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Epiphany 3

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*I know my
faith
is founded on
Jesus
Christ
my God and Lord*



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 85

¹ Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! ² For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. ³ Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. ⁴ Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. ⁶ He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! ⁸ Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. ⁹ For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land. ¹⁰ In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there. ¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #12

“This Day at Thy Creating Word”

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

C ♪ A - - - men.

P Pastor

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

C Congregation

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

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

Ps. 97:1, 6, 9-12

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P The heavens proclaim His righteousness, and all the peoples see His glory.

C For You, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.

P The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

C O you who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the lives of His saints; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

P Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

C Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

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.

VERSE OF THE DAY*Ps. 97:1*

- P** Alleluia. The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Alleluia.

THE KYRIE*Latin for "O Lord"*

C 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** Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; 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 – Jeremiah 33:6-9 Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security. ⁷ I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and rebuild them as they were at first. ⁸ I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me. ⁹ And this city shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth who shall hear of all the good

that I do for them. They shall fear and tremble because of all the good and all the prosperity I provide for it.

GOSPEL READING – Luke 17:5-10 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." ⁷ "Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸ Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹ Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.

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 #381

"I Know My Faith is Founded"

SERMON – Hebrews 11:1-16 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was

commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.



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Hebrews 11:1, NRSV



Lord, Give Us Such a Faith as This

- I. Not depending on our experiences
- II. But depending on Your promises

OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- 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 #396

“Oh, For a Faith that Will Not Shrink”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

- C** ♪ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- 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 #660

“I’m But a Stranger Here”

✠ Announcements ✠

The 34th Convention of the CLC

is this summer, June 25-28, (which is Thursday through Sunday). Two male delegates from and representing each congregation are encouraged to participate. Pastors and male teachers also attend. Please prayerfully consider if you would be able to represent our congregations as a delegate in this work of God’s Kingdom. If you think you would be able to serve your congregation in this way, please speak with Pastor or Ed Morris.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Jan. 26:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **Feb. 2:** Installation of Newly Elected Officers
- ✠ **Feb. 2:** Ladies of Immanuel
- ✠ **Feb. 2:** Elders and Church Council
- ✠ **Feb. 2:** Communion and Fellowship Snack

CLC Call News Pastor Mark Bernthal, Peace Thru Christ, Middleton, WI has **returned** the call to Bethel, Morris, MN. <> Pastor Mike Wilke,

Gethsemane, Saginaw, MI has **returned** the call extended to him by Redeemer, Bowdle, SD and Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Immanuel Lutheran High School, Mankato, MN has **called** Mr. Darin Lau, Eau Claire, WI to be their science and math teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. <> Berea, Sioux Falls, SD has **called** Pastor David Schaller, Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI. <> <> Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN has **called** Pastor Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynnwood, WA. <> Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC has extended the following **calls**: Paul Tiefel III of Eau Claire, WI as full time teacher and principal in the upper grades, Leah Fossum of West Columbia, SC as part time teacher in preschool and kindergarten for one year, and Deana Pfeiffer of West Columbia, SC as part time teacher in the upper grades for one year.

Missionary Ohlmann Update – Arriving in India this past week to attend the Joint Asia Pastoral Conference together with the pastors from several Asian church bodies that are within our fellowship, Pastor Ohlmann’s Visa was revoked, and he detained for a short period of time before being deported to Sri Lanka. From there he made his way to London and then home to the States. It was a frustrating turn of events for Missionary Ohlmann, as he has been visiting India annually since 1997. This is also now our second CLC Missionary to be denied entry to India. Give thanks to the Lord for keeping Missionary Ohlmann safe, and also pray that the Lord would bless our brothers and sisters in Christ in India who are being persecuted by their Pro-Hindu Nationalist majority government. May the Lord open the door to India for us once more!

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound due to poor health. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound. **Crystal Shaw** has recently received a positive diagnosis and is awaiting more doctor analysis. **Bill Hartmann’s** health is deteriorating. **Bill Issitt Sr.** is progressing very well. **Loye Issitt** is receiving regular dialysis.

Last Week (1/19) WH – 49

General = \$1,021 | Property = \$25 | CLC Missions = \$25
ILC Building = \$25 | Delores Seger Memorial = \$25 **Total = \$1,121**

February Usher: Joe Ireland

| **Cleaning (2/1):** Bernthal
| **Acolyte (2/2):** Mason K.