

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**The Church Is Sent to the World**  
**January 29, 2023**  
**8:00 am**



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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **AS WE GATHER**

Our Bible Reading of the Day is Acts 13:1-12. The Holy Spirit plays the lead role in the missional efforts of the church. This truth is abundantly clear as the assembled church at Antioch sends out the first missionary team. In this session, we will see how the church, in obedience to the Great Commission and the call of the Holy Spirit, goes “on offense” in a new way while the enemy plays defense. Although the focus will be upon Barnabas and Saul, the whole church was involved in their missionary enterprise through prayer, fasting, commissioning, and support.

### **WELCOME and REGISTER ATTENDANCE**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **OPENING HYMN:** LSB 837 Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.
  
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.
  
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.
  
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

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## **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pastor: We come humbly before You, O Lord, recognizing that we have not always responded to Your grace in faithfulness and obedience. Often we feel we deserve more or better, forgetting and rejecting Your Word and Your works of salvation.

**People:** At times, we are lured by the world's deceptions, consumed by greed, passion, and desire. We fail to be thoroughly grounded in Your Word. Forgive us, dear Lord, for rejoicing in the temporal treasures on earth instead of the eternal treasures of heaven.

Pastor: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

**People:** Forgive my impatience and my neglect. By Your Spirit, lead me to greater faith, obedience, service, and repentance until Your call to eternal glory comes. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained Servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Thanks be to God. Amen.

**INTROIT:** Psalm 149; Antiphon verse 4

Pastor: Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song,

**People:** is praise in the assembly of is faithful people.

Pastor: Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;

**People:** let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

Pastor: Let them praise his name with dancing

**People:** and make music to him with timbrel and harp.

Pastor: For the Lord takes delight in his people;

**People:** he crowns the humble with victory.

Pastor: Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor

**People:** and sing for joy on their beds.

Pastor: May the praise of God be in their mouths

**People:** and a double-edged sword in their hands,

Pastor: to inflict vengeance on the nations

**People: and punishment on the peoples,**

Pastor: to bind their kings with fetters,

**People: their nobles with shackles of iron,**

Pastor: to carry out the sentence written against them—

**People: this is the glory of all his faithful people. Praise the Lord.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: For the Lord takes delight in his people;

**People: he crowns the humble with victory.**

**KYRIE** (spoken responses)

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** This is the Feast

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set  
us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing,  
and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all  
creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb  
forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Let us pray together.

**All: Father, You sent Your Son that we might be blessed with salvation from our sin. We thank You and praise You for this gift of grace. Now may we go, blessed with Your Holy Spirit and directed to fulfill Jesus' Great Commission. Whether here at home or to the ends of the earth, and everywhere in between, help us to go in faith, with boldness, and with purpose to make Jesus known and to make disciples to His glory. We ask this through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **TIME IN THE WORD**

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**The Reading of the Day:** Acts 13:1-12

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.

They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the

proconsul from the faith. Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, “You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun.”

Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON HYMN:** LSB 662 Onward, Christian Soldiers

- 1 Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.  
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle See His banners go!  
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
  
- 2 Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided, All one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.  
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

- 3 Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail;  
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail.  
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
- 4 Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng,  
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:  
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the king;  
This through countless ages Men and angels sing.  
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

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## **THE SERMON**

### **NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God; the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary.....evermore praising you and singing:

**People (sing): Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

### **AGNUS DEI**

People (sing): Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

### **COMMUNION**

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**: LSB 637

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

**COMMUNION HYMN**: LSB 794 The Lord, My God, Be Praised

- 1 The Lord, my God, be praised,  
My light, my life from heaven;  
My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;  
My Father, who will shield  
And keep me day by day  
And make each moment yield  
New blessings on my way.
- 2 The Lord, my God, be praised,  
My trust, my life from heaven,  
The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,  
Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood  
And gives to me by faith The highest heav'nly good.
- 3 The Lord, my God, be praised,  
My hope, my life from heaven,  
The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.  
His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow'r,  
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.
- 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever-living,  
To whom the heav'nly host  
Their laud and praise are giving.  
The Lord, my God, be praised,  
In whose great name I boast,  
God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

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**COMMUNION HYMN**: LSB 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!

- 2 Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us!  
    O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made:  
    O Lord, have mercy!

- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion!  
    O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:  
    O Lord, have mercy!

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## **DISMISSAL and PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN:** LSB 830 (verses 1-2, 6)

Spread the Reign of God the Lord

- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord,  
Spoken, written, mighty Word;  
Ev'rywhere His creatures call  
To His heav'nly banquet hall.
  
- 2 Tell how God the Father's will  
Made the world, upholds it still,  
How His own dear Son He gave  
Us from sin and death to save.
  
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
Rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath'ring nations all  
See Your light and heed Your call.

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**SEND OFF**

Pastor: At Zion we are committed to reaching out, strengthening  
the saved,

**All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!**