

# CONCORDIA

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Prayers, Readings, Sermon Notes, Hymns  
To Study and Share with those You Love.

**Week of JAN. 23, 2022**

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the Spirit of the Lord  
to proclaim good news  
to the poor,  
liberty to the captives  
and the year of the  
Lord's favor.*

Luke 4

Song of Praise. **King of Kings**

**The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.**

## PSALM 102

You will arise and have pity on | Zion;\* it is the time to favor her; the appointed | time has come. **Let this be recorded for a genera- | tion to come,\* so that a people yet to be created may | praise the LORD:** that he looked down from his | holy height;\* from heaven the LORD looked | at the earth, **to hear the groans of the | prisoners,\* to set free those who were | doomed to die,** that they may declare in Zion the name | of the LORD,\* and in Jerusa- | lem his praise, **when peoples gather to- | gether,\* and kingdoms, to wor- | ship the LORD. Glory 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.** You will arise and have pity on | Zion;\* it is the time to favor her; the appointed | time has come.

## INTROIT

***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.***

## PSALM 19

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; **the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;** the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; **the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;** the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;** sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. **Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.** Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. **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. **Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.** Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!

## SELECTED READINGS

3rd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY. 23 Jan. 2022.

Old Testament/Nehemiah 8:1–10. Epistle/1 Corinthians 12:12–31. Gospel/Luke 4:16–30

### **Jesus Is Manifested as Our Savior through the Preaching of the Gospel.**

- When Jesus opens His mouth to preach, gracious words flow from His lips. The Scriptures are, indeed, fulfilled in your hearing. For Christ was anointed by the Spirit of the Lord “*to proclaim good news to the poor,*” “*to proclaim liberty to the captives*” and “*to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor*”. (Luke 4:18–23)
- By this proclamation, Christ releases His people from captivity and gathers them to Himself in His Church. So it was when the Lord released His people from Babylon and returned them to Jerusalem. “*Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people,*” sanctified the whole congregation by the reading and preaching of the Law. As the people then were urged to “*eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready.*” (Neh. 8:10)
- So are you anointed by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ to share in His feast and to serve the fellow members of His Body with His good gifts, “*giving greater honor to the part that lacked it.*” (1 Cor. 12:12, 24)

## NICENE CREED

Hymn of the Day. **The Gifts Christ Freely Gives** LSB #602

23 January 2022 Third Sunday after the Epiphany

**Mixed Reviews** Luke 4:22, 28-30

*All who were there spoke well of him and were amazed by the beautiful words that fell from his lips. "How can this be?" they asked. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" ...These remarks stung them to fury; and jumping up, they mobbed him and took him to the edge of the hill on which the city was built, to push him over the cliff.*

*But he walked away through the crowd and left them.*

The citizens of Nazareth, having witnessed Jesus grow up among them, and having thus become all too familiar with His humanity, stumbled over His claim to divinity and consequent claim on their lives.

**1. The blessing of witnessing Jesus grow up among you**

- a. At home, at work with Joseph, in the Synagogue
- b. Blessed to hear Him read and interpret the prophet Isaiah

**2. The curse of over-familiarity**

- a. All spoke well of Him and marveled at His gracious words
- b. Is not this Joseph's son?

**3. God's heart to love and save us all**

- a. Elijah and the widow; Elisha and the Syrian commander
- b. We find great difficulty accepting God's claim on our lives

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH. 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. 23 JAN. 2022**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God of Zion, we give You thanks that You have arisen to show pity to our fallen world, setting us free from our sin and death. In Christ, the appointed time of favor has come for all people. Cause Your name to be declared among all peoples, that Your grace may not be rejected in our time, but received with delight in every place. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, Your people in the days of Ezra the priest returned to Your Word with attentive ears. Give us eagerness to hear Your Word with understanding, that our days may be sanctified and Your commandments put into practice among us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, You have arranged us as members of one body in Christ Jesus. Free us from jealousy or contempt toward our fellow Christians. Lead us to bestow honor on our weaker brothers, to suffer and rejoice together, and to serve in harmony as those baptized in one Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, bless all families and homes, that one generation may tell to the next the wonderful works of God in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, give wisdom and courage to all who govern our communities and country, that they may lead well, following Your will rather than man's whims. Grant us willingness to support them with our prayers and encouragement. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious and compassionate Lord, comfort those who mourn [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. As our Great Physician, mend the bodies and uplift the spirits of all in need [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, Your Son has come with favor to deliver us, and in His blessed Sacrament He brings cleansing and strength. Give faith to us all, that we would not despise our Savior and this Holy Communion. Do not pass through us and go away as at Nazareth, but dwell among us graciously. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn. **Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast.** LSB #577