

*Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham*

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**January 23 , 2022 – THIRD SUNDAY after EPIPHANY**

**10:30 AM - Worship**

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**Piano Prelude - “For Unto Us a Child is Born” - G.F. Handel/ Mark Hayes**

**Welcome - Announcements - Welcome our Guest Preacher,**

**Rev. James Heckman**

**Introduction to Worship**

**Confession and Forgiveness** (Stand if you are able)

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation.**

**Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn - ELW #519 - "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"**

(Stand if you are able)

**Greeting**

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

PEOPLE: **AND ALSO WITH YOU**

**Prayer of the Day**

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.* (Please be Seated)

### **First Reading- Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

all the people 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. Accordingly, 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. 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. And 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. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen", lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And 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. Then 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."

Lector: **The Word of the Lord.**

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Psalm Isaiah 19** (read responsively)

The heaven declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

**<sup>2</sup>One day tell its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

**<sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**<sup>8</sup>The statues of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgements of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

**<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's own offenses?**

**Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; than shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## **Second Reading- 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a**

For 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. For 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.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to 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. And if the ear were to 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. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The 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." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And 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. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Lector: **The Word of the Lord**

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)**

**ELW# 318 - "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" vs. 1**

Pastor: **The holy gospel according to Luke:**

PEOPLE: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

**The Holy Gospel - Luke 4: 14-21**

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

When 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, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"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,

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

And 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. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Pastor: **The gospel of the Lord.**

PEOPLE: **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

**Message/ Sermon** - Rev. James Heckman

**Hymn of the Day - ELW #709 - "When Our Song Says Peace"**

**NICENE' CREED** (Please stand , if able)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came  
down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose  
again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again  
in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from  
the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy  
catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of  
the world to come.**

**Amen.**

**Prayers and Intercessions:**

**Pastor: Hear us, O God.**

**People: YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Blessing (Pastor) :** God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who  
rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and  
your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn- ELW #551 - "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"**

**(Stand if you are able)**

**Dismissal:**

Pastor: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Organ Postlude - "I Saw Three Ships" - Arr. Gordon Young**

### Helping in Worship

Preacher	- Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- Clayton Helfrich
Altar Guild	- Linda Sauter and Nancy Moskella
Lector	- Tom Gaun
Usher	- Joe Hlavaty
Council Counting Team	- Val McGinn and Barb Naska
Technology	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- TODAY, Sunday, January 23 - Third Sunday after Epiphany with Rev. James Heckman
- Next Sunday, January 30 - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany - with Rev. Marcia Bell
- The Adult Sunday School class is meeting in the church library at 9:15 every Sunday.
- The Adult Bible study meets from 2:00-4:00 at the home of Don Seipt and Kathy Hlavaty on Thursdays. Carpooling from the church is available.
- JANUARY BIRTHDAYS - JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup>- Audrey Bolesta ; JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>- Cora Gadwell and Paige Reiman; JANUARY 30<sup>th</sup>- Carolyn Williams



- JANUARY BAPTISMS - JANUARY 26<sup>th</sup> -George Kreitz; JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>- Joe Hlavaty, Chris Apgar and Scott Apgar; JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>- Kenneth Crouse ; JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>- Mark Harwick
- JANUARY “OUTREACH OFFERINGS” go to our Local Food Banks

**Please lift the following up in prayer: ...**

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:** Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Norma Fox; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Dot Peterman; Steven Streletz; Carolyn Williams and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:** Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Deb Carmichael; Bill Corrigan; Lisa & Dave DeLorenzo; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Gabriella Froehlich; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; George & Lois James; Jesse; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Ron Steele; Jesse Stimell; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; and Linda Wilson.

**For those who are Homebound:** Cleo & Ken Eck; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

**For those in Health Care:** Including Sara Aquino; Debbie Angstadt; Kendell Beerer; Mary Crouse; Sara Deal Den Herder; Mary Erceg; Faye Gadwell; Morgan Litz; Tanya Naska; Kristi Lee Reiman; and Sharon Streletz