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3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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STAND STILL, GO FORWARD



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## PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

*Psalm 27:1-9*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 2When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. 3Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. 4One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. 5For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. 6And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. 7Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! 8You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek." 9Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

## Order of Divine Worship

**Hymn: TLH #44 "Ye Lands, to the Lord Make a Jubilant Noise"**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** ♪ **A - - - men.**

### CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION:

**P** Pastor

**C** Congregation

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C** ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C** ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C**  **A - - - men.**

### INTROIT

*Psalm 22:27-31*

**P** I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

**C** **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.**

**P** For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

**C** **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.**

**P** Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

**C** **They shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.**

### GLORIA PATRI

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father"*



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

The musical score consists of four staves. The first two staves are for the vocal line, with the lyrics written below the notes. The last two staves are for the piano accompaniment. The music is in a simple, homophonic style, typical of a church hymn.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

*Matthew 4:17*

Alleluia. From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Alleluia.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST** *TLH #237:1*

**C** *♩* All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

**P** 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.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Deuteronomy 18:15-20** “The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, 16 according to all you desired of the Lord your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’ 17 “And the Lord said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good. 18 I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. 19 And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him. 20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’

**GOSPEL READING – Mark 1:21-28** Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. 22 And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23 Now there was a man in their

synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, 24 saying, “Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!” 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet, and come out of him!” 26 And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. 27 Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.” 28 And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The 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 at 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: TLH #457**


**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

**SERMON – Exodus 14:10-15** And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord. 11 Then they said to Moses, “Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? 12 Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, ‘Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness.” 13 And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. 14 The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.” 15 And the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.

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## OFFERTORY

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- C**  Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**Hymn: TLH #459 v.1-4**


**“Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare”**

### - OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

*Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:*


**OFFERING: TLH #442:2**

**“Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us”**

- C**  Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

## PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- C**  Amen, amen, a – men.

**HYMN: TLH #459 v.6**

**“Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare”**

## ✠ Announcements ✠

**Last Week:** WH – 22 Bible Class – 23 **Total Offering** = \$1781.25

General = \$1501.25 | Tuition Grant = \$5 | Pro. Imp. \$50 | Sign Fund \$130

**Sign Fund** We are in the process of designing a new sign and preparing the area around the sign in front of church. The sign itself is being made by Cypress Signs, and volunteer labor will be needed installing it and landscaping the area around it. Stone posts will be added to give the area more of a presence. If you would like to help defray the cost of the sign, please mark your envelope “Sign Fund.” Thank you for considering this need.

- ✚ **Jan 22** 8am Orlando service  
10:15am WH service
- ✚ **Jan 27** Science Fair at school  
6:30pm
- ✚ **Jan 29** 10:15am WH service,  
Sign Comm. and Church  
Council meet after church
- ✚ **Feb 5** 9:15am Bible Class  
10:15 Communion service  
with Pastor Fossum, Ladies'  
Meeting after church
- ✚ **Feb 8** Cleaning of the  
Parsonage to get ready for the  
Sauers moving in
- ✚ **Feb 10** 12pm Move Sauers  
into the parsonage
- ✚ **Feb 12** 10:15am WH  
Installation Service of Pastor  
Sauers – Welcome meal for  
Pastor Sauers and family after  
the service

**Donations** If you would like to donate non-perishable goods to stock Pastor Sauers pantry, please bring them to church. If you would like to donate money, please give any money to Christy Kuehne. She will purchase fresh groceries the week the Sauers move in. Thank you.

**Help** If you would like to do some final cleaning of the parsonage, please talk to Christy Kuehne. She will be there Wednesday, Feb. 8. If you can help move the Sauers into their house, we will be starting at noon on Friday, Feb. 10. Thanks.

**Installation Service** Sunday, Feb. 12, will be Pastor Sauers installation. There will be a welcome meal

following the service. Please bring a dish to share. Thanks.

**Midweek Lenten Worship** The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lent has been observed by Christians for centuries as a time to prepare for the Savior's death and resurrection. This year, our theme is "Chronicles of the King." Throughout this series, we will explore how the kings of Judah are a shadow of Christ, the King of kings who sits upon the throne of David, His Father, forever. We will see how the kings in Chronicles point us to Christ, who fulfills all the kingly promises that the kings of Judah were unable to realize in themselves. We hope you will make plans to join us for worship each Wednesday during the Lenten season at 6:30 pm. -Pastor Sauers

**Cleaner (1/28):** Custodio | **Acolyte (1/29):** Maxwell Kuehne

**Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; January 23 - January 28, '23**

**Mon John 4:5-14** Jesus, truly human, is waiting by the well, weary from His journey, yet He displays His divine glory as He seeks to bring to a Samaritan woman the water of eternal life. She is amazed that He even speaks to her, but He patiently continues His missionary work with her.

**Tues John 4:31-42** As the Samaritan woman (from yesterday's reading) returns to town rejoicing in the knowledge that Jesus is the promised Messiah, the Savior of the world, Jesus sees an even greater harvest beginning. Many Samaritans in that town came out to Jesus because of the woman's testimony and became convinced because of His word.

**Wed Romans 1:13-20** The apostle Paul also sees the glory of God revealed in the good news of Jesus, and seeks to bring it to all nations, Jews and non-Jews, Greeks and non-Greeks, and especially to the capital city of the Roman empire. Truly all need this gospel, for knowing the eternal power and divine nature of God, on display since creation, does not dispel His wrath over sin (v18), but Jesus does! He is the "Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations" (TLH657).

**Thurs 2 Kings 5:1-5** As Jesus sought to bring blessing to the woman at the well (Jn4), a little Israelite slave girl in a foreign land shows the same spirit in seeking the best for her master, Naaman, who has leprosy. She tells of the LORD's prophet in Israel. Naaman is held in such honor by the king of Syria that he will even send him to Israel with many gifts to seek healing.

**Fri 2 Kings 5:6-19** The king of Israel does not have the confidence in the LORD's prophet that the little slave has (v3), but Elisha tells the king to send Naaman to him. Through a servant Naaman is given the message to bathe in the Jordan. This seems too simple to Naaman, but when he finally follows the prophet's word, he is healed, and sees that it is not the Jordan, but the LORD who heals. Thus he was also healed spiritually.

**Sat Psalm 93** The LORD is always robed in majesty and strength, but our poor eyes do not always see it. Still He is "king of creation," mightier than the thunderous floods of waters, that wear down mountains and cut deep valleys on this earth's surface. And when He bends down to help us, we behold His glory.