



Overcome
evil *with*
GOOD.

ROMANS 12:21



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Epiphany 3

Serving Us Today

Organist: Kathy Conway

Greeter: Laurie White

We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship

Pre-service Meditation: *Psalm 67*

Pre-Service Prayer

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies, prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name. Strengthen me against all that would attack my faith and soul, and move me to show Your love even to those who are hurtful toward me. Amen.

Order of Worship

(Worship Supplement pp. 1ff)

*When the congregation is asked to stand, please do so only if you are able.
You may remain seated if standing is difficult.*

Pre-Service Music

Welcome to Worship & Opening Prayer

Hymn: 343 (1-2, 5-7) – How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

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

Congregation (spoken): **Amen**

P: Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a fellow believer called by Christ to serve among you 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.

C (spoken): **Amen.**

C (sings): **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

(WS2000 pp. 2-3)

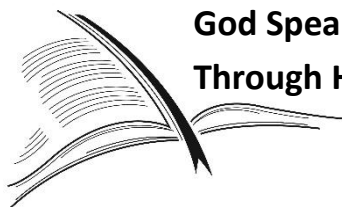
Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth.

Cong: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give you thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For

you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer (Pastor)

Congregation (speaks): **Amen**



God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Lesson

2 Kings 5:1-19

Naaman was really the enemy of his wife's slave girl--she had been carried away from her home in a Syrian raid. Yet, she gladly

offered hope to her master by telling him about the true God of Israel. As a result of her speaking up, Naaman was cured of his leprosy and his sin.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." So

Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant." But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none." And he urged him to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, "If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD. In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter." He said to him, "Go in peace."

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 67:1-3,7

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

Cong: that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C: let all the peoples praise you!

P: God shall bless us;

C: let all the ends of the earth fear him!

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 8:1-13

Both the leper and the centurion had unwavering faith that Jesus could help in their specific need and give that for which they asked. God grant us such a faith through the power of His Word.

When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it!

C (sings): Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Confession of Faith: The Apostolic 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

Hymn: 126 – Arise and Shine in Splendor

The Sermon

Text: Romans 12:17-21

Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

“Overcome Evil”

- I. Flee Revenge
- II. Pursue Peace
- III. Proclaim Love

Congregation (sings): Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your free Spirit.

Hymn: 412 – May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Benediction (Pastor)

C (spoken): **Amen.**

Hymn: 50 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Silent Prayer

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Welcome! to all who have gathered for worship this morning.

Guest and Visitors, we invite you to sign our guest book. We look forward to having you worship with us again! Please speak to the members or pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry at Trinity.



Thank-offerings may be left in the offering plate in the back of the church or mailed to the church. Electronic donations may be made via the link for “online offering” at the bottom of the home page on our website (Spokanelutheran.com)

This Week's Schedule

(If the Lord wills we shall do this or that)

Today

9:15 a.m. Bible Class (**Words with Big Meanings**: Justification & Reconciliation)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday

1:30 p.m. Bible Study at Gethsemane (Epistles of John)

Saturday (January 31)

9:15 a.m. Bible Class (**Words with Big Meanings**)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service Greeters: Tom & Molly Bettinger

The Annual Voters Meeting follows the worship service

in the
HOSPITAL
and in our prayers



Hospitalized: Tom Steger (Sacred Heart)

Prayer List: Joyce Miller, Pastor John Hein & family, Ariel Smith & her Dad, Pastor Schnose, Tom Steger, Donna Zarling

News & Notes

Frozen Treasure: Pastor Naumann left some items in the parsonage freezers when he moved to Wisconsin. The inventory is listed on a sheet in the north entry. If you can make use of any items, please add your name on the sheet next to the item(s) you can use. The items will be gathered up and ready for pickup next Sunday.



A Shift in Service

A couple of weeks ago, I was appointed (by the CLC President) to complete the remaining five months in Pastor John Hein's term on the Immanuel Lutheran College Board of Regents. I spent several days prayerfully deliberating

whether to accept the appointment or to continue as CLC Secretary (neither wisdom nor the CLC Constitution allows one individual to do both things). This deliberation also included a discussion with the Board of Elders and Church Council. In the end, I was led to accept the appointment and will serve on the Board of Regents until June when the Convention will elect for a new 4-year term. I will serve as secretary until a new secretary is in place (an individual is currently considering his appointment). I served as CLC Secretary for 21½ years, so this will be an adjustment with new ways of service, new challenges, and new rewards. Travel for this role will be at the same times as when I was secretary, e.g. Spring Board meetings in April, but will involve an additional day or two. If you have any questions about this, please speak to me. -- Pastor E.

Winter Movie Series @ Gethsemane: In February, Gethsemane typically has a few Sunday afternoon opportunities to gather and watch informational films. This year's Sundays are February 1, 15, and 22. The films all start at 2:15 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall, and all are welcome (often, there are even snacks 😊).

February 1 - Wonder of God's Creation

The Wonder of the Cell: The cells of our bodies are miniature factories that perform thousands of jobs every second! Journey through the bloodstream to investigate how white blood cells eliminate a bacterial infection. You will encounter proteins that literally “walk” down cellular “highways” and cells that dramatically change their shape. As a result, you will gain a greater appreciation for love and the designs of Creator God. **Runtime:** 48 minutes

The Wonder of DNA: The amazing information system known as DNA bears the stamp of being designed and created by God. DNA includes hidden codes and regulatory information (that for many years was considered by evolutionists to be "junk" DNA). The complexity of DNA and the many layers of information encoded by it greatly constrain the ability evolution would have to achieve the random changes necessary

for molecules-to-man evolution. Clearly, DNA is not the result of evolutionary processes and disorder but the creative processes and design of the Creator God. **Runtime:** 63 minutes



News from around the Church of the Lutheran Confession

Calls: Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has **received** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ / Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Ev. Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, is considering the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY / Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, is considering the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI / Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, is considering the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.

Our Response to God's Love

At Jesus' Feet

"But Mary sat at Jesus' feet and heard His Word"

(Luke 10:38)

January 17

Attendance: Bible Class - 7 / Worship - 19

Offerings: \$585

(\$565 General Fund, \$10 MDF, \$10 Kinship)



January Cleaners

Sanctuary: Estes / **North Entry:** Clark

Basement: Helke

CLC Financial Report - December 2025

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2025	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 6 Months	Balance 12/31/2025
General Fund	0	614,367	600,002	632,550	14,365
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	984,582	824,402	887,520	160,180
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	99,143	20,372	30,499		89,016
ILC Building Projects	2,066,713	331,726	340		2,398,099
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	148,402	160,284	135,627		173,059
Kinship	169,472	108,947	111,434		166,985
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,503,796	319,080	596,154		2,226,722
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	101,689	115,188	149,121		67,756
EduK8 Fund	70,311	50,698	20,000		101,009
Reserve Fund	103,629	2,042	0		105,671
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,263,155	\$1,108,337	\$1,043,175		\$5,328,317

The Lord has blessed us and members have responded with their generous gifts as described below. We pray for continuing support.

General Fund – The General Fund continues to do well and for the first time in 23 months has a positive balance. Thanks be to God!

ILC Operations –The balance in the fund at the end of December is about \$40,000 higher than it was a year ago.

Mission Development Fund – Contributions through the first six months of our fiscal year are up 60% over the same period last year. This has allowed us to fund overseas projects.

Kinship – Contributions are up 47% over the same period last year. This has helped maintain the balance in the fund even after providing over \$30,000 of disaster relief for our overseas brethren.

Church Extension Fund – Year to date revenue consists of payments received of about \$197,000 from congregations on the loans they owe the CLC, and \$121,000 from increases in the market value of the investments. Disbursements include \$559,000 loaned to a member congregation for their building project.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer
Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees