

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ~ January 24, 2021

Worship 10:00 am

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GATHERING - Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Sign of the Cross

P: Blessed be God, Creator, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG “Walk Across the Water”

**When the waters of our Mother broke and the world first came to be,
it was in that instant God done spoke and said, Walk across the water to me.**

refrain: Walk across the water. Walk across the water.

Let your faith run free on the raging sea, and walk across the water to me.

**On the day we came to be baptized, by the word in the water freed,
Jesus looked into our wond’ring eyes and said, Walk across the water to me.**

(refrain)

**And when Israel fled from Egypt’s land, they were chased up to the sea.
Moses’ God said, “Take them by the hand and walk across the water to me.**

(refrain)

**Is that my Lord awalking on the Sea of Galilee? Jesus says, if your faith be
more than talk then walk across the water to me. *(refrain)***

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: you search us and know us.

You are acquainted with all our ways.

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

We turn inward, failing to follow

**your outward way of love.
We distrust those who are not like us.
We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.
Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.
Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;
receive them in your divine mercy.
Amen.**

P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ✝ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C: Amen.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God,

C: 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. Amen.

Sharing Christ's Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

WORD

1st Reading – Jonah 3:1-5, 10

R: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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Young People's Message

Gospel Acclamation – “Alleluia, I am the Light of the World”

Gospel – Mark 1:14-20

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

The Message – Pastor Lou Peters

HYMN OF THE DAY – “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” ELW 815

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

Refrain: **In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. (*refrain*)**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. (*refrain*)**

Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's Creed

*P: Siblings in Christ, we are invited to join our voices with the voice
of the whole Church on earth as we profess what we believe as Christians:*

**C: We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by
the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended
into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living
and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the
life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering *Thank you for your on-going gifts and for being the generous
people who support the mission & ministry of our congregations.*

Offering Prayer

P: O God,

**C: receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with
arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in
faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ,
our saving grace. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

P: Let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

Benediction

*P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit
the comforter ✠ keep you in peace.*

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG – “We Are Marching in the Light”

**We are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching- oooh,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching- oooh,
We are marching in the light of God.**

We are dancing in the light of God...

We are praying in the light of God...

We are singing in the light of God...

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – “Rock of Ages”

We Pray for:

Eileen Macomber in the loss of Kevin, Joel Cederberg, Dori Dodson (Chelsea Morehead), Dennis & Barbara Franke, Jackie (Nancy), Cynthia Holmberg (Nancy), Clarice Moore (Gary Walker), Lois Niewohner, Bill Peters, Janice Ostnes, Ariana Preshaw, Victoria Raquepaw's cousin, Susan & her son, Mato, Ashley & Sherri Stephens, Laura (Babe) Stephens.

Our Prayer Partner Church: Table of Grace, Bethel

Announcements

TOWN HALL MEETING will be held on **this Tuesday, January 26th at 6:00pm.** This will be a virtual **ZOOM** meeting in preparation for our Annual Congregational meeting. The topic of the town hall meeting is our budget for the coming year.

Here is the invitation link to the meeting on ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87642896833?pwd=V3E0NlZEYkhDR3hoOExWTkxPdmNiQT09>

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will be held on *Wednesdays at 6:00pm* with Pastor Lou via ZOOM *beginning this week on January 27th.* If you know of a parent who would like to include their child, the classes are for 7th and 8th graders. Contact the Pastor Lou or the church office.

FLC COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS with Pastor Lou on *Wednesdays at 7:00pm* via ZOOM. Join in this study topic covering the social message from the ELCA called "*Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in Democracy*". See below for links to both Meeting & PDF files for Social Message and Study Guide.

Zoom link to the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84837353942?pwd=enJwOTlqNlNFbVJlSjR3cWdNUVWJMUT09>

Links to the PDF files:

[https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Government and Civic Engagement Social Message.pdf](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Government%20and%20Civic%20Engagement%20Social%20Message.pdf)

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ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS needed by *Friday, January 29th.* Our *Annual Meeting* will be held on *February 14th.* Thank you!

WORSHIP SERVICES are being streamed online via Facebook due to the high alert numbers of COVID infections in the state. Thanks for being flexible in our worshipping together and as we trust God through it all!

Office Hours – due to our High Alert status for COVID the church building will not be open to the public. However, we have reopened the building to Bible Study Groups. Thanks for your patience.

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