

Epiphany 3



“Follow me and I will make you fish for people.”

MARK 1:14-20

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021—Epiphany 3

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God....Holy God,

C. **you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

P. How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ☩ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN #720 ELW—Text: David Haas, b. 1957

"We Are Called"—All Verses

1 Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain

We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.

2 Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So hatred and blindness will be no more.

Refrain

We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.

- 3 Sing! Sing a new song
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assistant Minister

- A. Let us pray... Almighty God,
C. **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 READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Assistant Minister

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So 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. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When 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.

- A. Word of God, word of life. C. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and 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, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

- A. Word of God, word of life. C. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

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P. The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the 1st chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,
¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately 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.

MESSAGE

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HYMN OF THE DAY #696 ELW—Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

“Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult”—All Verses

- 1 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":
- 2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.
- 3 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."
- 4 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."
- 5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

APOSTLES' CREED

Assistant Minister

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

OFFERING
OFFERTORY

Prayers of Intercession

Assistant Minister

Guided by the Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the church throughout the world—for pastors and teachers, for deacons, musicians, and servers—for all those who proclaim the good news of God’s reconciling love, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation—that God may raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates—that God may inspire all people in the just use of wealth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief—that in the midst of suffering, God’s peace and mercy may surround them, let us pray—*especially Lois Mae Helgason, Gloria Maisch, Clair Wilson, Bob Happold, Myrna Petzoldt, Michelle Lindsay, Joan Head, Marilyn Williamson, Bonnie Larsen, Jacey Yarns, Janice Sperling, and Bonnie Olson. We pray also for those we name aloud or silently in our hearts.*

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Have mercy, O God.

For our congregation and community, for families big and small, and for the organizations that meet here during the week—that God’s steadfast love may serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living—that they may point us to salvation through Christ, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE p. 152 ELW

- A. The peace of Christ be with you all.
- C. **And also with you.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

- P. Gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- 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.**

BLESSING

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- P. God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN #866 ELW—Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

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| 1 We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching,
we are marching in the light of God. | 3 We are praying in the light of God,
we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying in the light of God,
we are praying in the light of God.

We are praying,
we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying,
we are praying in the light of God. |
| 2 We are dancing in the light of God,
we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing in the light of God,
we are dancing in the light of God.

We are dancing,
we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing,
we are dancing in the light of God. | 4 We are singing in the light of God,
we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God,
we are singing in the light of God.

We are singing,
we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing,
we are singing in the light of God. |

SENDING

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- P. Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
- C. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting Postponed

The 2020 Annual Meeting—which was set for February 7, 2021—has been postponed. Details will follow when a new date is set.

In Person Worship at Messiah Resumes

February 7, 2021—8:30 AM

Congregants are asked to wear masks and follow CDC social distancing guidelines. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available at the main entrance.

Annual Reports Available January 25, 2021

2020 Annual Reports are available in the Messiah church office. Stop by the church at your most convenient time during office hours to pick one up.

Offering Envelopes

Your offering envelopes are here! They're in the library nook by the south entrance. Stop by the church at your most convenient time during office hours to pick them up.

Worship Ministers – 8:30 AM

Asst. Minister: Cathie Cure

Projector Tech: Kim Zarek

Sound/ Video: Doug Zarek

Organist: Jared Hansen

The bulletins are given to the glory of God.

SATURDAY SUPPERS 2:30-4:00

5th Saturday—Courtney Berg and the youth.
To donate, simply mark your gift "Saturday Supper."
Come join us! To volunteer, contact the church office.

816 food boxes on January 16th

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS – January 17, 2021

	ATTENDANCE	UNIFIED OFFERING
Attendance Last Week:	71 views	\$4,720.00
AVERAGE TO DATE 2020:	85	
AVERAGE TO DATE 2019:	81	

Sunday, January 24, 2020

8:30 a.m.—Online Worship

10:00 a.m.—St. Stephen's Worship

7:00 p.m.—Faith 5 via Zoom

Monday, January 25, 2020

9:00 & 5:00—Quilting

Tuesday, January 26, 2020

7:00—Chrysalis Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 27, 2020

Thursday, January 28, 2020

8:30—Volunteers assemble *Messenger*

Friday, January 29, 2020

Office Closes at Noon

Saturday, January 30, 2020

10:00 a.m.—Recording Sunday Service

2:30-4:00 p.m.—Saturday Supper, FOOD BOXES TO GO

Sunday, January 31, 2020

8:30 a.m.—Online Worship

10:00 a.m.—St. Stephen's Worship

7:00 p.m.—Faith 5 via Zoom

A prayer in time of sickness:

Almighty and merciful God, you are the only source of health and healing; you alone can bring calmness and peace. Grant to us, your children, an awareness of your presence and a strong confidence in you. In our pain, our weariness, and our anxiety, surround us with your care, protect us by your loving might, and permit us once more to enjoy health and strength and peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.