

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 27th, 2019

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

OPENING HYMN: *All Are Welcome* (ELW 641)

GREETING: (ELW p. 203)

KYRIE: (ELW p. 203)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *Glory be to God* (ELW p. 204)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray. **Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 A reading from Nehemiah.

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 19 (*sung in unison*)

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the

body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia* (ELW p. 205)

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON (*read along on www.raspberryman.wordpress.com*)

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Light Dawns on a Weary World* (ELW 726)

APOSTLES CREED: (ELW p. 105 or back cover of hymn book)

PRAYERS OF PETITION: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE

GIFT GATHERING AND SONG: *Create in Me...* (ELW 185)

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

MEAL: (ELW p. 190)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: (ELW p. 190)

LORD'S PRAYER: (ELW p. 191)

COMMUNION HYMNS: *Lamb of God* (ELW p. 191)

One Bread, One Body (ELW 496)

Here Is Bread (ELW 483)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Let us pray. Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG: *We Are Marching in the Light of God* (ELW 866)

DISMISSAL

All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only or come to the table for a blessing only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LECTIONARY STUDY: Monday, January 28, 2pm. Lectio: Jeremiah 1:4-10.

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE: Monday, January 28, 6 pm at FLC.

MEDITATION GROUP: Wednesday, January 30, 5 pm at FLC.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Wednesday, February 13, 9 am, Chances 'R'.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: The annual service will be on Friday, March 1st, 2 pm, at Parkwood Presbyterian Church (10 Chesterton Drive).

CONSTITUTIONAL UPDATE: In preparation for the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, March 3rd, the council is considering updating our current constitution with a proposed model constitution for congregations. This gives congregations greater flexibility and ease in making changes, especially for bylaw items. You can download a copy of the proposed constitution at www.easternsynod.org, under 'Resources', 'Constitutional documents', then "Model Constitution and Bylaws 2017".