

# LIVING HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### **Epiphany 3**

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**WELCOME:** We welcome all who worship with us today! May you be spiritually refreshed and strengthened by the message of God’s Word. If you have no church home, one of the pastors will be happy to speak with you about membership in the congregation.

**FRIENDSHIP REGISTER:** We ask everyone – members and guests – to sign our Friendship Register during the service. Visitors, if you are worshipping with us for the first time, we would especially appreciate it if you would list your address and telephone number so that we can acknowledge your visit. Thank you.

**PARENTS:** If your children become restless, that’s okay . . . We’re glad they’re here and Jesus is pleased when they are brought to hear His Word! Perhaps a moment or two with mom or dad is all that is necessary. Our “Mother’s Room” is speaker equipped with a view of the sanctuary.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** Our church practices closed communion. We ask that only members, or members of other WELS or ELS churches partake of the Sacrament. Families and couples are welcome to stand together as they commune. Members who require a non-alcoholic juice option should point to the center of the tray. Prepare to receive the Lord’s Supper using p.295-6 in the Blue Hymnal.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** The Bible emphasizes the need for us to stay close to God through his word. We offer several opportunities for young and old – various Bible classes and organizations for teens and adults, Sunday School, confirmation classes, Vacation Bible School, Lamb of God elementary school (3-year-old preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade), and Lutheran Pioneers for boys and girls. Members and visitors are encouraged to attend.

**WE BELIEVE AND TEACH . . .**

- There is only one true God. He reveals himself as three distinct persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- The Bible is the inspired and error-free Word of God.
- All people have disobeyed God’s will and deserve God’s just punishment.
- God so loved the world that he sent his one and only son, Jesus Christ, to be our perfect substitute and be punished for our sins.
- Only by faith in the work of Jesus Christ do we become heirs of the glories of heaven. This is a gift of God’s undeserved love and not a result of our own efforts.
- Faith in Jesus Christ motivates us to devote our lives in service to God and our fellow human beings.

† *Our Worship Focus today: As Jesus began his preaching ministry in a world filled with unbelief, the prophecy was fulfilled. A brilliant light shined through the darkness*

### **Opening Hymn #850 - It Is Well with My Soul**

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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### **Prayer and Praise**

#### **Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie)**

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

### O Lord, Our Lord

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
 O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;  
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

**Prayer Of The Day**

P: Let us pray together the prayer of the day...

C: **Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C: A - men.

## The Word

### First Lesson

**Isaiah 8:19-24**

<sup>19</sup>When they tell you, “Consult the mediums and the spiritists, who whisper and mutter,” shouldn’t a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? <sup>20</sup>To the law and to the testimony! If people do not speak according to this word, there will be no dawn for them. <sup>21</sup>They will pass through the land, distressed and starving, but when this takes place and they are starving, they will be frustrated, and they will curse their king and their God. They will turn their faces upward, <sup>22</sup>and then they will look down to the ground, but I tell you, they will see only distress, darkness, and the gloom that brings anguish. They will be banished into thick darkness.

**Grades 5-8 Sing** (Saturday)

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**Psalms 27** (sung together) (Sunday)

*Refrain*



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion — of whom shall I



be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

*Psalms tone*



Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;\*  
**be merciful to me and answer me.**

Do not hide your face from me,\*  
**do not turn your servant away in anger;**  
**you have been my helper.**

Do not reject me or forsake me,\*  
**O God my Savior.**

***Refrain***

Though my father and mother forsake me,\*  
**the LORD will receive me.**

I am still confident of this:\*  
**I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**

Wait for the LORD;\*

**be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.**

**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.**

### **Refrain**

### **Second Lesson**

### **1 John 2:3-11**

<sup>3</sup>This is how we know that we have known him: if we keep his commands. <sup>4</sup>The one who says, "I know him," but does not keep his commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. <sup>5</sup>If anyone keeps God's word, the love of God is truly made complete in him. This is how we know that we are in him: <sup>6</sup>The one who says he remains in him should walk as Jesus walked.

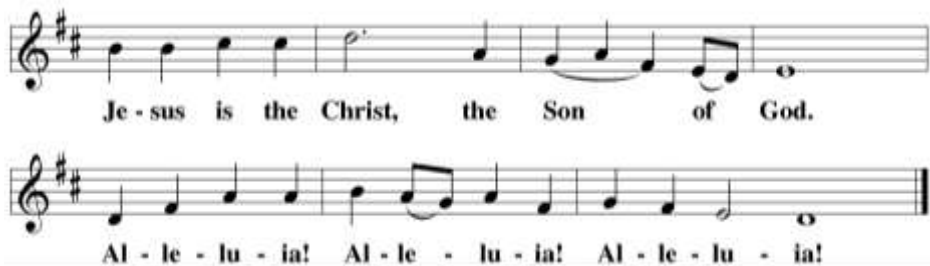
<sup>7</sup>Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one that you have had since the beginning. The old command is the message you heard. <sup>8</sup>At the same time, the command I am writing is new—it is true in Jesus and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. <sup>9</sup>The one who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is still in the darkness. <sup>10</sup>The one who loves his brother remains in the light, and nothing causes him to stumble. <sup>11</sup>The one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

### **Verse Of The Day** (*Pastor*)

*Alleluia. The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.*

*Alleluia (Isaiah 9:2)*





## **Gospel**

## **Matthew 4:12-23**

<sup>12</sup>When Jesus heard that John was put in prison, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. <sup>14</sup>He did this to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

<sup>15</sup>Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, <sup>16</sup>the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and on those dwelling in the region and the shadow of death a light has dawned.

<sup>17</sup>From that time, Jesus began to preach: "Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near."

<sup>18</sup>As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>He said to them, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

<sup>20</sup>They immediately left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. Jesus called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## **Hymn of the Day#629 - O God from God, O Light from Light**

## **Sermon**

## **Matthew 4:12-23**

### **Am I Really Listening to Jesus?**



## Nicene Creed

**WE BELIEVE** in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**WE BELIEVE** in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**WE BELIEVE** in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

**WE BELIEVE** in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Presentation of Our Offerings

### Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

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 SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

## Distribution

## Distribution Hymn #869 - Onward, Christian Soldiers

### Thanksgiving

#### Thank The Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - - men.

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 peace.



**Closing Hymn #904 - O Christ, Our True and Only Light sts. 1-3**



**SERVING US TODAY**

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**Organist** – Debra Aufdemberge (Sat.) / Dee Ann Techlin (Sun.)

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