

# Third Sunday after the Epiphany - January 24, 2021



The call of God is serious business. It is rooted in God's desire for all people to know Him and be in a loving relationship with him. Those who are called are sent out to fish for people, the people God loves. This call is an urgent one. It cannot wait. And it's not about us — it's about Jesus reconciling the whole world to the Father, who sent his Son to usher in the Kingdom of God in the here and now.

## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

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- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and return our thanks in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MUSICAL PRELUDE, LIGHTING OF CANDLES - MUSICIAN: KAREN HALL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Stand, Spoken)*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: Almighty God in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for is sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+)Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

APOSTOLIC GREETING *(Spoken)*

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.**

KYRIE *(Spoken)*

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

HYMN "GOD, WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD" - LBW # 400 *(Sung)*

**God, whose almighty word Chaos and darkness heard And took their flight:**

**Hear us, we humbly pray, And where the Gospel day Sheds not its glorious ray, Let there be light!**

**Lord, who once came to bring, On your redeeming wing, Healing and sight,**

**Health to the sick in mind, Sight to the in-ly blind: Oh, now to humankind Let there be light!**

**Spirit of truth and love, Lifegiving, holy dove, Speed forth your flight;  
Move on the water's face Bearing the lamp of grace, And in earth's darkest place Let there be light!**

**Holy and blessed three, Glorious Trinity, Wisdom, love, might!  
Boundless as ocean's tide, Rolling in fullest pride, Through the earth, far and wide, Let there be light!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Spoken)*

P: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your Kingdom and to teach with authority. **Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

FIRST READING — JONAH 3:1-5, 10

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

SECOND READING – 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-35

<sup>29</sup>This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>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 goods, <sup>31</sup>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.

<sup>32</sup>I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, <sup>34</sup>and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. <sup>35</sup>I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL VERSE *(Stand, Sung)*

**C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES – MARK 1:14-20 *(Spoken)*

P: The Holy Gospel from St. Mark chapter 1. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

<sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE *(Sit)*

HYMN: "JESUS CALLS US; O'ER THE TUMULT" LBW #494 *(Stand, Sung)*

**Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult Of our life's wild, restless sea,  
Day by day his clear voice sounding, Saying, "Christian, follow me."**

**As of old St. Andrew heard it By the Galilean lake  
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.**

**Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us, Saying, "Christian, love me more."**

**In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."**

**Jesus calls us! In your mercy, Savior, make us hear your call,  
Give our hearts to your obedience, Serve and love you best of all.**

APOSTLES' CREED *(Spoken)*

**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**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Spoken)*

OFFERING HYMN *(Sung)*

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

OFFERING PRAYER *(Spoken)*

**P: O Lord our God, maker of all things, through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.**

**C: With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Spoken)*

**P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.**

**P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**P: It is indeed right and for our good benefit that we should, at all times and in all places, offer thanks and praise to you, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who came among us to overcome our darkness by sharing the brilliant light of your glory and love. So, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:**

SANCTUS *(Sung)*

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

AGNUS DEI *(Sung)*

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT *(Sit)*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN (*Stand, Sung*)

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Spoken*)

P: O God, let the communion we have shared at this holy table secure our undivided attention to Christ our Lord,

**C: that we may be freed from our anxieties and made holy and pleasing in your sight. 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: Amen**

HYMN: "O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED" - LBW #503 (*Sung*)

**O Jesus, I have promised To serve you to the end;  
Remain forever near me, My master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle If you are by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway If you will be my guide.**

**Oh, let me feel you near me; The world is ever near.  
I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me, Around me and within;  
But, Jesus, then draw nearer To shield my soul from sin.**

**Oh, let me hear you speaking In accents clear and still  
Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self-will.  
Now speak to reassure me, To hasten or control;  
Now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, you have promised To all who follow you  
That where you are in glory Your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised To serve you to the end;  
Oh, give me grace to follow, My master and my friend.**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**