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Epiphany 3

"Amen I tell you: No prophet is accepted in his hometown."



Luke 4:24 (EHV)

**We Welcome Our Visitors** who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor.

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✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 19 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

**Greeting and prayer:** (Pastor)

**Opening Hymn: 810 *O God of God, O Light of Light***

LSB 810

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

(Worship Supplement, p. 12)

### **Invocation**

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

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

**C** Amen.

### **Confession and Absolution**

*We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*


**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 by nature. 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 upon 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. Through faith in Him, which was created in you by the Holy Spirit, you are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C** Amen.

**Kyrie** *Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.* W.S. p. 13



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy



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

**Gloria in Excelsis** *Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."* W.S. p. 13



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** We pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us. We pray this in Jesus' name, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading

*Isaiah 61:1-6 (ESV)*

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
    <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
    and the day of vengeance of our God;  
    to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup> to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
    the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
    the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
    that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
    the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.  
<sup>4</sup> They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations;  
    they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.  
    <sup>5</sup> Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks;  
    foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;  
    <sup>6</sup> but you shall be called the priests of the Lord;  
    they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God;  
    you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast.

## Second Reading

*Luke 4:14-21 (EHV)*

**P** The second reading is from Luke 4:14-21

**C** Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

<sup>14</sup> Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through all the surrounding area. <sup>15</sup> He was teaching in their synagogues and being honored by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. As was his custom, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, <sup>19</sup> and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

<sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> He began to tell them, "Today, this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

### Alleluia and Verse

*When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Alleluia!"—meaning, "Praise the Lord!"*



C: 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!

### Apostles' Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

*W.S. p. 15*

**C** 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.

*(Creed continues on next page ->)*

**He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits 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 of the Day: 839 *O Christ, Our True and Only Light***

*LSB 839*

**Children's Sermon** - *Children 10 years old and younger are invited to come up front.*

**Sermon Text: Luke 4:22-32 (EHV)**

<sup>22</sup> They all spoke well of him and were impressed by the words of grace that came from his mouth. And they kept saying, "Isn't this Joseph's son?"

<sup>23</sup> He told them, "Certainly you will quote this proverb to me, 'Physician, heal yourself!' Do here in your hometown everything we heard you did in Capernaum." <sup>24</sup> And he said, "Amen I tell you: No prophet is accepted in his hometown." <sup>25</sup> But truly I tell you: There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut for three years and six months, while a great famine came over all the land. <sup>26</sup> Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow of Zarephath, in Sidon. <sup>27</sup> And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was healed except Naaman the Syrian."

<sup>28</sup> All those who were in the synagogue were filled with rage when they heard these things. <sup>29</sup> They got up and drove him out of the town. They led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he passed through the middle of them and went on his way.

<sup>31</sup> He went down to Capernaum, a town of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbath. <sup>32</sup> They were amazed by his teaching, because his message had authority.

**Sermon Theme: "Familiarity Breeds Contempt"**

## 1. Jesus was Not Honored in His Hometown

- ✝ Why did the people of Nazareth react the way they did to Jesus' sermon and claim that He was the Messiah?

## 2. Is Jesus Honored Here in His "Home"?

- ✝ In what way(s) are we like the people of Jesus' hometown of Nazareth?

Application: If we find that our "familiarity" with Jesus is breeding "contempt" in us, what is the solution? (In other words, is it possible to be "too familiar" with Jesus, or do we actually need to get more "familiar" with Him in His Word?) (See **v. 31-32** and see how the people of Capernaum reacted to Jesus).

## Offertory

W.S. p. 16



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me  
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

**Offering** *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

**Prayer of the Church** *We bring our prayers to God.*

**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.

**Benediction** *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

**☩** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**☩** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**Closing Hymn: 540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate** *(please stand for last verse)*

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**Announcements**



**Welcome!** We welcome all our visitors this morning.  
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today:  
1/26/25

**Choir – 8am**  
**Worship – 9am**  
**Sunday School & Bible Class** ([Video](#): “Is Genesis History?” – part 2) – **10:15am**  
**Quarterly Voters’ Meeting – 11:15am**



This Week: Wednesday – **Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30pm** (Zoom & In-Person)

Church Cleaning: Team #2 (1/25-1/31); Team #3 (2/1-2/7)

Next Sunday: **Choir Practice – 8am**

2/2/25

**Worship w/ Communion – 9am**

**Sunday School & Bible Class** (Video: “Is Genesis History?” – part 3) – **10:15am**

**Sunday Bible Class – Creation-themed Video & Discussion – Sun. 1/19-Sun. 2/2** – In our Bible Class today we will be watching and discussing part 2 of the video “Is Genesis History?” Please join us!

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30pm** – Please make plans to join us either in-person or online via Zoom for our Wednesday Evening Bible Class. We will be studying selected Psalms. To join online please click on Pastor Luke’s Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8729663333>

**Quarterly Voters’ Meeting – TODAY at 11:15am** – A reminder that our quarterly voters’ meeting will be held after the worship service **today (1/26) at 11:15am**. Printed copies of the reports and agenda are in your mailboxes, or on the counter in the church hallway. Voters’ please plan to attend and participate in this important meeting regarding the work of our congregation and school. The congregation is invited to attend the meeting as well.

**Great Lakes Delegate Conference Elections – June 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> – Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac** – At our quarterly voters meeting today we will be electing delegates for the Great Lakes Delegate Conference at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, which will take place Mon. June 2<sup>nd</sup>-Tues. June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please let Jim Lisak know if you’d like your name to be put on the slate of candidates.

**2025 Directory Updates** – We will be printing an updated church directory for 2025 soon. Please check the printed directory on the bulletin board in the church entryway and make sure that your family and contact information (phone, email, address) is correct. If it is correct, please put a ✓ (checkmark) by your family’s entry. Please write in any changes, corrections, and additions, or email them to our church secretary, Brittany Albrecht ([secretary@messiahhc.org](mailto:secretary@messiahhc.org)). We hope to have the new directories printed by the end of February. Thank you!



**CLC Call News** – Ms. Blair Sydow has **received and accepted** the call to continue serving as the full time upper grade teacher at Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC.

**Pastoral “Get to Know Each Other” Visits / Pastor Luke’s Contact Info** – I am continuing to make “face to face” visits with our members. These include a short devotion and some time to get to know each other. Wherever is most convenient and comfortable for you will work just fine for me (my office, your home, a coffee shop, etc.). Feel free to contact me via email, text, or phone call if you know of a day and time that will work for you. If I don’t hear from you, rest assured, I will be contacting you! I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know each other better soon! In Christ, Pastor Luke

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<b>Bible Readings:</b>	
1/26	Gen. 21:1-21 Psalm 25 Matt. 13:18-30
1/27	Gen. 21:22-34 Psalm 26 Matt. 13:31-43
1/28	Gen. 22 Psalm 27 Matt. 13:44-58
1/29	Gen. 23 Psalm 28 Matt. 14:1-21
1/30	Gen. 24:1-31 Psalm 29 Matt. 14:22-36
1/31	Gen. 24:32-67 Psalm 30 Matt. 15:1-20
2/1	Gen. 25:1-18 Psalm 31 Matt. 15:21-39

<b>February Ushers</b>	<b>Cleaning Team 2/1-2/7</b>
Ted Quade John Marita Matt Weibye	T/M Blue C. Blue N. Blue A/J Brown F/S Goodrie
<b>February Slideshow</b> Caleb Gerbitz	

<b>Fruits of Faith</b>	<b>Last Week:</b>	<b>To Date:</b>
Budgetary Offerings:	\$4,833.60	\$218,970.77
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,571.29	\$248,567.41
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$3,737.69)	(\$29,596.64)
MDF:	\$400.00	\$1,110.00

**Attendance Last Sun. (1/19): 92**



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