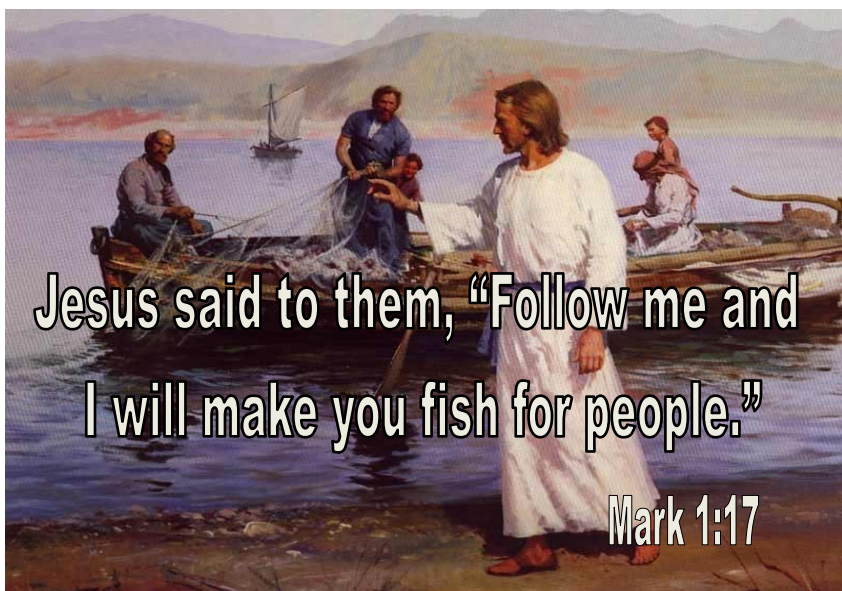


# 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 24, 2021



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As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Every Member .....	Ministers
Elizabeth Hess .....	Pastor
Ralph Grove .....	Organist
Cindy Finnegan .....	Minister of Music

### Lectors

.....	6:30 PM
.....	8:15 AM
.....	10:45 AM

### Acolytes

.....	6:30 PM
.....	8:15 AM
.....	10:45 AM

### Ushers

.....	6:30 PM
.....	8:15 AM
.....	10:45 AM



Total donations January 1, 2021 through January 15, 2021 **\$5,699.00**

Weekly average **\$1,899.66**

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRE-WORSHIP MEDITATION:

PASTOR: Let us read together Mark 12:28-31 (the Jesus Rule)

**ALL: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself.**

PASTOR: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

#### PRELUDE

#### \*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity ☩ one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

C: **Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Loving God,

**C: we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen**

#### \*ENTRANCE HYMN

#### \*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray....

**C: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON** Jonah 3:1-5, 10

*The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"*

L: A reading from Jonah

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L: The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

*God alone is my rock and my salvation. (Ps. 62:6)*

For God alone I wait in silence;  
truly, my hope is in God.

**God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

In God is my deliverance and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

**Put your trust in God always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge. R**

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.

**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,  
for you repay all according to their deeds. R**

## SECOND LESSON      1 Corinthians 7:29-31

*Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

L:      A reading from Corinthians

Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L:      The word of the Lord

C:      **Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

*Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the First Chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

## FOR THE CHILDREN

### SERMON

### \*HYMN OF THE DAY

## \*APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.\*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. **Amen**

## \*PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

*"Each of you shall bring such a gift as he can in proportion to the blessing which the Lord your God has given you" Deuteronomy 16:17*

## OFFERING

### \*THE PRAYERS

A: Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

A: Lord in your mercy

C: **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P: Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C:** 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**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace

**C:**  A - men

The musical notation shows a treble clef on a five-line staff. The notes are: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. A slur is placed under the A4 and B4 notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P:** Mark 12:28-31

**C:** Love God, Love others.

**\*POSTLUDE**





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are grateful you are joining us today for worship. All who are baptized and receive communion in their home church are welcome to communion with us. In Christ's name we welcome our visitors and ask you to please introduce yourselves to Pastor Hess.



### PASTORAL CARE

Would you like Pastor Eli to visit or call on a loved one that is in the hospital or at home? Take a moment and drop a note in the collection basket; the information will be given to Pastor. After service when talking to members of the congregation she is often told about more than one person in need of a visit so writing it down will give her the necessary information.

Be sure to include the name of the person in need along with where they are and their phone number. Please include your name and phone number, too, so Pastor can contact you if needed.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Anyone who would like to help out delivering altar flowers to shut-ins please contact Patty Bennett at 944-4823. Ask anyone who has delivered flowers and they will tell you how much the flowers are appreciated.



### ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP DATES

There is one open date for sponsoring flowers. If you are interested please contact Patty Bennett at 944-4823.

Available date: **April 18, 2021.**



### SYNOD NEWSLETTER

The Synod Council voted to move the Lutheran Letter to an all-digital newsletter. Any congregation member who wishes to continue receiving the newsletter, please send your email address to Michelle Bossler at [Michelle.Bossler@alleghensynod.com](mailto:Michelle.Bossler@alleghensynod.com)

# PRAYER LIST

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Ron Heiss  
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Nancy Yeager

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Ron Green  
Ken Kumpf  
Marie Laich  
Dawn Mangus  
Bob Nearhoof  
Arlene Roessing

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Jason Buck  
Jim Buchanan  
Kyle Eberhart  
Nathan Frank  
Ryan Maguire  
Justin Patz  
Jason Smith

Eric Sweet



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Scott Aungst  
Sandy Badorrec  
Rick Beauchamp  
Frank Bennett  
Kris Bennett  
Casey Bondarenka  
Pat Burk  
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John Bush  
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Jim Deffibaugh  
Jordan DeFrancisco  
Zane Dodson  
Miles Dunkelbarger  
Scott Esch Family  
Nancy & Bill Filler  
Elisie Fogel  
Garth Family  
Haley Gehret  
Dawn George  
Amy Gleason  
Amanda Gregg & Daughters  
Ann Hanczaryk

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Tim Harrison  
Don Haslem  
Danielle Hatfield  
Dave Hogan  
Jack Hoyne  
Beth Ickes  
Judy Johnson  
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Bob McConnell  
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Mary Walter  
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James Wilt  
Steve Wood

## IN THE NETS OF THE KINGDOM

Jan, wandering seat to seat on the bus, was crossing state lines from Michigan to Wisconsin. Bruce had sent her the ticket. The two met at a church youth convention; now she was going to be his high school prom date. Here's how it happened: At the youth gathering, during each morning's worship, the two held the same green hymn book. During the afternoon Bible studies, sitting cross-legged in a circle on the floor, she read compellingly from her red leatherette Bible. For evening reflections, the prayers she pulled from her blue plastic packet of devotions swept the room. Bruce was bedazzled. That's why he bought the ticket. When Jan stepped off the bus, she shimmered, telling him how from seat to seat along Highway 2 she had saved souls, netting fourteen converts on a colorful missionary journey.

As delighted as Jan might have been, her proselytizing was not the kind of fishing for people Jesus was after when he passed along the Sea of Galilee, calling oily fishermen to "follow me." What shook Simon and Andrew, James and John, and countless women and men throughout the ages to—immediately, impulsively—give up their nets, quit mending, abandon boats, and leave families and homes?

Jesus' wild, sea-changing challenge demands courage. It dares us into a way of living, a manner of seeing, and a risk of not knowing but earnestly believing that when he asks us to step up, something more meaningful than all we have awaits us.

Jesus' "follow me" comes amid a lifetime of rigorous monotony, in which we are constantly casting nets to catch more of what never satisfies. Jesus' "follow me" is an epiphany. It is an invitation, not to "save souls," but to be gathered and to gather the weak and despairing, to minister to the ruined and abandoned, scared and starving, to show compassion to the mean and unloving, and to embrace the great, greedy, proud, and demanding; all of this awaits us in the nets of God's kingdom.



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