

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship –9:30 am.

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Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:45am

The 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 21, 2023

WELCOME

Welcome to our guest pastor, Rev. Peter Kirby, Executive Director of Congregational Services at the Missouri District Office, for serving us today as Worship Leader and Proclaimer!

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN No. 839 "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

**O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your fold with us rejoice.**

**Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.**

**O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.**

**Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,**

**That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Jonah 3:2, 10; 1 Cor. 7:29, 31; Mark 1:15, 17

Pastor: Hearing the Word of God, we are called to confess our sin, trusting in the one true God who is faithful and just and who will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Though Jonah was reluctant when the Lord spoke to him the first time, He spoke to Jonah a second time and told him, "Go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you."

People: As You, O Lord, have given us the message of the Gospel, we have been reluctant to go bring Your truth and grace to all people. For this we seek Your forgiveness.

Pastor: Paul reminds the people of God, "The appointed time has grown very short. The present form of this world is passing away."

People: As You, O Lord, have given us each day and hold all time in Your hands, we have not always used our time wisely. For this we seek Your forgiveness.

Pastor: In today's Gospel, Jesus called to Simon and Andrew, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." Immediately they dropped their nets and followed Him.

People: As You, O Lord, have called us to follow You, we have sometimes sinned against You by what we have done or by what we have left undone. For this we seek Your forgiveness.

Pastor: Even to the evil Ninevites, God showed His mercy after their repentance. Jesus proclaimed to the people, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." Though we deserve His present and eternal punishment, God has relented by sending His Son to bear our sin and to be our Savior.

(Pastor offers forgiveness in Jesus' Name, concluding: "...and of the Holy Spirit.")

People: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

INTROIT Psalm 113:1–2, 4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 3

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
The name of the Lord is to be praised!

**C: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord,
Praise the name of the Lord!**

P: Blessed be the name of the Lord
From this time forth and forevermore.

**C: The Lord is high above all nations,
And His glory above the heavens.**

P: He raises the poor from the dust
And lifts the needy from the ash heap

**C: To make them sit with princes,
With the princes of his people.**

**All: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
The name of the Lord is to be praised!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, though not deserved, You continue to call to us as Your people as You came to Jonah with another opportunity of sharing Your message.

C: Though not deserved, You showed mercy to the city of Nineveh through their repentance and You continue to show mercy to us.

P: Continue to give us the gift of a bold and confident faith in You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen..

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jonah 3:1-5, 10* (Jonah goes to Nineveh.)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 7:29-31* (Faithful living with time given)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Mark 1:15

L: Alleluia. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;

C: Repent and believe in the Gospel. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:14-20* (Jesus calls the first disciples.) (Please rise.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN No. 722 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" (*Please be seated.*)

SERMON "Kingdom Is Near; the Time Is Short," Jonah 3 and Mark 1:14-20
Rev. Peter Kirby

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE NICENE CREED (*Please stand.*)

(*Please be seated after Creed.*)

OFFERING (*Organ offertory.*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Response after petition: P: Lord in Your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

Final Response: P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting
in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: **Amen.**

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**All: 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 PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Come to the Lord's Table for all things are now ready.

DISTRIBUTION

“Be Thou My Vision” Video
LSB 585 “Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P:** Let us pray.
We thank You, Father, for blessing us with the gift of Your grace as it comes to us through the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. Strengthen us in living our baptismal faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** **Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE LORD

- P:** May the Lord go before you to prepare your way, behind you to encourage you, above you to watch over you, below you to be your firm foundation, beside you to befriend you, and within you to give you His peace.
- C:** **Amen.** *(Please stand for our closing hymn.)*

HYMN No 856 “O Christ, Who Called the Twelve,” stanzas 1-4

SENDING

- L:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God!**