

# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Jan. 25th Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD)  
2026

## † Preparation †

### Welcome and Connection Cards

*Stand*

### Opening Hymn - LSB 790 - Praise to the LORD, the Almighty

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

### Invocation

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**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.*

**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.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## † SERVICE OF THE WORD †

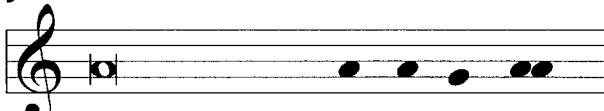
### Introit

I will tell of your Name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.  
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.  
For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.  
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.  
 Posterity shall serve him;  
 it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;  
 they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
 that he has done it.  
**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.**  
 I will tell of your Name to my brothers;  
 in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

**Kyrie**

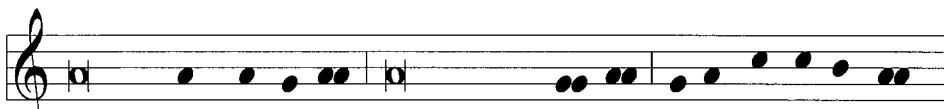
*LSB 168*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



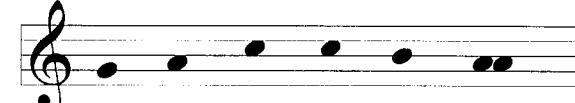
and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



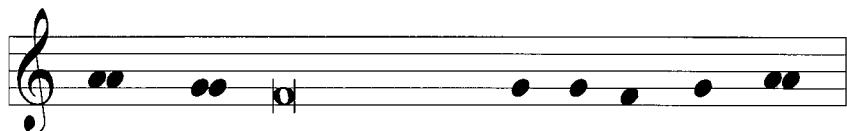
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



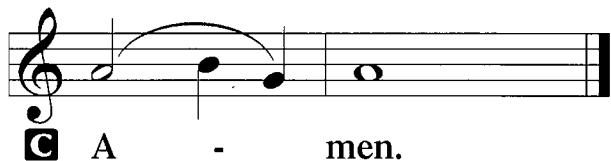
let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



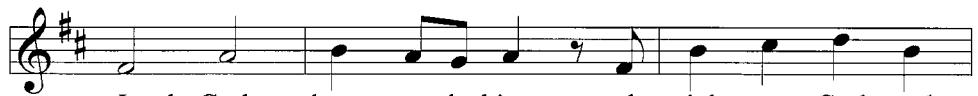
**C** A - men.

### Gloria in Excelsis

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**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and



Fa-ther: We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly



Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the



Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are t

Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-

lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The LORD be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** 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.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 9: 1 - 4*

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm***Psalm 27: 1 – 9; antiphon: v. 1***Epistle Reading***1 Corinthians 1:10-18**After the reading:*

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

*Stand***Verse of the Day**

**All:** Alleluia. From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel***Matthew 4: 12 - 25*

**A** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O LORD.

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the LORD.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit***Hymn of the Day - LSB 412 - The People That in Darkness Sat****Sermon***"Fishers of Men"**Matthew 4: 12 - 25***MEMORY VERSE:** **Matthew 4: 19**

“[Jesus] said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.’”

*Stand***Apostles' Creed**

**All:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Matthew 4:17  
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.

## Prayer of the Church

*The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the LORD be with you always.

**C** Amen.

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### Offering and Offertory



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - efits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



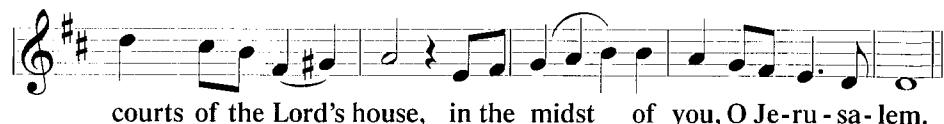
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

### Pauline Benediction

**P** The grace of our LORD ✚ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

*LSB 176*

### Announcements

*Children are invited to come forward and assist in leading the Closing Song with percussion instruments*

*Stand*

### Closing Hymn - Blue 81 - They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love