



## ***THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY***

January 26, 2025

10:00 am

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\*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*This is the day that the Lord has made.*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Our hope is in God all of our lives.*

**God is a rock of refuge:**

**a fortress against threat and shame.**

*God has held us since our birth. So we are never in the full grasp of the unjust and cruel.*

**In love, God saves and supports us. Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!**

PRAYER OF PRAISE\*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

**God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate.**

**[silence]**

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

RESPONSE TO PARDON

582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

NEW TESTAMENT – Ephesians 1:4-8 Barbara Wierwille

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

*“We’ll Understand It By and By”*

GOSPEL – Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

SERMON

Dr. Linda Dickerson

*“What Do We Mean When We Say ‘Predestination?’”*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*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.**

**... Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna  
in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**... Christ has died, Christ has risen,  
Christ will come again.**

**... Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy  
name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from  
evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glory forever. Amen.**

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

*All are welcome at the table.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Gracious God, you have gathered us at this table with all your people in heaven and on earth. We have been nourished by the living bread, Jesus Christ, and we have been refreshed by the power of your Holy Spirit. May we now go out as glad disciples of our Lord, following in his way, into the wilderness if needed, proclaiming his truth, and living his love for the world. Amen.**

**HYMN\*** *“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table”* 506, v. 1-3  
(*tune of “In the Bulb There is a Flower”*)

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION\***

**CHORAL RESPONSE\*** 547, v. 3

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you;  
    here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

**FELLOWSHIP TIME – All are Welcome!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES**

**SERMON SERIES: What do we mean when we say . . .**

**February 2 – Predestination**

**February 9 – Perseverance of the Saints**