
CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Epiphany 3
Vicar Aaron Schrimph
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**SERVICE OF THE WORD
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Opening Hymn *“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”*

CW 84

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take
re-fuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-ter - nal; it stands firm in the
heav - ens. Your faith-ful-ness con - tin-ues for - ev-er. Oh, taste and see that the
Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take re-fuge in him.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take'. The second staff continues with 're-fuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-ter - nal; it stands firm in the'. The third staff continues with 'heav - ens. Your faith-ful-ness con - tin-ues for - ev-er. Oh, taste and see that the'. The fourth staff concludes with 'Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take re-fuge in him.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, and God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

Jesus appears as the Light that shines in darkness

Old Testament – Isaiah 9:1-4 *The Light of life breaks the shadow of death*

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan-- The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder.

9:4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 *Preaching the cross of Christ brings unity*

I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas "; still another, "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul? I am thankful that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptized into my name. (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel--not with words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.



Verse of the Day

P: Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching and preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! These words are
writ-ten that we may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Hymn of the Day –

“O Christ, Who Called the Twelve”

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O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low
O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges
O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er
O Christ, th'a - pos - tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and



you. For - sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and
sealed, Whose words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re -
trod To serve, to suff - er, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of
song, The cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be -



new: Grant us to hear your call To risk se - cur - i - ty And,
- vealed: In - struct us now, we pray, By your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
God: Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where
- long: Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to you, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.
teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

“His Kingdom Has Come”

Sermon - Matthew 4:12-23

¹²When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he returned to Galilee.

¹³Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali-- ¹⁴to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles-- ¹⁶the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

¹⁸As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²²and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

HYMN – “Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke”

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THANKSGIVING

Offering and signing of the Friendship Register

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

P: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our own sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

P: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

P: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

Lord's Prayer: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, As we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

Children's Lesson

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace, live in harmony with one another, serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you his peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Verses

“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke”

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**"I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your souls' salvation,
Your hearts from ev'ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.**

**I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."**

**Then let us follow Christ our Lord And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to his Word, In suff'ring be undaunted.**

**For those who bear the battle's strain
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.**

OFFERING STATEMENTS: Your 2016 Offering Statement is in your COR mailbox. If you have any questions, please contact the church office 303-337-0025 christredeemer@corchurch.com.

THANK YOU: Our thanks to Vicar Aaron Schrimph for leading us in worship and sharing God's Word. Vicar Schrimph is a student at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and is spending his third year of study at Shepherd of the Valley in Westminster.

OUTREACH MEETING: All are invited to attend our first Outreach meeting of the year, tomorrow, Monday, January 23rd, at 7p. See you there!

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
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