Guide our president, Joseph Biden—may he turn to Your Word for discernment; guide our governor; and all who serve for the good of this people. Do not let disaster befall us but preserve us in peace and quietness. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Father, turn us from every distracting anxiety and the dealings of this world that would draw our hearts away from Your blessed Gospel and its end, eternal life. Give us confidence in the resurrection and the peace of a clean conscience by the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name. Graciously behold and help those for whom we pray *especially for*: Luke Jensen, Karly, Lisa, Melanie and Carol and their dad and family, and a prayer of thanksgiving for Dave von Tersch; and for those we name in our hearts: _____. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious Lord, in Your Holy Sacrament You deliver the Gospel proclaimed by Your Son and won by His death in His true body and blood. Work repentance and faith in all who commune and unite them in a sincere confession of Your divine truth at this altar. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: Amen.

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

All: 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.

CLOSING COLLECT

P: *Let us pray*: Your Beloved Son came proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. In the hearing of Your Gospel let us be mindful that wherever Your Word is preached, and the sacraments delivered the kingdom of God is at hand. Grant that we will be led by the Holy Spirit to be Your ambassadors in welcoming those who don't know You into Your Kingdom, in Jesus name we pray.

All: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS *LSB 218*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

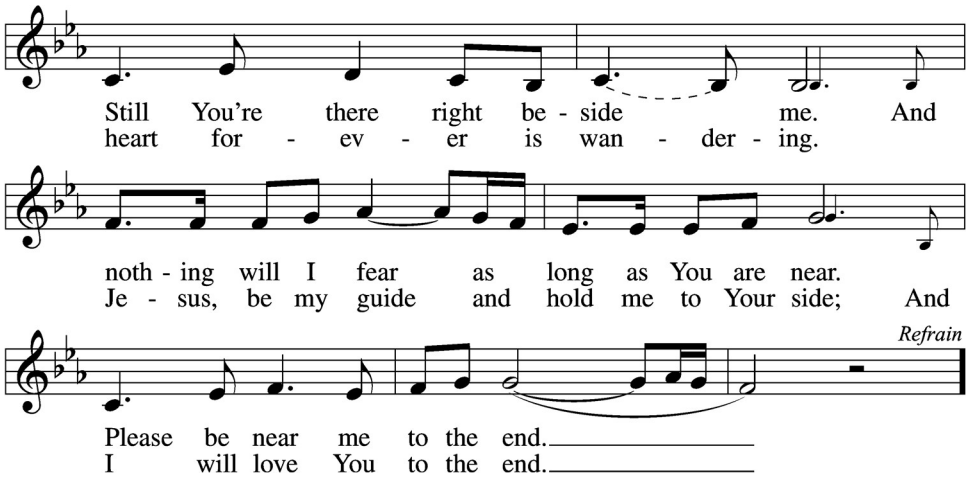
C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *LSB 228*

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

DEPARTING HYMN THY WORD IS A LAMP *LSB 973 STS.1-2*



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This Week at Family of Christ

1/24– 1/31

Sunday

9:30AM	Divine Worship *(with communion)*;
11:00AM	Bible Study on Large Catechism
11:00AM	Girl Scout Cookie drive-thru at the church until 5:00PM (Hailea Austin)

Tuesday

7:00PM	Kindergarten Orientation (*via Zoom; call office for access*)

Thursday

5:30PM	Confirmation Class at the Church

Friday

6:30AM	Men's Bible Study in Leviticus

Next Sunday

9:30AM	Divine Worship
11:00AM	Bible Study on Large Catechism

PLEASE NOTE*: Church Services and Bible Studies are currently offered in person and via Zoom. In-person meetings follow all CDC-recommended protocols and procedures.*

Pastor is available upon request for: *(call the Church office or Pastor's cell to schedule)*

- ✝ Individual Confession and Absolution
- ✝ Home, hospital or nursing home visits
- ✝ Communion
- ✝ Prayer