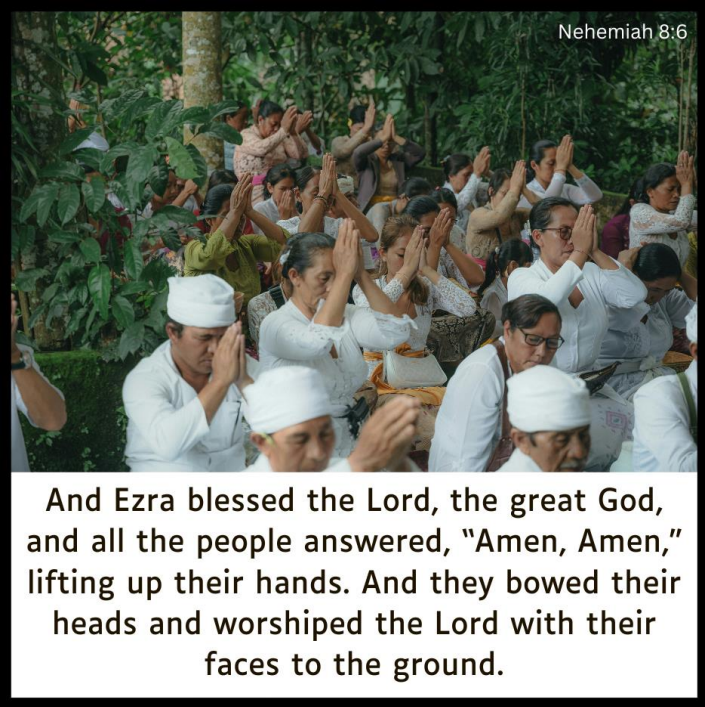


Nehemiah 8:6



And 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 the ground.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 26, 2025

11:00A

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER

AS WE GATHER When Jesus unrolled the scroll, the people might have been expecting words from His mouth, but what they got was the Word made flesh, the Word that endures forever. It did not take long before they found reason to wonder. “Is this not Joseph’s son?” The reality is that there are always those who look for reason to doubt or to reject but the Word is given to bring forth faith. The Word is given that by hearing we might believe, but wherever God’s Word is spoken it is an offense to the way we see ourselves and our salvation. Jesus has come to address us with the Word of Life so that by hearing we may believe and by believing we may see that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN **“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”** **904**

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION *Psalm 19:7–9, 11–14*

P The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

C the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

P the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

C Moreover, by them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

P Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

C Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

P Let us confess our sin to God our Father.

C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

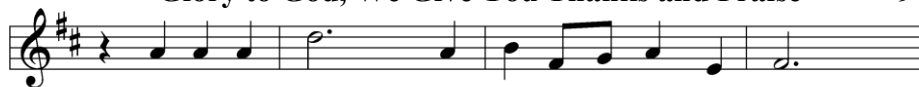
P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise”

946



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
△ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray

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.

C Amen.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“The Gift of Love”

Hal Hopson

EPISTLE READING

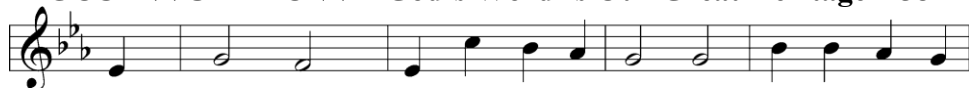
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

We stand.

GOSPEL CANTICLE “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage” 582



God’s Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for-

ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
 chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it
 is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its
 teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:16-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Word of God Incarnate”

523

SERMON

“Please Rise”

Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Come, Let Us Eat” 626

“O Christ, Our True and Only Light” 839

We stand.

DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

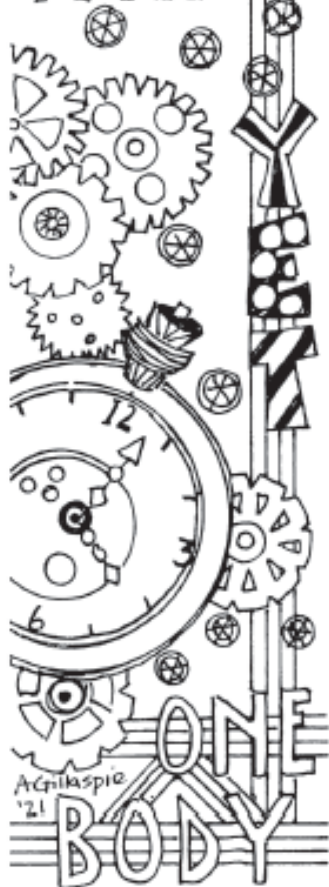
CLOSING HYMN “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” 922

POSTLUDE



Sermon Notes

AS IT IS,
there are
MANY
PARTS



1 CORINTHIANS
12:12-31a