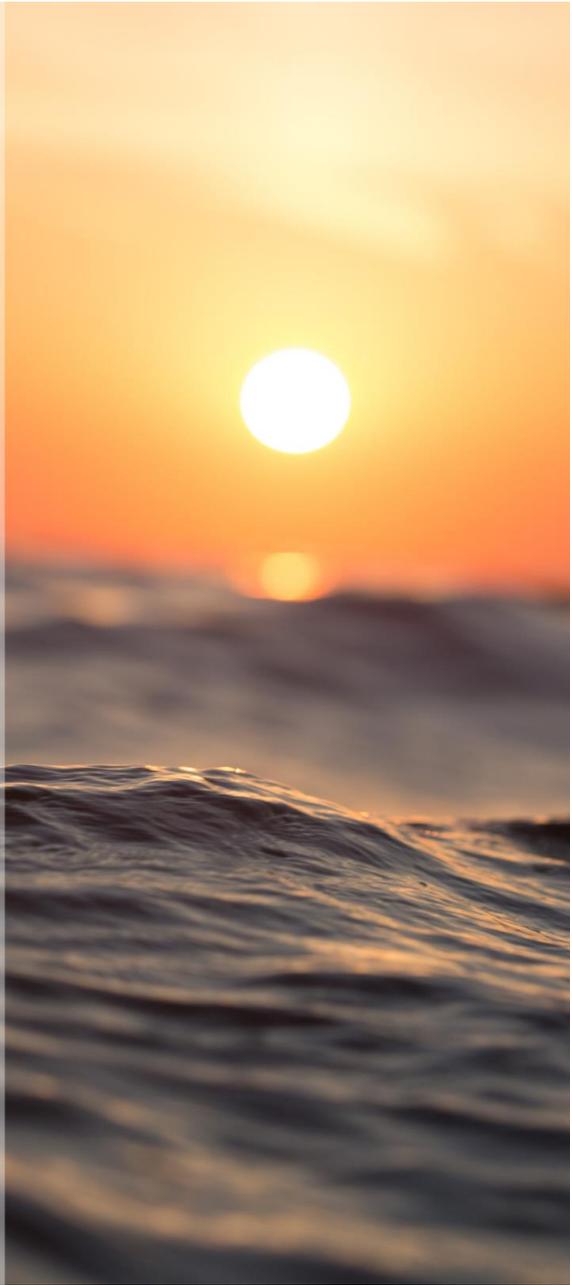


FROM THE
RISING
OF THE
SUN
TO THE
PLACE
WHERE IT
SETS
THE NAME OF
THE LORD
IS TO BE
praised.

Psalm 113:3



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Jesus Is Our Long-Foretold Savior

January 27, 2019

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are thankful that you've chosen to worship with us.

We love children worshipping with us. But we understand that kids can get restless. We have a few options for your convenience: Quiet Bags in the back of church, filled with activity pages and books; a Quiet Area in the library area of our Commons with a rocking chair, children's books and toys; Changing Tables in both washrooms down the hallway to the right as you exit the chapel.

Most of the service is projected on the front wall. You can also find the service and hymns in the hymnal. Bibles are available on request. If you want, you may follow along with the today's readings from your mobile device.

Please be sure to silence your mobile device so you don't disrupt the service or distract people's worship.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Jesus reveals himself as the Anointed one with the Father's authority to proclaim himself as fulfillment of prophecy. This bold proclamation carries joy to the very heart of every believer and emboldens us to proclaim the same.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord God, you took on flesh and made your dwelling among us. We see your glory in the testimony of Scripture and the testament of the sacraments. May your joy in us be our joy in life. Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist

Pastor Erich Westphal

Organist

Janice Budach

Ushers

Larry Gens, Andrew Boyd

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HYMN

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs | **227**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Just as the Word had central place in the restoration of Jerusalem, so it reveals the Messiah and brings joy to our sin-weary hearts.

All the people gathered together at the public square that is in front of the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So on the first day of the seventh month, Ezra the priest brought the Law before the congregation, both men and women and all who were able to understand what they heard. ³From dawn until midday in front of the public square in front of the Water Gate, he read from the scroll, while facing the men, the women, and those who could understand. All the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

⁵All the people could see Ezra as he opened the scroll, because he was elevated above all the people. As he opened the scroll, all the people stood. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen! Amen!” while they lifted up their hands and then knelt and bowed down with their faces to the ground.

⁸So they read from the Book of the Law of God clearly and interpreted it, and the people understood what was read.

⁹Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites, who helped the people understand, said to all the people, “Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or cry!” because all the people were crying as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Nehemiah said to them, “Go, eat rich food and drink sweet drinks and send portions to those who have nothing prepared, because today is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, because the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

SECOND LESSON

Acts 4:23-31

The apostles' message of the promise of Psalm 2 fulfilled spurred them on to speak the same message with boldness.

²³After Peter and John were released, they went to their own friends and reported everything the high priests and the elders had said. ²⁴When they heard this, with one mind they raised their voices to God and said, "Master, you are the God who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵By the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David, your servant, you said:

Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶The kings of the earth take their stand,
and the rulers are gathered together
against the Lord
and against his Anointed One.

²⁷"For certainly, in this city both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and people of Israel, were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸They did whatever your hand and your plan had decided beforehand should happen.

²⁹"Now Lord, look at their threats and give to your servants the ability to keep on speaking your word with all boldness ³⁰as you stretch out your hand to heal and as signs and wonders take place through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

³¹After they prayed, the place where they were gathered was shaken. Also, everyone was filled with the Holy Spirit, and they continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia. Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease. Alleluia.

KID'S DEVOTION

GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

God's promise is no longer a future promise to the weary soul, but a promise fulfilled: the Messiah has come.

¹⁴Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through all the surrounding area. ¹⁵He was teaching in their synagogues and being honored by everyone.

¹⁶He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. As was his custom, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. ¹⁷The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he anointed me to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
¹⁹and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

²⁰He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹He began to tell them, "Today, this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God from God, O Light from Light | **85**

SERMON

"The Joy of the Lord Is Your Strength" | **Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10**

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THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.
If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.*

Please record your visit on the Connection Card.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

modern version

HYMN

O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild | **366**

HYMN

Blest Be the God of Israel | **275**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW GRACE GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday afternoons (3:15), join the investigation into a new book by C. S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*. The book provides a unique insight into the spiritual battles that are being waged in the world and our lives.

Sunday mornings (9:00), take part in a practical look at some of the key women of Scripture. The examples of these women still pertinent lessons that both genders can benefit from today.

60TH ANNIVERSARY On Sunday, February 10 at our regular service, we are celebrating 60 years of God's grace to our congregation. Former pastor, Curtis Holub, will be the guest preacher. The Reformation Brass is providing music. The anniversary offering is designated for a new audio-visual system for the sanctuary. There will be a lunch following the service (*with a suggested donation of \$5 per plate*).

ANNUAL VOTER'S MEETING next Sunday, January 27, after the service to ratify the ministry plans discussed at the Town Hall Meeting. If you are a voting member, please try to attend this meeting.

YEAR END OFFERING STATEMENTS are on the table by the bulletin board. Please be sure to pick yours up.

SIGN UP (at the Info Center) to host fellowship hour and to provide altar flowers for 2019.

Calendar Week

Today

Sunday School	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am
Annual Voters' Meeting	11:00 am
<i>Wise Penny Work Day</i>	

Tuesday

Bible Class	3:15 pm
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Wednesday

Choir	6:45 pm
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Sunday

Sunday School	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am
Fellowship	11:00 am

Serving in the Lord

Ushers

Today:	Larry Gens Andrew Boyd
Next Sunday:	Jean Sulzle Jackson George

Organist

Today:	Janice Budach
Next Sunday:	Beth Janisch

January Money Counters

none listed

Blessings from The Lord

Attendance

Sunday School – 4
Bible Study – 16
Sunday Service – 59
Tuesday Bible Class – 0

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