

... whoever says,
"I abide in him,"
ought to walk
just as he walked.

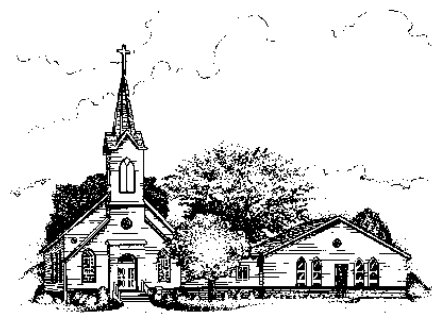
1 JOHN 2:6, NRSV

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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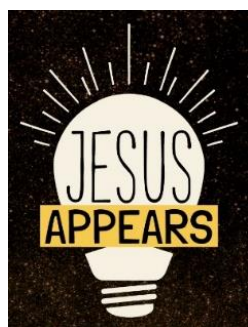
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Welcome to God's House

The prophet Isaiah vividly described humanity as “people walking in darkness.” We are completely enveloped by sin and suffering and death. Worse, when we



honestly assess the content of our minds and hearts, we find darkness there too. However, the prophet also foretold that within this deep darkness, a light would shine. The light would be so brilliant that it would be impossible to miss. As Jesus began his teaching and preaching ministry, that prophecy was fulfilled. Today Jesus continues to shine his light by preaching

repentance and the good news of the nearing kingdom. He invites us to live a life that is illuminated by him. He calls us to walk in the light of love for God and for the brothers and sisters around us. Our Savior is the Light of the world, and so we shine his reflected light onto everyone around us.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

O Word of God, Incarnate #642

1 O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky,
we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

2 The Church from you, dear Master,
received the gift divine,
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.

It is the chart and compass
that, all life's voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands
still guides, O Christ, to you.

3 O make your Church, dear Savior,
a lamp of purest gold
to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old.

O teach your wand'ring pilgrims
by this their path to trace
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see you face to face.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession of Sins

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

1 Glory be to God in heaven,
 peace to those he loves so well.
On the earth let all his people
 speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
 mighty Father, heaven's King;
hear our joyful adoration
 and accept the thanks we bring.

2 Only Son of God the Father,
 Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with him in triumph seated—
 for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
 Savior, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
 with the Spirit, Three in One!

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we too may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 8:19-9:4

¹⁹ When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰ Consult God's instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. ²¹ Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. ²² Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

The LORD Is My Light - 27C

Refrain



The LORD is my light and my sal - va - tion— of



whom shall I be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

Tone



Hear my voice when I / call, Lord;

be merciful to me and / answer me.

Do not hide your / face from me,

do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my / helper.

Do not reject me or for- / sake me,

God my / Savior. **Refrain**

Though my father and mother for- / sake me,

the Lord will re- / ceive me.

I remain confi- / dent of this:

I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the / living.

Wait / for the Lord;

be strong and take heart and wait / for the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. **Refrain**

Second Reading

1 John 2:3-11

³We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. ⁴Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

⁷Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. ⁸Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

⁹Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. ¹⁰Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. ¹¹But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 9:2

Alleluia. The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. Alleluia

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

¹²When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵"Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people living in darkness

have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of the shadow of death

a light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

O Christ, Our True and Only Light #904

1 O Christ, our true and only light,
enlighten those who sit in night;
let those afar now hear your voice
and in your fold with us rejoice.

2 Fill with the radiance of your grace
the souls now lost in error’s maze;
enlighten those whose inmost minds
some dark delusion haunts and blinds.

3 O gently call those gone astray
that they may find the saving way;

let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
in you find peace and heav'nly rest.

4 Shine on the darkened and the cold,
recall the wand'ers to your fold;
unite all those who walk apart,
confirm the weak and doubting heart,

5 That they with us may evermore
such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
and endless praise to you be giv'n
by all your Church in earth and heav'n.

Sermon

1 John 2:3-11

Please stand

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Light which the darkness cannot overcome. Banish the darkness of sin, guilt and fear from our lives and let your light shine forth. You, Lord, are our lamp.

Lord, turn our darkness into light.

Open our lips to speak your praise to those around us. Give success to the work of missionaries as they proclaim your Word. Give your Word of love, peace and forgiveness the power to break hard hearts and lead people in your way. You, Lord, are our lamp.

Lord, turn our darkness into light.

You called your first disciples from their boats and nets to catch people for you. Lord of the harvest, send new workers into your harvest field. Call young people and lead them to your service of preaching and teaching your Word. You, Lord, are our lamp.

Lord, turn our darkness into light.

You are the Lord of life. In your grace you give people time, and our times are in your hands. Enlighten people everywhere, and move them to value all life, born and unborn, young and old, healthy and sick. You, Lord, are our lamp.

Lord, turn our darkness into light.

We give you thanks for faithful pastors and church leaders. Give them knowledge, wisdom and boldness as they speak your Word. Give them faithfulness, courage and persistence as they shepherd your people. You, Lord, are our lamp.

Lord, turn our darkness into light.

Lift the darkness of sadness and uncertainty from those who must suffer pains of mind or body [especially...]. Give them light and hope with the promise of your constant presence and your purpose to work all things for the good of those who love you. You, Lord, are our lamp.

Lord, turn our darkness into light.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Shine in our hearts with the most precious Light of your grace. Send your Holy Spirit to enlighten us when we hear the promises of your Word. Shine within us. Shine through us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #713

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus. **Refrain**

**Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. **(Refrain)**

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so

hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Christ Be My Leader #518

1 Christ be my leader by night as by day;
safe through the darkness, for he is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care,
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

2 Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.
Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
death cannot hold me, for he is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

This Week at Zion

Today:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study
Mon:	1:00 p.m.	OWLS meeting – Peace, Hartford
Wed:	2:30 p.m.	KM Gardens Devotion, Kewaskum
	6:00 p.m.	Catechism instructions
	6:30 p.m.	KML Concert
Thu:	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study

In Our Prayers Sharon Janssen in Phoenix, AZ; Dennis Noel, who underwent surgery this past Friday and is now recovering at home.

Annual Meeting Zion's Annual meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 30th, at 7:00 p.m. Regular ministry reports, financial reports, elections for Council, and a general update will be given for the past year 2022. We will have two spots to replace on the Council again this year...the financial secretary and the endowment / stewardship positions. Please consider using your time and talents to serve.

Bible Study "Don't judge me!" Doesn't the Bible say that? Today in our bible study we'll look at one of the most misunderstood and misapplied passages / concepts in God's Word...the topic of judging others. Join us today (Sunday) at 8:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Envelopes & Contribution Statements Both are available for you to pick up: the envelopes on the table in the entryway and the contribution envelopes in your church mailboxes. If you have questions please contact our financial secretary, Gene Salzman, at 262-323-1990.

WELS Connection The year 2022 brought new opportunities for WELS congregation and the synod at large. January's WELS Connection video looks

back at the work of WELS Missions, Ministerial Education, and Congregational Services in 2022 and highlights what's coming in 2023.

Serve as a Greeter Go to www.zionallenton.org and click on the link to sign up to serve as a greeter for one of our worship services. No experience needed, just smile, hand out a bulletin if they desire one and welcome them to church.

WELS Youth Night - St. Peter's, Fond du Lac invites all youth from 8th through 12th grade to experience an inspiring afternoon of games, special music, God's Word, small group discussions and fun with fellow teens next Sunday, January 29 from 1:00 till 3:30 p.m. They're calling the night "A Night of "Godpliments".

Praise Concert & Sing Along Come join the KML Echoes, KML Chapel Band, and [Unworthy](#) for a free praise concert and sing along this Wednesday, January 25, at 6:30 PM in the KML PAC auditorium. This is a free concert - no tickets needed! Warm your hearts with the joy of the Gospel as we sing praises to our Savior together! There will be a free will offering at the event to support the Echoes for their band/choir trip to Memphis and Nashville.

Wine Tasting Night Out Christian Life Resources invites you to its 8th Annual Wine Tasting Night Out on Thursday, Feb. 23, from 6-8 p.m. at the Chandelier Ballroom, 150 Jefferson Avenue, Hartford, WI. This evening of wine and craft beer paired with gourmet appetizers and desserts, as well as a silent auction, will benefit the CLR ministry. Cost is \$60 per person or \$480 for an 8-person table reservation. Go to christianliferesources.com to purchase tickets.