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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Welcome! We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened through the study of God's Word and empowered to live as His witnesses.

Families, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; a small area is set up in the atrium for children with "wiggles"; and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the rear parking lot entrance to your left as you exit the atrium doors of the Multi-Ministry Center (MMC). **Guests**, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the *Guest* side of the *Welcome Card* found in the pews/chair backs and place it in the offering baskets.

As We Gather Are you continuing to grow in wisdom? If so, in what ways are you growing in wisdom and where do you look to grow in wisdom? If not, what habits could you put into your life to intentionally grow in wisdom? Do you have a favorite Bible verse? Do you know your identity in Christ? God, our Father, adopts us as His sons and daughters. Through His grace, He makes us an heir. And He gives His children good gifts. As we seek to gain more wisdom in this world, hear these words from a wise man named Solomon: Proverbs 4:6-7 (MSG): *Above all and before all, do this: Get Wisdom! Write this at the top of your list: Get Understanding!*

Worship and Sunday Study @ Zion Lutheran:

Classic Services: 8:30am • Contemporary: 11:00am

9:45am Study/ Sunday School

Communion: 1st and 3rd Classic Services; 2nd and 4th Contemporary

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Opening Worship

*Battle Belongs
Build My Life*

Call to Worship

Confession and Absolution

Children's Message

God's Word *(see opposite or screens)*

*Psalm 119:129-136
Ephesians 1:3-14
Luke 2:40-52*

(Children dismissed for Children's Church (CC))

What We Believe *(see screens)*

Nicene Creed

Today's Message

Offering

(Thanks for your support of God's mission here – Children return from CC.)

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord/ Reception

Jesus Messiah

Blessing

Song

Greater

Dismissal

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 119:129-136

(Knowing God and knowing ourselves.)

L ¹²⁹ *Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.*

C ¹³⁰ **The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.**

L ¹³¹ *I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments.*

C ¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.**

L ¹³³ *Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.*

C ¹³⁴ **Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts.**

L ¹³⁵ *Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.*

C ¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.**

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3-14

(In His infinite wisdom, God gives us an eternal inheritance.)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in

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EPISTLE (cont.)

him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹ Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴ but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹ And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen today...

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Cont. Worship Ldr.	Dyann Cooper	Audio	Matt Blankenship
Children's Msg.	Chris Graves, DCE	Reader	Glen Brueggemeier
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