





Sunday, January 22, 2023

Epiphany 3

**Theme of the Day:**

*Jesus Appears as the Light in the Darkness!*

*Congregation sings or speaks the bolded text*

**381 The People Who in Darkness Walked**

CW 381

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*Please stand.*



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



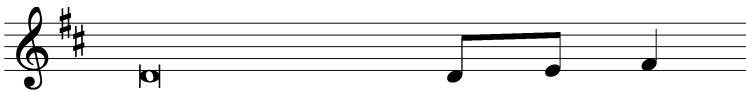
**and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.**



Has - ten to save me, O God;



**O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.**



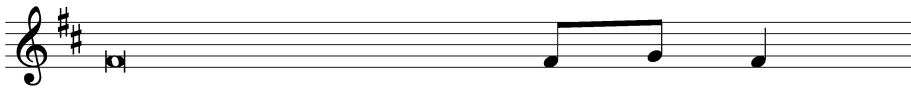
*Epiphany* The glory of Christ is re - vealed:



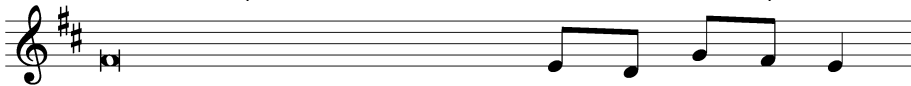
**praise and thanks to God!**

# O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

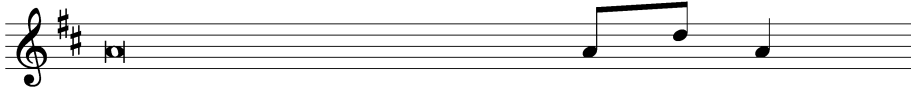
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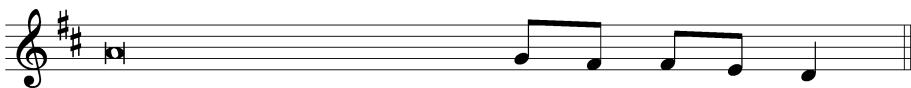
1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a great God  
3 The sea is his, for he made it,



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.  
3 and his hand formed the dry land.



1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;  
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,  
4 For he is our God,



1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.  
2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.  
3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.  
4 and we are the people of his  
pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*Please be seated.*

## Psalm

*Psalm 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?

The LORD is my light and my salvation— of whom shall I be afraid, of whom shall I be afraid?

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***

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## The Word

### Reading

*1 John 3:3-11*

*God's children are found walking in the light of Christ and reflecting that light by living in love for God and one another.*

<sup>3</sup>We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. <sup>4</sup>Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. <sup>5</sup>But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: <sup>6</sup>Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did. <sup>7</sup>Dear 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. <sup>8</sup>Yet 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. <sup>9</sup>Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. <sup>10</sup>Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. <sup>11</sup>But 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.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **Gospel**

*Matthew 4:12-23*

*Jesus began his preaching ministry in a world filled with unbelief, the prophecy was fulfilled. A brilliant light shined through the darkness.*

<sup>12</sup>When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— <sup>14</sup>to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: <sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup>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.” <sup>17</sup>From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>21</sup>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, <sup>22</sup>and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

## **904 O Christ, Our True and Only Light** CW 904

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## **Sermon Text**

*Isaiah 8:19-9:4*

*The prophet foretold that the people walking in darkness would see a great light.*

<sup>19</sup>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? <sup>20</sup>Consult God’s instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. <sup>21</sup>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.

<sup>22</sup>Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness. <sup>1</sup>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— <sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

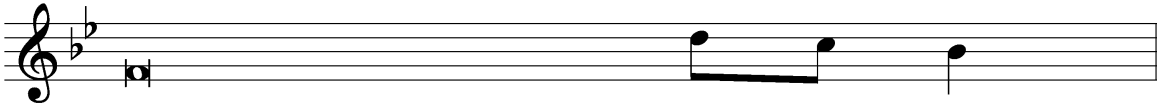
<sup>3</sup>You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. <sup>4</sup>For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

The Word of the Lord.

## Sermon Theme: The Light of Dawn Shines in Your Darkness

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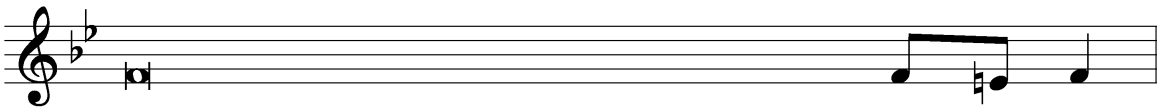
### We Praise You, O God *CW 210*



- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,
- 3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise — you.



- 1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
- 2 heaven and earth are full — of your glo - ry.
- 3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



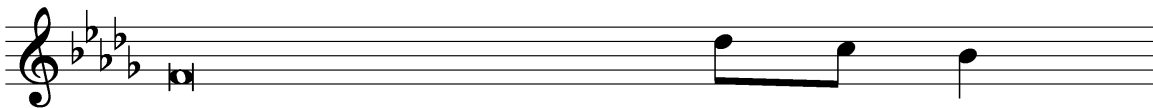
- 1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
- 2 The glorious company of apostles praise — you.
- 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



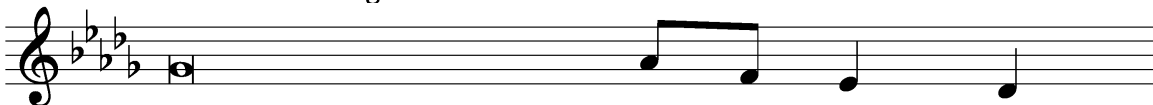
- 1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
- 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise — you.
- 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.



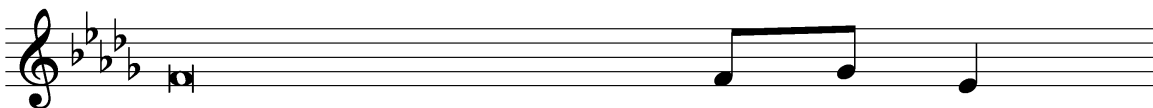
4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.



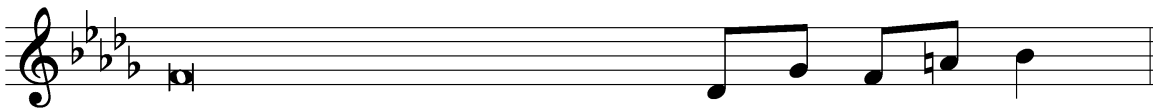
5 When you became man to set us free,  
6 You sit at the right hand of God



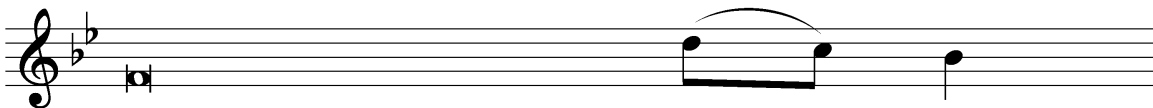
5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 You overcame the sting of death  
6 We believe that you will come



5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to be our judge.



7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,



7 bought with the price of your own blood,



7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

*Please be seated.*

## Offering

### Friendship Registration

**Guests:** Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

**Members:** Please fill out name and any new information.

***Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you***

*Please stand.*

### Lord, Have Mercy *CW 213*



Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and an-swer me.



**Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.**

### Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**





Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

### 380 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

CW 380

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## Announcements

**A CALL MEETING** will take place on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, immediately following 2<sup>nd</sup> service. We will be calling a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher who would also serve as church music coordinator. Voters are encouraged to attend. Everyone is welcome!

**THE ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING** will be held **THIS WEDNESDAY** January 25th at 7:30pm. All voters are encouraged to attend. Voters consist of male communicant members who have reached the age of 18. The Lord has called men to be involved in leadership for the congregational team. Now is to make the most of the opportunity and privilege the Lord has given you. Your service as a voter is wanted and needed by your Lord and your church. Everyone is welcome including the women of the church regardless of voter status.

**THE 2022 GIVING STATEMENTS** will be available in the Narthex beginning TODAY. If there are any questions, contact Clark Inniger at 419 306-0127. If you would like a detailed statement (itemized) email [cdinniger@roadrunner.com](mailto:cdinniger@roadrunner.com) and it will be sent to you.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Women's Ministry is volunteering at the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima on **THIS Thursday**, January 26 from 1:00-3:00 PM. We will be packing/preparing boxes, sorting through foods and checking expiration dates, and much more! Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to join us. We will meet in the church parking lot at 12:20 if you want to drive together. The address is 1380 Kibby St. Lima, OH 45802. Questions? Contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY TRAVELING BIBLE STUDY** We will be reading the book '*What's Big Starts Small*' by Mike Novotny. Books can be found on Amazon or sign up on the sheet in the back of church and we'll get you a copy(\$15). First Bible Study will be **tomorrow, January 23**, 6:30pm at Nancy Schmehl's house (17123 County Road 60, Rawson 45881). Chapters 1-3. We will meet each month to discuss approximately 3 chapters. If you haven't read or have fell behind, join us anyway! You're sure to get something out of the discussion and fellowship! No judgment! Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you plan to come and indicate if you need a book or email [brausch508@gmail.com](mailto:brausch508@gmail.com) with the same info or any questions you may have. Those who already signed up for a book, your books are at the deacons table. Thanks!

**VALENTINE'S FAMILY PAINT EVENT:** Looking for something fun to do in February? Come for an afternoon of painting on Saturday, February 11 from 1:00-2:30 or 3:30-5:00 PM. Courtney Breitigam will be giving step-by-step instructions to create a painting on a wood pallet. Watch Facebook for more details and the painting sample. This is a free event organized by the Outreach Committee that will take place in the school gym. This event is for both adults and children—ages preschool and up! Space is limited, so please register soon at [tlcjenera.org](http://tlcjenera.org). Click on the “Upcoming Events” icon to register. No art experience is required! Questions? Contact Jenny Boehm—262-391-7994.

**WARM WINTER WALKING** We are again opening the school gym up for anyone who wants to get some exercise, or just get out of the house for a while. Everyone is invited to walk in the school's gym on weeknights. The doors will be unlocked from 7:00-8:00 PM. but you may walk longer if you wish. Please use the doors by the **gym** and bring non-marking shoes to wear on the gym floor.

**RED, HEARTS, AND VALENTINE'S DAY:** Celebrate Valentine's Day at Mornings with Mommy on Monday, February 6 and Tuesday, February 7. We have educational and fun activities for you to enjoy with your infant, toddler, preschooler, or kindergartner. Play with Valentine's slime, make a love plant, explore red rice or pom poms, and mail Valentines. Register online at [tlcjenera.org](http://tlcjenera.org) or call 262-391-7994.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD WITH THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

- Free Valentine Family Paint event in February on Sat., Feb. 11.
- Cornhole tournament on Sunday, March 19th at 2:30.
- Easter Egg Hunt and Easter for Kids on March 25.

**THE TLS COOKBOOK** committee is beginning to collect recipes, historical facts & stories, photos, and memories from anyone who has them to share. In addition to being a cookbook, this will also be a 75th anniversary "history book" that honors the rich tradition of our wonderful school and the many people who have contributed to its continued success. You can submit recipes and other items to the box in the narthex, or email them to Megan Nowak at [mrsnowak1@gmail.com](mailto:mrsnowak1@gmail.com) by **February 14<sup>th</sup>**. If you have multiple items to submit, please collect them in an envelope with your name on it before submitting. Thank you!

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## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of January 15<sup>th</sup>)

Total Worship Attendance: 236; Early: 94; Late: 142; Adult Bible Study: 33; Sunday School: 31; MWM: 86. On-line worship service views for January 8<sup>th</sup>(Children's Christmas Program): 182.

**MONEY COUNTERS** for this morning through January 28th are the members of Mark Boehm's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, January 29th, will be the members of James Miles' Undershepherd group.

## GREETERS

today are:

James & Deb Reichley – early

Gary & Rebecca Mitchell– late

Next Sunday:

Joe & Jean Spaeth – early

Richard & Ruth Johnson – late

## **THIS WEEK AT TRINITY** (January 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 29<sup>th</sup>)

**TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** Adult Bible Study, Teen Bible Class, Sunday School 9:20; Call Meeting (after 2<sup>nd</sup> service).

**Wed** Annual Voter's Meeting 7:30

**SUN Worship 8:00 & 10:30;** WELS Connection; Adult Bible Study Bible, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20;

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Mon** Faculty Bible Study 3:30

**Tue** Cheer Practice 3:30-4:45; Basketball Practice 5:00-7:00

**Wed** Chapel 8:20

**Thu** Cheer Practice 3:30-4:45; Basketball Practice 5:00-7:00

**Sat** Coed Basketball Tournament @ Grove City TBD (AWAY)

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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to glorify our Triune God as we train, strengthen and nurture ourselves and others through His Word and Sacraments, so that we are enabled by His love to live lives of faith and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*