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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 27, 2019

Christ's blessings to all! **To our visitors**, we rejoice to have you gathered together with us in our Lord's House this day & look forward to having you with us again. If you are searching for a Church home, **please introduce yourself to Pastor** or indicate such **with your contact information** in the red 'Fellowship Booklets' in each pew.

THE ORDER OF VESPERS

+ Psalmody:

Psalm 72

Give the king Your judgments, O God,

And Your righteousness to the king's Son.

He will judge Your people with righteousness,

And Your poor with justice.

The mountains will bring peace to the people,

And the little hills, by righteousness.

He will bring justice to the poor of the people;

He will save the children of the needy, And will break in pieces the oppressor.

They shall fear You

As long as the sun and moon endure, Throughout all generations.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass,

Like showers that water the earth.

In His days the righteous shall flourish,

And abundance of peace, Until the moon is no more.

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,

And from the River to the ends of the earth.

Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him,

And His enemies will lick the dust.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles

Will bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba Will offer gifts.

Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him;

All nations shall serve Him.

For He will deliver the needy when he cries,

The poor also, and him who has no helper.

He will spare the poor and needy,

And will save the souls of the needy.

He will redeem their life from oppression and violence;

And precious shall be their blood in His sight.

And He shall live;

And the gold of Sheba will be given to Him; Payer also will be made for Him continually, And daily He shall be praised.

There will be an abundance of grain in the earth,

On the top of the mountains; Its fruit shall wave like Lebanon;

And those of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

His name shall endure forever;

His name shall continue as long as the sun. And men shall be blessed in Him; All nations shall call Him blessed.

Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel,

Who only does wondrous things!

And blessed be His glorious name forever!

And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.

+ The Catechism Review - The Apostles' Creed

What is The Third Article?

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.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Old Testament Reading: Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

¹All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he 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 above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to

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PRELUDE

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SILENT PRAYER and POSTLUDE

+ Sermon: “Fulfiller of the Scripture”

Luke 4:18-21

- I. Fulfiller as the Messiah
- II. Fulfiller as the Preacher and Provider of release
- III. Fulfiller to be received with joy

Collect Of The Day

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

DAILY READINGS

January 27: Zech. 4:1–5:11; Rom. 15:14–33; **28:** Zech. 6:1–7:14; Rom. 16:17–27; **29:** Zech. 8:1–23; 2 Tim. 1:1–18; **30:** Zech. 9:1–17; 2 Tim. 2:1–26; **31:** Zech. 10:1–11:3; 2 Tim. 3:1–17; **February 1:** Zech. 11:4–17; 2 Tim. 4:1–18; **2:** Zech. 12:1–13:9; Titus 1:1–2:6.

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the ground. . . .⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and 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 as 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 to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

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 one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should 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 should 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 be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? 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 parts, 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 parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

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 miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and 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 with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

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