



January 26th, 2025 – Epiphany 3

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Welcome! Thank you for joining us this morning for worship. In our service, we gather to praise our God who in his great love for us has bought us back from sin, death, and the devil through the blood of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Member Communion: In addition to the forgiveness offered with His true body and blood in this meal, the Lord's Supper is an expression of complete agreement in Biblical teaching. Therefore we ask that only members of our church body come forward. If you would like to know more about our beliefs so that you may one day join us in this meal, please speak with the Pastor following the service. For private communion, contact Pastor.

WELS: Our congregation is one of many in a group known as the **Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod**. (WELS) Together, this group is committed to focusing on Christ's love while fulfilling our calling to share the good news of our Savior.

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Hymn: 517 – Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1 Praise the one who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the one who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the Father's word of peace.

2 Praise the one who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the one who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Let us praise the Word incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose victorious
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done;
let us praise the true Redeemer,
praise the one who makes us one.

Stand

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit

Congregation: Amen

Baptismal Rite

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Scripture makes plain the need for Baptism. As children of Adam, we belong to a fallen race. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature, and we would be lost forever unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ. He willingly took on himself the curse of sin, and by his death on the cross he redeemed us and all people. It is the Father’s will that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and he will raise them up at the Last Day.

Christ’s almighty Word gives Baptism its power to save. Jesus promises in the last chapter of Mark, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” The apostle Peter declares, “Baptism now saves you.” Scripture also teaches that the power and promise of Baptism are intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost, the apostle testified, “The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will

call.” By water and the Spirit, we are born again and are united with Christ and his people as members of the Church.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, Almighty God, for your acts of deliverance, your gift of salvation, and the power to live a new life through your Holy Spirit. Especially this day, we praise you for the waters of Holy Baptism, through which your children are buried with Christ into his death and share in his glorious resurrection.

Holding firmly to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on Lorelei. Through this water of Baptism, cleanse her from all sin and deliver her from death and the devil. Set her apart from the unbelieving world and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep her in the true Christian faith all the days of his life. Guide, strengthen, and protect her so that she may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Lorelei Wren Markel, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart + to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Family is seated.

Let us pray.

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the gift of Baptism by which you wash away sin and give us a new and eternal life. Help us each day to remember that through Baptism you clothe us with Christ, that we may stand holy and righteous before you. Look with favor on Lorelei, that she may be kept safe by the gift of your Spirit, grow daily in your grace, and live forever by the power of the risen Christ. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to all the baptized so that all may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy, sung)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory Be to God (Gloria in Excelsis)(sung)

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great
glory,**

**O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty,
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1–6

¹The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,

to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
³and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord
for the display of his splendor.
⁴They will rebuild the ancient ruins
and restore the places long devastated;
they will renew the ruined cities
that have been devastated for generations.
⁵Strangers will shepherd your flocks;
foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.
⁶And you will be called priests of the Lord,
you will be named ministers of our God.
You will feed on the wealth of nations,
and in their riches you will boast.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

Refrain:

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

I will praise the Lord / all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.
Do not put your trust in / princes,
in human beings, who / cannot save.
Blessed are those whose help is in the God of / Jacob,
whose hope is in the / Lord their God.

Refrain:

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

He upholds the cause of / the oppressed
and gives food to the / hungry.
The Lord sets / pris'ners free,
the Lord gives sight / to the blind.
The Lord reigns for- / ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations. / Praise the Lord.

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.

Refrain:

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Second Reading: Acts 4:23–31

²³On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

“ ‘Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
²⁶The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord
and against his anointed one.’

²⁷Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

³¹After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Sermon

Stand

Gospel Acclamation (sung) *The offering is brought to the altar at this time. [Our online offering portal can be found here.](#)*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Jesus is the light of the world; in him we have the light of life.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 4:16–30

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

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰Then he 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 by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

²³Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’ ”

²⁴“Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

²⁸All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: 384 – Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,

to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2 He comes with rescue speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy
and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
are precious in his sight.

3 Kings shall bow down before him
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

4 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever —

that name to us is Love.

Sermon: Luke 4—Honest Pastor

Stand

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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Lord Jesus, at your baptism you revealed yourself as the obedient Son of Man, fulfilling all righteousness. Your heavenly Father revealed you as his beloved Son, in whom he is well pleased. The Holy Spirit revealed you as the Christ, anointed and armed to destroy the work of the devil.

We thank you, beloved Son of God, that you took on yourself the nature of a servant, became like us, and were obedient to the will of your heavenly Father.

Lord Jesus, eternal Word of God, you have connected your mighty Word and gracious promises to the water of Holy Baptism. In Baptism you cleansed us from sin, redeemed us from death, and clothed us in your perfect righteousness. We praise you for the promise and treasure of Baptism.

Encourage us to remember our baptisms daily as we die to sin and rise to new life with you.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer

Baptized into your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we claim a place, though weak and lowly, among your saints, your chosen host, buried with Christ and dead to sin. Your Spirit now shall live within.

All that I am and love most dearly – receive it all, O Lord, from me. Let me confess my faith sincerely, and help me your own child to be! Let nothing that I am or own serve any will but yours alone. Amen.

Stand

THE SACRAMENT

The Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory

as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)(sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in
the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through Him you made all things; in Him you are well pleased. He is the Incarnate Word, conceived by the holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, He stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Him we glorify and honor you, O God our Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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.

Words of Institution

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)(sung)

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace. Amen.

Distribution

Communion Hymns: 660—Here, O My Lord, I See You
Face to Face

1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon you lean.

2 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heav'nly table spread anew.
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
the brief bright hour of fellowship with you.

3 I have no help but yours nor do I need
another arm but yours to lean upon.
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in your might, your might alone.

4 Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness;
mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
your blood, your righteousness, O Lord, my God.

5 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.

The bread and wine remove, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

659—Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,
turned away God's wrath forever;
by his bitter grief and woe
he saved us from the evil foe.

2 As his pledge of love undying,
he, this precious food supplying,
gives his body with the bread
and with the wine the blood he shed.

3 Jesus here himself is sharing;
take heed how you are preparing,
for if you do not believe,
judgment instead you shall receive.

4 Useless would be Jesus' passion
if salvation you could fashion.
Do not come if you suppose
you need not him who died and rose.

5 Christ says, "Come, all you that labor,
and receive my grace and favor;
those who feel no pain or ill
need no physician's help or skill."

6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken
that this food is to be taken
by the souls who are distressed,
by hearts that long for peace and rest.

7 Praise the Father, who from heaven
unto us such food has given
and, to mend what we have done,
gave into death his only Son.

8 If your heart this truth professes
and your mouth your sin confesses,
surely you will be his guest
and at his banquet ever blest.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is Good.
His mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup
We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed
us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will
strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one
another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

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. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: 905— Good News of God Above

1 Good news of God above
is ours to tell abroad,
the Father's everlasting love
in Christ the risen Lord.
For neighbors near and far
the seed of life is sown;
then spread the seed by word and deed
to make the Savior known.

2 The love of Christ proclaim,
who left his home on high;
to live our human life he came,
our human death to die.
The Father's only Son
became the sinners' friend,

our lot to share, our sin to bear,
and death's dominion end.

3 The Lord of glory lives!
From cross and death and grave
his own abundant life he gives
to those he died to save.
His righteousness and peace
declare from sea to sea;
his praises sound the world around
for Christ has made us free.

4 Hear now the Master's word
to those who bear his name:
"So send I you," till all have heard,
"make known, declare, proclaim!"
Go forth in all the earth;
embrace the path he trod
with Christ beside as friend and guide
to bring good news of God.

"The Service: Setting One" (and hymn lyrics for mobile bulletin)

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*Thank you to Donna Wastrack for serving as our organist
this morning.*

THIS WEEK AT PEACE:

Today, January 26: Fellowship, Annual Meeting

Monday, January 27: Griefshare, 6 pm

Wednesday, January 29: Adult Bible Study, 10 am

Catechism: 5 pm

Choir: 7 pm

Chimes Choir: follows choir

**Thursday, January 30: Blue Knight Basketball @ CALA,
3:30 pm**

**Friday, January 31: Blue Knight Basketball @ Faith,
Markesan, 5 pm**

**Sunday, February 2: Bible Study and Sunday School, 8 am
Worship, 9 am**

COMING UP:

February 13: Program Committee meeting, 5 pm

February 18: Outreach meeting, 6 pm

March: Food Pantry Drive

January Birthdays! Happy birthday to our January members: John Murphy, Mira Stepleton, and David Kummerow!

Did we miss a birthday? Fill out a friendship register, leave a note in Pastor's box, or email

PeaceChurchGL@gmail.com.

LWMS Spring Rally Help

If anyone else is still interested in helping set up, serve lunch or clean up at the spring rally which we are hosting with Mt. Zion on Saturday, April 26th, contact Lisa Utecht or check the sign-up sheet which is by the mailboxes. This is the same sign-up sheet that was out in the fall, but new names can be added!

Annual Meeting TODAY

Stick around after fellowship time to attend the annual meeting! Ask questions and voice opinions about happenings at church and school!

Program Committee Meeting

The Program Committee helps plan and run “inreach” events—opportunities for members to socialize and grow in faith. Some events are Bible-based, like Women’s Bible Study and Advent by Candlelight; some are not, like church cleaning day and the new birthday recognitions. If you have ideas or just want to know more about what’s going on, come to the meeting on February 13 at 5 pm!

OFFERINGS 1-19-25

- General Fund \$5,527.00
- Church Furnace Fund \$50.00
- Church Outdoor Sign \$225.00
- Plate Offering \$62.00
- Tuition \$5,340.00
- WLA Commitment \$340.00
- Roof Fund \$50.00
- Garage Fund \$30,000.00
- School Family Financial Aid \$200.00

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Total \$41,794.00

Our weekly offering goal is \$9,626.

In Honor of The Birth Of Great Grandson, Oliver Zumbroch
To: Outdoor Sign
From: Barb Rost

In Memory of Doug & Jean Reas
To: School Family Financial Aid
From: Dave & Lisa Knapp

In Memory of David & Rhonda Knapp
To: School Family Financial Aid
From: Dave & Lisa Knapp