

Epiphany 3 **“In Your Hearing”**

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As We Gather

The Gospel is good news, not good advice. The Gospel is an announcement of what God has done and is doing. Jesus brought good news into a synagogue and announced that the Word of God was fulfilled in their hearing. God’s good news to us is fulfilled in our hearing as well. May the Word of the Lord bless us all as we hear it today.

Today we also give God thanks and praise for the ministry of Janis King as we mark her retirement from her position as Preschool Director and Children’s Ministry Director. God be praised for His work in and through her, bringing His good news to so many children and families!

Welcome

“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens” LSB 589

1 Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,
Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me,
Let each promise still my fear.
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife,
Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor
That I cling to You forever!

2 Oh, what blessing to be near You
And to listen to Your voice;
Let me ever love and hear You,
Let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord,
Flee in terror at Your Word;
But to all who feel sin's burden
You give words of peace and pardon.

3 Lord, Your words are waters living
When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving;
On Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light
through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing
And my cup of joy unailing!

4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e'er be near me
That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise,
From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given
In the endless joy of heaven.

Invocation *(From Divine Service 4, page 203)*

Liturgist: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Liturgist: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Liturgist: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Liturgist: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Prayer

Song

"10,000 Reasons"

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Children's Church

Readings

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel.

²So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. ³He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

⁵Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. ⁶Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.

⁹Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

¹⁰Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Alleluia (LSB 205)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Holy Gospel: Luke 4:16-30

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ Then 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. ²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

²³ Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

²⁴ "Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷ And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian."

²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You O Christ!

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon

"In Your Hearing"

Farewell and Godspeed for Janis King

Offering

Prayers

Please add your prayer requests to the live chat

Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

People: Thanks be to God.

Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

St. John's People and Families

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Bill, Meredith, Alex, & Jack Keller
James, Lisa, & Sylvie Peterson
Brian, Casie, & Samantha Wood

The Service of Holy Communion

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish by have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give you thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**People: 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.**

Words of Institution

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

Communion

Pastor: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

People: Amen. *(Take and eat)*

Pastor: Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

People: Amen. *(Take and drink)*

Communion Hymns

"O Come To The Altar"

Are you hurting and broken within	Jesus is calling
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin	Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
Jesus is calling	From the ashes a new life is born
Have you come to the end of yourself	Jesus is calling
Do you thirst for a drink from the well	
Jesus is calling	Oh what a Savior
	Isn't He wonderful
O come to the altar	Sing alleluia Christ is risen
The Father's arms are open wide	Bow down before Him
Forgiveness was bought with	For He is Lord of all
The precious blood of Jesus Christ	Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Leave behind your regrets and mistakes	Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Come today there's no reason to wait	Tell the world of the treasure you've found

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” LSB 411

I want to walk as a child of the light	In Him there is no darkness at all
I want to follow Jesus	The night and the day are both alike
God sent the stars to give light to the world	The Lamb is the light of the city of God
The star of my life is Jesus	Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus
In Him there is no darkness at all	
The night and the day are both alike	I’m looking for the coming of Christ.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God	I want to be with Jesus.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus	When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus.
	In Him there is no darkness at all
I want to see the brightness of God	The night and the day are both alike
I want to look at Jesus	The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path	Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus
And show me the way to the Father	

Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. His peace be with you.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith through our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Prayer

Benediction

Song**“House of the Lord”**

We worship the God who was
 We worship the God who is
 We worship the God who evermore will be
 He opened the prison doors
 He parted the raging sea
 My God He holds the victory yeah

Now we're royalty
 We were the prisoners
 Now we're running free
 We are forgiven accepted
 Redeemed by His grace
 Let the house of the Lord sing praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord
 There's joy in the house of the Lord today
 And we won't be quiet
 We shout out Your praise
 There's joy in the house of the Lord
 Our God is surely in this place
 And we won't be quiet
 We shout out Your praise

There is joy in this house oh yeah
 There is joy there is joy
 And we won't be quiet
 We're gonna shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals
 We sing to the God who saves
 We sing to the God who always makes a way
 'Cause He hung up on that cross
 Then He rose up from that grave
 My God's still rolling stones away

There's joy in the house of the Lord
 There's joy in the house of the Lord today
 We're gonna shout out Your praise
 There is joy
 There is joy surely in this place
 We won't be quiet
 We shout Your praise

('Cause) We were the beggars

We shout out Your praise
 There is joy in this house
 There is joy in this house today
 We shout out Your praise
 We shout out Your praise

Offering

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Memory Verse for This Week

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Luke 4:18-19

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