

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
“Sanctity of Human Life Sunday”
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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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864 Shepherd of Tender Youth

Shepherd of tender youth,
Guiding in love and truth
Through devious ways;
Christ, our triumphant king,
We come Your name to sing
And here our children bring
To join Your praise.

You are the holy Lord,
O all-subduing Word,
Healer of strife.
Yourself You did abase
That from sin's deep disgrace
You so might save our race
And give us life.

You are the great High Priest;
You have prepared the feast
Of holy love;
And in our mortal pain
None calls on You in vain;
Our plea do not disdain;
Help from above.

O ever be our guide,
Our shepherd, and our pride,
Our staff and song.
Jesus, O Christ of God,
By Your enduring Word

Lead us where You have trod;
Make our faith strong.
So now, and till we die,
Sound we Your praises high
And joyful sing:
Infants and all the throng,
Who to the Church belong,
Unite to swell the song
To Christ, our king!
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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Mark 1:15; Psalm 113:1–3

- P** The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man,
C to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

- P** They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;

- C** there is none who does good, not even one.
Psalm 14:2-3

- P** The wicked are estranged from the womb;
C they go astray from birth, speaking lies.
Psalm 58:3

- P** Against you, you only, have I sinned
C and done what is evil in your sight.

- P** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
C and in sin did my mother conceive me.
Psalm 51:4a, 5

- P** What is man that you are mindful of him,
C and the son of man that you care for him?
Psalm 8:4

- P** For we are brought to an end by your anger;

C and all our days pass away under your wrath.

Psalm 90:7a, 9a

P Yet you are he who took me from the womb;

C on you was I cast from my birth.

Psalm 22:9a, 10a

P Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies

C you have prepared praise.

Psalm 8:2a

P O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare your praise.

Psalm 51:15

P I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

C and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5b

P The Lord is a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime. In His great compassion, He atoned for our iniquity and did not destroy us. He has delivered His Son into death for your trespasses and raised Him from the grave for your justification. In the stead and by the command of this Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 113:1–2, 4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 3

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!

Blessèd be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!

The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!

He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes,

with the princes of his people.
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, all things come from You and all things will return to You, the Giver and Preserver of all life. You gave Your own Son into the womb of a virgin to embrace our humanity and redeem us, Your people, from our sin. Give us such an appreciation for Your gift of life that we will honor and value all life as You will and desire, and lead us to speak boldly how Jesus became one of us to bring us eternal life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 7:29–35

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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

Mark 1:14–20

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Apostles' Creed

G 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.

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.
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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

**☩ 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.

Benediction

Psalm 113:2–3

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

553 O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire

O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,
Creation's mighty Lord,
Redeemer of the fallen world,
By holy love outpoured:

How vast Your mercy to accept
The burden of our sin
And bow Your head in cruel death
To make us clean within.

But now the bonds of death are burst,
The ransom has been paid;
You now ascend the Father's throne
In robes of light arrayed.

O let Your mighty love prevail
To purge us of our pride
That we may stand before Your throne
By mercy purified.

Christ Jesus, be our present joy,
Our future great reward;

Our only glory, may it be
To glory in the Lord!

All praise to You, ascended Lord;
All glory ever be
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Through all eternity!
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