

**1st John - Chapter 2**  
***Walking in the Light***  
**3rd Sunday After Pentecost**



**AS WE GATHER**

Today we are continuing our sermon series on the small but powerful book of 1st John. In 1st John 2, the Apostle John reminds us we are to avoid the darkness of sin, and walk in the light of the Lord!

**810 O God of God, O Light of Light**



1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and  
 2 For deep in proph-ets' sa-cred page, And grand in po-ets'  
 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in  
 4 Then raise to Christ a might-y song, And shout His name, His



King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo-ry bright The song of  
 wing-ed word, Slow-ly in type, from age to age The na-tions  
 hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a-bove He reigns, our  
 mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



praise for-ev-er rings. To Him who sits up-on the throne,  
 saw their com-ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju-de-an night  
 King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might-y gates!  
 earth, your an-them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin-ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a-gain, Be all the glo-ry  
 Rang out the song, "Good-will to men!" Sung once by first-born  
 So sang that host be-yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your  
 For-ev-er let the song as-cend! Wor-thy the Lamb, en-



He has won, All thanks and praise! A-men, a-men.  
 sons of light, It ech-oes now, "Good-will!" A-men.  
 King a-waits. We lift them up, A-men, a-men.  
 throned to reign, All glo-ry, pow'r! A-men, a-men.

**+ INVOCATION +**

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

People: Amen.

**+ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION+**

Pastor: The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son,

People: Purifies us from all sin.

*1st John 1:7*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1st John 1:8-9*

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in my thoughts, my words, and in my deeds, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. I have sinned against You by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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: Amen.

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**OPENING SCRIPTURES**

*Walking in the Light*

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World,"

People: Whoever walks in me will never walk in darkness.

*John 8:12*

Pastor: The darkness is passing away,

People: And the True Light is already shining.

*1st John 2:8*

Pastor: Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother,

People: Is still in darkness.

*1st John 2:9*

Pastor: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

People: Walk as children of light.

*Ephesians 5:8*

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

LSB 155


*Refrain*




☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 2:2-5*

<sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, <sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM**

*Psalms 119:105-112*

<sup>105</sup>Your word is a lamp to my feet  
**and a light to my path.**

<sup>106</sup>I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,  
**to keep your just and righteous decrees.**

<sup>107</sup>I am severely afflicted;  
**give me life, O LORD, according to your word!**

<sup>108</sup>Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O LORD,  
**and teach me your just decrees.**

<sup>109</sup>I hold my life in my hand continually,  
**but I do not forget your law.**

**Glory be 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.**

### THE EPISTLE

*1st John 2:7-11*

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. <sup>8</sup>At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. <sup>9</sup>Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. <sup>10</sup>Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. <sup>11</sup>But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*LSB 156*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

*John 8:12-16*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." <sup>13</sup>So the Pharisees said to

him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." <sup>14</sup>Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup>You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. <sup>16</sup>Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### THE 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 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.**

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.  
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*  
 In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

The night and the day are both a - like.

The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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THE SERMON

THE OFFERING (*Offering plates are located in the back of the church.*)

THE OFFERTORY 973 Thy Word Is a Lamp

*Refrain*  
 Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.

1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,  
 2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My

Still You're there right be - side me. And  
 heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.

noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.  
 Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And

*Refrain*  
 Please be near me to the end.  
 I will love You to the end.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Heavenly Father, give us Your Holy Spirit that we might walk in the light of the Lord, in all goodness and truth, Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You are the True Light, the Light no darkness can overcome. We give You thanks for defeating the forces of darkness. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For all who are in any need, especially...Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

**PREFACE**

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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS**

*LSB 161*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**PAX DOMINI**

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

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 163*

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**THE DISTRIBUTION**

**684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary**

- 1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."
- 2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."
- 3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."
- 4 "And who-so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."

O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!  
O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!  
O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!  
O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,

It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par-don, grace, and peace,  
Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;  
The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;  
Which, though we be un-wor - thy Of love so great and free,

Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.  
But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.  
But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.  
In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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**861 Christ Be My Leader**

- 1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
- 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
- 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not

dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor


fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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**857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way**

- 1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
- 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
- 3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You
- 4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor
- 5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -

ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -  
pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in  
place with - in the hands Of those who seek to  
count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the  
ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.  
 ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.  
 fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.  
 mean - est task That waits the gift of love.  
 get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

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**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE – Thank the Lord** LSB 164



**☞** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.


People: Amen.

**BENEDICTION**


Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 The love of God the Father,  
 And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. *(2nd Cor. 13:14)*

People: Amen.


**685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de-ceive us And to  
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad-ness; Where He  
 con - quered death, He will free us from de-struc-tion, Give to  
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot-steps tread-ing,  
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh-ter,  
 us im - mor-tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem-bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence

hope and love, Let us do the Fa-ther's bid-ding. Faith-ful  
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,

Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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