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The Third Sunday After the Epiphany 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM January 24, 2021

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS—Confirming to God’s Son in 2021

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ~ Romans 8:29

We welcome you to Our Shepherd. It is a joy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude: O Christ, Who Called the Twelve . . . M. Thewes

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 685—Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

Invocation and Confession/Absolution

Pastor: In the name of the Father, who is the “Father of the heavenly lights”, and of the Son, who is the “Light of the World”, and of the Holy Spirit, who reveals that light to us through the gospel.

Congregation: Amen

P: Without the Light of Jesus our hearts are dark.

C: In this darkness sin finds a welcomed home.

P: But we don’t live in darkness anymore. Jesus’ light shines into our hearts. We not only see the ugliness of our sin, we hate sin. For this reason, we choose not to hide our sin, but to confess it freely:

ALL: 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.

Hymn of Praise: Sing Praise to the God of Israel (LSB 936, vs. 1 and 4)

Sing praise to the God of Israel!
Sing praise for His visitation!
Redeeming His people from their sin,
Accomplishing their salvation,
Upraising a mighty horn within
The house of His servant David!

O bright, rising Sun, now shine on us
In need of illumination;
Come scatter the shades of sin and death
And shatter their domination.
Be guiding our footsteps on the path
Of peace, in Your presence dawning!

Collect:

P: Let us Pray,

C: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, whom with You and the Holy Spirit we worship and praise, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Old Testament Reading: Jonah 3: 1-5,10

Anthem (10:30 a.m.): Christ Be My Leader

Christ be my leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
Drafting or doubting, for he is the Truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me for He is the Life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Holy Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

Hymn of the Day: LSB 856—O Christ Who Called the Twelve

Message from the Word:

Sermon Series: Conforming to God’s Son in 2021, Part 2—Why Conform to Jesus?

Sermon Text: Philippians 2: 5-11

Apostles’ Creed: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Offering

Words of Institution/The Lord’s Supper (10:30 a.m. only)

The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ’s body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord’s Table for their spiritual strengthening.

Post-Communion Canticle: Nunc Dimittis (LSB pg. 211)

O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav’nly peace,
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One:
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding through all eternity.

Responsive Prayer:

P: Holy and everlasting God, let your light shine upon us

C: That through word and deed the church would call all people to believe the good news of God in Christ.

P: That the ministries of our congregation would reflect the call of Christ,

C: and draw people nearer to the kingdom of God.

P: That our faith might be invigorated

C: by the witness of all who followed Christ.

Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn: LSB 839—O Christ, Our True and Only Light

Benediction

Postlude: Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus . . . J. Weber

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