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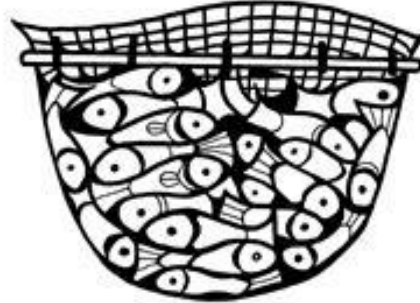
January 24, 2021

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Hymn #720 We Are Called (Verses 1 & 2)

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!
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!



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!
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!

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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.

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.**

First Lesson

A reading from Jonah:

Jonah 3:1-5,10

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.

Response: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news. *Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

The Gospel according to Mark:

Mark 1:14-20

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.

Response: Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Gone Fishin'...Really?"

Hymn #817 You Have Come Down To the Lakeshore (Verses 1 & 4)

**You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.
Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.**

**You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me.
Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.**

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Prayers of the Church

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, we pray. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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, we pray. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for those advocating on behalf of the homeless, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth, we pray. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, we pray: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for all who await relief in this pandemic crisis, and especially those whose names we speak aloud (*pause for quiet prayer*), in our hearts (*again pause...*) and those whose names fill the list of ongoing prayer concerns of this community of faith. That in the midst of suffering God's peace and mercy surround them, we pray. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for the our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, that they point us to salvation through Christ, we pray. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Blessing

Sending Hymn #696 Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult (Verses 1, 2 & 3)

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 Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' 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."

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Sending

We Welcome All Our Visitors and Friends to Our Worship Service Today

To all of you, we extend an invitation to return often, your presence is a blessing to us; we hope that soon we will be able to worship together again. Do come and be with us. If you are interested in becoming a member, please see or call Pastor Carl. All are welcomed to the Lord's Table for Holy Communion or to receive a blessing.



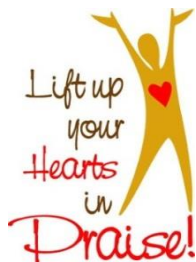
Please keep the following individuals in your prayers

Members: Mark, Calvin, Hazel, Jen, Maidie, Vivian, Colton, Bud, Carolyn & John, Carliana, Shriver, Andy, Hannah, Denise, Glenys, Matthew, Nadine, Peter, Moore family, Neuheisel family, Gene, Katie, and all homebound members.

Family & Friends: Jerry, Bernie & Chris, Nunan Family, Mike, Darlene, Frank, Erin, Clyde, Kary, Jim & Barbara, Kevin, Jack & Elinor, Liz, Heidi, Peggy, Laura, Bruce & Jamie, Karen, Caroline, Sonia, Addison, Ashlee, Maverick, Pat, Wade, Ken, hose facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

Weekly Offering and Attendance

- [Donate online via Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly)
- Send offering by mail:
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- Online Video Attendance
- January 17th - 31 views

CHURCH NEWS

TODAY, SUNDAY, 1/24 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

- Virtual Worship via [SPC YouTube Channel](#)
- LIVE Coffee & Fellowship Gathering via Zoom at 10:00am
- Confirmation Class will be held by Zoom at 7:00pm

TUESDAY, January 26th

- Bible Study via Zoom at 7:00pm

SUNDAY, 1/31 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

- Virtual Worship via [SPC YouTube Channel](#)
- LIVE Coffee & Fellowship Gathering via Zoom at 10:00am
- Confirmation Class will be held by Zoom at 7:00pm

SUNDAY, 2/7 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

- Virtual Worship via [SPC YouTube Channel](#)
- Sunday School via Zoom at 10:30am
- Confirmation Class will be held by Zoom at 7:00pm