

# The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

22 January A†D 2023

## Divine Service Setting 1

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*Stand and face the processional cross when the processional hymn begins.*

## Processional Hymn

“From God the Father, Virgin-Born”

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## Confession and Absolution

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**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

*Psalm 97:1, 10–12; antiphon: vv. 6, 9*



The heavens proclaim his | righteousness,\*  
and all the peoples see his | glory.

For you, O LORD, are most high over | all the earth;\*  
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

**The LORD reigns, let the | earth rejoice;  
let the many coast- | lands be glad!**

O you who love the LORD, hate evil!\*

He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

**Light is sown for the righteous,\*  
and joy for the up- right in he**

Rejoice in the LORD, O you | righteous,\*  
and give thanks to his | holy name!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

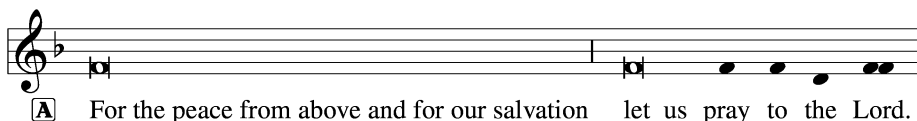
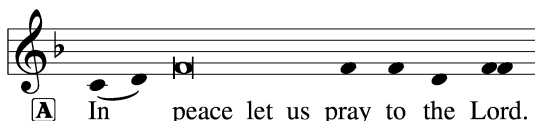
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

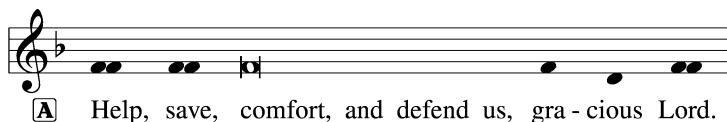
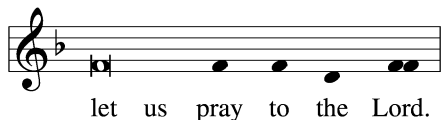
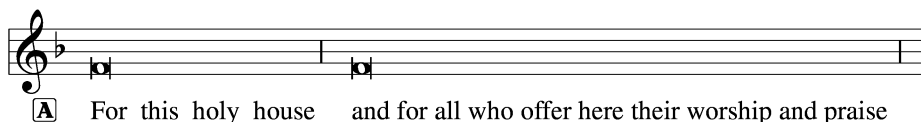
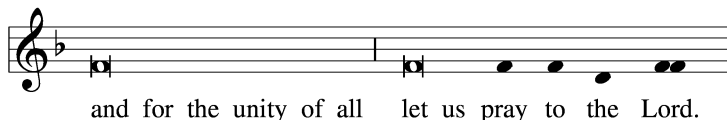
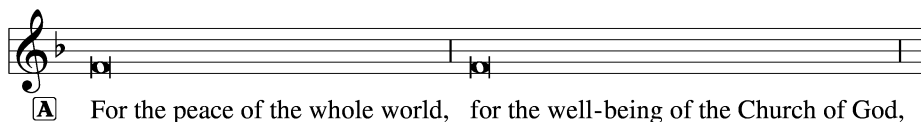
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## Kyrie

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# Gloria in Excelsis

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**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**G** 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 the 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

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so 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** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament

*2 Kings 5:1–15a*

<sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. <sup>2</sup>Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." <sup>4</sup>So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." <sup>5</sup>And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. <sup>6</sup>And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." <sup>7</sup>And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup>And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup>But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be

clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants came near and said to him, “My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, ‘Wash, and be clean?’” <sup>14</sup>So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

<sup>15</sup>Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 102:15–16*

Nations will fear the name | of the LORD,\*  
and all the kings of the earth will fear your | glory.

**For the LORD builds up | Zion;\***  
**he appears in his | glory.**

## Epistle

*Romans 12:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

<sup>20</sup>To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”

<sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand and face the processional cross as it is carried to the center of the nave for the Gospel reading.*

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 190; Psalm 97:1*



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

**L** The LORD reigns, let the | earth rejoice;\*  
let the many coast- | lands be glad!



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 8:1–13*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighth chapter.



<sup>1</sup>When [Jesus] came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. <sup>2</sup>And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” <sup>3</sup>And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”

<sup>5</sup>When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, <sup>6</sup>“Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” <sup>7</sup>And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” <sup>8</sup>But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup>For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” <sup>10</sup>When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. <sup>11</sup>I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, <sup>12</sup>while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” <sup>13</sup>And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

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



*Turn to face the processional cross as it is carried back to its place.*

## Nicene Creed

*LSB 158*

**C** 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.

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day**                      “The Will of God Is Always Best”

**LSB 758**

**Prayer**

*LSB 422*

**C** On my heart imprint your image,  
Blessed Jesus, king of grace,  
That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures  
Never may your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope’s foundation,  
And my glory and salvation!



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Prayer of the Church

Sit

Hymn

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

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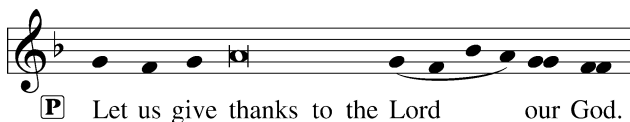
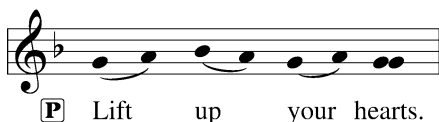
*Offerings may be placed in the plate located near the reception desk in the narthex.*

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 161



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

**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.

## The Words of Our Lord

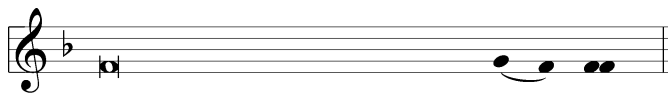
**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the

new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

LSB 163



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**A** A - men.

## Agnus Dei



**A** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Sit

*If you are a visitor, please see our communion policy on the inside cover of the bulletin.*

## Distribution

“Arise and Shine in Splendor”

**LSB 396**

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

**LSB 395**

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

**LSB 618**

“The People Who in Darkness Sat”

**LSB 412**

## Stand

# Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

# Post-Communion Collect

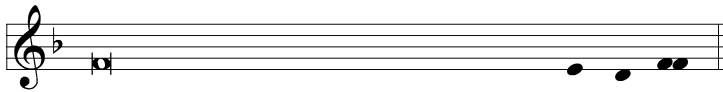
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**A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction



**P** 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.



**C** A - men.

*Please turn to face the processional cross as it moves through the nave during the closing hymn. Once the cross exits the nave, you may turn to face the front.*

## Closing Hymn

## “Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?”

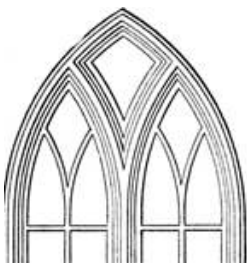
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Today is the third Sunday after the Epiphany, in which we continue to see who Jesus is for us and for our salvation. Today we hear and meditate on Jesus healing a leper and the Centurion's servant. What does this tell us about who Jesus is for us and for our salvation? Well, it tells us that Jesus is for all people. Yes, we say we know this. However, in the days of Jesus, a leper and a Centurion were those outside of God's grace and mercy

because they were not God's people. But that is why Jesus came down. He came down in order to make "not God's People," "God's People." He came down to do the work that sinful man may be declared righteous and children of God. May the Holy Spirit be granted to us anew today that we may rest assured in our identity as children of God, not according to our merit, but according to the grace and mercy of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## News and Announcements

**Sunday School Teachers** are needed! If you are interested in serving Zion in this capacity, whether part time or substitute, please contact Sean Theiss at 832-717-6093 or [cavtrooper77@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cavtrooper77@sbcglobal.net).

**2022 Contribution Statements** and offering envelopes for 2023 are available in the narthex. If you have any questions, contact Glenn Halfacre at [glenn.halfacre@gmail.com](mailto:glenn.halfacre@gmail.com) or 281-642-5437.

**Senior Youth Higher Things Trip:** Calling all high school youth! We are excited about our trip to Carbondale and need your registration forms TODAY so we can register at the early bird rate! Check your email for the form or ask Lynea for a copy.

**Voters Meeting:** The first quarterly Voters Meeting of 2023 will be held Sunday, January 29 at 1:00 PM in the Family Center gym. **There will be a potluck lunch beforehand at 12:15 PM** – please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to let us know what you’re bringing! All communicant members of the congregation over the age of 18 are eligible to vote after they have attended at least one regular business meeting within the last 12 months. Now is the time to get involved in the work that God has given us to do here at Zion.

**Don’t be bored, join the board.....of Trustees.** You don’t have to be a handyman, or a man, or do all the manual labor when you’re a trustee. We’re looking for half a dozen people who can help identify needs, prioritize projects, get cost estimates, oversee vendors and contractors, and negotiate contracts. (But, if you happen to love painting, pulling weeds, or fixing leaky faucets, we certainly won’t discourage you!) Let’s keep Zion’s historical investment in our property well-maintained, in good repair, and conducive to worship, study, and fellowship. Call or text Paul Pabor at 832-418-1512 or email [pkpabor@pabor.net](mailto:pkpabor@pabor.net), or grab him in the narthex on Sunday.

**Meal Train Freezer:** Ladies Guild has designated one of the freezers in the Family Center kitchen as a meal train freezer for our members. Members can donate meals to the freezer, and also pull meals from the freezer when needed. There will be a sign up sheet on the freezer. Please put your meals in disposable containers with the date, and add them to the sheet. If you take a meal, please just check it off the sheet. :) We hope this is a blessing for our congregation in times of need!



