

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Third Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 3

Prelude **“Who Am I”** **Rusty Goodman**
 “Here I Am to Worship” **Tim Hughes**

Handbells Choir **“Holly and the Ivy”**

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations,
who gives breath to us all.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Loving God,
**we confess that we have turned from your way
to follow our own ways.**
Forgive us for the times
we have spoken or acted too quickly;
we have not spoken or acted at all;
we have hurt those closest to us;
we have hurt those we have yet to know;
we have thought more about ourselves than others;
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.
Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,
so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.

Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.

God’s love never runs out.

God never tires of calling us beloved children.

Hear God say to you now:

Your sins are forgiven,

for the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Hymn **“Now the Feast and Celebration”** **#167**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, 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.

Opening Hymn “Arise, Your Light Has Come!” #314 vss.1, 3, 4

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Children’s Sermon

Choir Anthem

Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia!”

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras

Hymn of the Day “Canticle of the Turning”

#723

Blessing of People Who Made Lefse

Prayers of Intercession

Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the church in all its forms, for unity in Christ, and for those who proclaim the good news in word and deed, that all trust that the kingdom of God has come near, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For public defenders and district attorneys, for the armed forces and international peace organizations, and for all public leaders, that those in authority work for the well-being of all people, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the poor and oppressed, for the sick and bereaved, for those living with HIV and AIDS, and for all people in need those impacted by mudslide in California and snowstorm and cold weather in East Coast, that your power and compassion will be visible to those who need care and those who provide care, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for those who have died especially Dale Westaby, that their lives of faithful service point us to the steadfast love of Christ, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

P: Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Sharing of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always
and also with you.

Offering “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” John Wyeth
Offertory “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” #182

Offertory Prayer

A.M.: Let us pray together in unison.

Merciful God,

**receive the gifts we bring,
ourselves, our time, and our possessions.
Through this meal unite us as your body,
shining with the light of your justice and mercy;
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Holy Communion Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Institution of the Holy Communion

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his banquet.

Invitation to Communion

A.M.: We who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.
Come. Be filled with light and life.

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” #815

Blessing After Communion

Prayer After Communion

A.M.: O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure.
Go with us now—
today, tomorrow, every day—
that we tell the story of your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing

The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Closing Hymn “We Are Marching in the Light” #866 vs. 1

Dismissal

A.M.: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ and complete the Congregational Vitality
Questionnaire survey.

I will and I ask God to help me.

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Prayer Concerns: Thelma Bursik, Neil Coakley, Joella Corado (Maggie Westaby’s cousin), Arlene Dopkins, Jerrilynn Duxbury, Betty Jane Kettunen, Justin Nickolai, Esther Osterby, Barb Peterson, Dolores Riege, Pam (Rodney Riese’s wife), Dina Sarras, Kathrine Sylvia Sarras, Norm Winterhoff, April Winters (Jamie Rice-Heckendorf’s niece), Breanna Kurth, Meredith Westaby, LuAnn Sanders and the family of Dale Westaby for their loss.

2017 Contribution Statements – Please pick up your statements up in the Narthex.

Congregational Vital Survey will be today and next Sunday the last 10 minutes of service.

The January 2018 Semi-Annual ILC Congregational Meeting will be held on January 28th following the 9:00 am worship service.

Community dinner will be served at First Presbyterian Church on January 28th. Volunteers to help prepare, serve and clean up, salads, and desserts are needed. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

Pastor Niveen will be off on January 29th – 31st.

Let's Learn Together: Peace Not Walls - We will meet today and again on February 4th. We will come together to learn more about the Holy Land. A couple of Immanuel's own historians will give us an overview of the early history and bring us to more recent happenings in the past couple centuries. We will visually visit the area, share with each other what we learn from our individual reading, and even enjoy a taste of the region. Claudette Haring and Carolyn Michalski will share personal experiences and understandings from their recent pilgrimage among Jews, Christians, and Muslims living in this troubled region. Join us!

The ILC quilters began quilting on Thursday and will continue each Thursday till May. You are welcome to join in. They meet on the 2nd floor – education wing. The quilts are donated to Lutheran World Relief for distribution to refugees and others in need throughout the world. Kathy Knox

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart I am writing this letter to you today. Since the summer of 2006 I have been happily employed and helping our church and incredible congregation. I can't express enough how much I (and my family) appreciated ALL the love, kindness and support we have received throughout the years! My last day of work will be January 19th, 2018. Ted Sanders

Interfaith Dialogue Opportunity-The Circles of Faith Dialogues will offer members of the Wausau area community the opportunity to share stories and engage in conversations with people of diverse religious backgrounds. Members of all religions are invited to share their personal faith experiences within a small group setting. The dialogues aim to encourage discussion on the commonalities and unique qualities of different religious traditions. Trained facilitators will lead the groups and introduce discussion questions to foster open dialogue across faiths. The events will be held in the NTC cafeteria, from 2:00 - 3:30pm, on three Sunday afternoons. Dates and topics for the series are: February 11 – Describe an experience with religion that changed you. March 11 – Tell a story about a time when you felt misunderstood or misrepresented because of the perceptions of your beliefs. April 15 – Tell a story about a positive experience with someone of a different faith or belief tradition. To register and for questions, please visit the "Events" page at www.wipps.org.

Luther College Nordic Choir will be at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Weston on Sunday, Jan. 28th from 4-6 pm. A great opportunity for high school youth to meet the college students. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. Reserve tickets at 800-4-LUTHER or online at www.tickets.luther.edu Need more info? Look on bulletin board outside ILC office door.

Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Address is: c/o Moruti (Pastor) Rev. T. J. Ditibane, P.O. Box 160, Motswedi, 2870, Republic of South Africa

SERVING US TODAY

Worship Leader	Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras
Assisting Minister	Bob Henning
Ministers	All Members of Immanuel
Pianist	Marino Taylor
Choir Director	Kay Pope
Handbell Director	Joanne Diestelhorst
Communion Assistants	Bob Henning, Vern Diestelhorst, Jack Fabry
Reader	Vern Diestelhorst
Head Usher	Mike Schwede
Acolyte	Brittney Riehle
Greeters	Bill and JoAnne Cerny
Nursery	Deb Case
Video Recorder	Doug Helling
Presentation Manager	Karen Spoehr
Altar Guild	Joan Bergeth & Dwala Smail
Contact Person	Jo Beckman

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun.	Jan. 21	8:15a	Choir Practice
		9:00a	Communion Worship Service, Handbell Choir, Choir, Blessing of People who made Lefse
		9:50a	Congregational Survey
		10:15a	Coffee Fellowship hosted by Spoehr & Nickolai Families
		10:15a	Let's Learn Together: Peace Not Walls Study
		10:30a	Choir Practice
Mon.	Jan. 22		February 2018 Newsletter Article Deadline
Tues.	Jan. 23	5:30p	Handbell Choir Practice
		5:45p	TV Worship CH 980
Wed.	Jan. 24		-----
Thurs.	Jan. 25	7:30a	Men's Discussion Group
		9:15a	TV Worship CH 980
		1:00a	Sarah Circle
Fri.	Jan. 26		Church Office Closed
Sat.	Jan. 27		-----
Sun.	Jan. 28	9:00a	Worship Service
		9:50a	Congregational Survey
		10:15a	Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
		2:30p	Community Dinner Served at First Presbyterian Church
Attendance For	1/14/18	68	

Altar Flowers today are in celebration of Dale Westaby's life. He was a loving husband, Dad and Grandpa and we are thankful for all the people at ILC that spoke kind words to him, sent cards, cookies, and even made him a warm blanket. Dan, Holly & Family