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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 24, 2021 - Sunday After Epiphany

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

[Mark 1:17]

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WELCOME

We're glad you chose to worship with us.

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*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.*

## BELL

*Stand as you are able*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the minster begins.*

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.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Holy God, 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.**

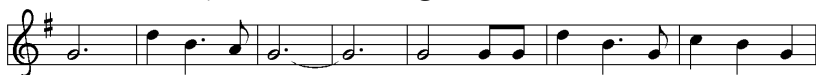
**We distrust those who are not like us.  
 We exploit the earth and its resources  
 and fail to consider generations to come.  
 Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done  
 and left undone.  
 Even before the words are on our tongues, you know  
 them;  
 receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

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**

**ELW 720**

**Come, Live in the Light / We Are Called**



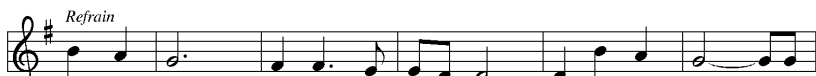
1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



*Refrain*  
 We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

## GREETING

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

## SONG OF PRAISE      Lord, I Lift Your Name on High      ELW 857

Lord I lift Your Name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us.

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way  
From the earth to the cross – my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your Name on high**

Lord we come before Your throne  
Bowed in humble adoration  
We're so glad to be Your own  
So we sing in exultation

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way  
From the earth to the cross – my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your Name on high**

Lord we lift Your Name on high  
Lord we love to sing Your praises  
We're so glad You're in our lives  
We're so glad You came to save us.

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way  
From the earth to the cross – my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your Name on high (repeat chorus)**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

*Sit*

## READING

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

### *Repentance at Nineveh*

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

<sup>10</sup>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.

## READING

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

### *Living in the end times*

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be 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 possessions, <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.

*Stand as you are able*

## ALLELUIA VERSE

*(Tune: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence)*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the Words of Life!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! You have the Words of Life!**

# GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

## *Calling the disciples at the sea*

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

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

<sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

*Sit*

## TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

## SERMON

*Stand as you are able*

## HYMN OF THE DAY Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult ELW 696



1	Je - sus	calls	us;	o'er	the	tu -	mult	of	our
2	As	of	old	Saint	An -	drew	heard	it	by
3	Je -	sus	calls	us	from	the	wor -	ship	of
4	In	our	joys	and	in	our	sor -	rows,	days
5	Je -	sus	calls	us!	By	your	mer -	cy,	Sav -
									ior,



life's	wild,	rest -	less	sea,	day	by	day	his	clear
Gal -	i -	le -	an	lake,	turned	from	home	and	toil
vain	world's	gold -	en	store,	from	each	i -	dol	that
toil	and	hours	of	ease,	still	he	calls,	in	cares
may	we	hear	your	call,	give	our	hearts	to	your
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sound -	ing,	say -	ing,	“Chris -	tian,	fol -	low	me:”
kin -	dred,	leav -	ing	all	for	Je -	sus'	sake.
keep	us,	say -	ing,	“Chris -	tian,	love	me	more.”
plea -	sures,	“Chris -	tian,	love	me	more	than	these.”
be -	dience,	serve	and	love	you	best	of	all.

**We believe in God the Father,  
God almighty, by whose plan  
Earth and heaven sprang to being,  
All created things began.  
We believe in Christ the Savior,  
Son of God in human frame,  
Virgin-born, the child of Mary  
Upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
Like a lamb to slaughter led,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
He descended to the dead.  
We believe in Jesus risen,  
Heaven's king to rule and reign,  
To the Father's side ascended  
Till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;  
In one Church, below, above:  
Saints of God in one communion,  
One in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Savior, Lord and friend,  
We shall rise with him in glory  
To the life that knows no end.**

*Stand as you are able*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians

and servers, that all 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 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 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 surround them, let us pray. **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 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 point us to salvation through Christ, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

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

**PEACE**



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**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE FOR EPIPHANY**

*Stand as you are able*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for making your love evident from the beginning of time when you spoke the word that replaced the darkness of chaos with life-giving light. **Through your love for the world, the Word became flesh and lived among us full of grace and truth.** The angels caroled “glory to you in the highest heavens and peace to all people on earth”. We join with them and all people to praise your holy name:



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

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*Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,*  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

*du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!*  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

*Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,*  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

*ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.*  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Holy God, as the Wisemen with their treasures were overwhelmed with joy on finding Jesus, **so we are overwhelmed by the depth of his love for us.**

Send the power of your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, O God, that we may experience the presence of the Word-made-flesh – Jesus Christ. **Breathe your Spirit in us that we may be one body with him – living out his ministry in this world today and every day.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## **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.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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### **SENDING PRAYERS**

Gracious and merciful God, at this sacred time we come before you in need, indeed on our knees.

But we come still more with hope, and with our eyes raised anew to the vision of a more perfect union in our land — a union of all our citizens to promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

We are a people of many races, creeds, and colors, national backgrounds, cultures, and styles, now far more numerous and our land much vaster than when Archbishop John Carroll wrote his prayer for the inauguration of George Washington 232 years ago.

Archbishop Carroll prayed that you, O Creator of All, would assist with your spirit of 'holy counsel and fortitude, the

president of these United States, that his administration might be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people.'

Today we confess our past failures to live according to our vision of equality, inclusion, and freedom for all.

Yet we resolutely commit still more now to renewing the vision, to caring for one another in word and deed, especially the least fortunate among us, and so becoming a light for the world. There is a power in each and every one of us that lives by turning to every other one of us — a thrust of the Spirit to cherish and care and stand by others and above all those most in need. It is called love and its path is to give ever more of itself.

Today it is called American patriotism, born not of power and privilege, but of care for the common good with malice toward none and with charity for all.

For our new president, we beg of you the wisdom Solomon sought when he knelt before you and prayed for an understanding heart so that I can govern your people and know the difference between right and wrong.

We trust in the counsel of the letter of James: "If any of you likes wisdom you should ask God who gives generously to all without finding fault and it will be given to you."

Pope Francis has reminded us how important it is to dream together. "By ourselves," he wrote, "we risk seeing mirages, things that are not there. Dreams, on the other hand, are built together."

Be with us, Holy Mystery of Love, as we dream together. Help us under our new president to reconcile the people of our land, restore our dream, and invest it with peace and justice and the joy that is the overflow of love.

To the glory of your name forever. Amen.



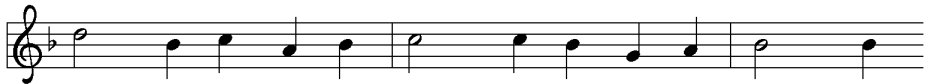
1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my  
2 Je-sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the  
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can



true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou  
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his



break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly  
glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es



and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are  
in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for



pin-ning to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,  
glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!  
and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**