

**St. Paul Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship Booklet
The Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 24, 2021 A.D.**



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.

PR=Pastor Ryan
L=Lector
C=Congregation

PRELUDE

Kelvingrove

setting by Charles Callahan

OPENING HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me ELW 798

KELVINGROVE

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

PR: 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.**

Silence for self-reflection and examination.

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.**

PR: 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. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PR: 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.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: 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?"

This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 62:5-12

R: God alone is my rock and my salvation.

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

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

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

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

L: 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.

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

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

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

SECOND READING: 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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN *Jesus Calls us, o'er the Tumult* ELW #696 **GALILEE**

HOLY GOSPEL: Saint 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.

The holy gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Silence for reflection.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**C: 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.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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

A brief silence.

Let us pray, **C: have mercy, O God.**

PR: 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.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

PR: My dearest Lord and Savior, though I am but a sinful servant, I approach you with confidence. I am truly sorry for having offended you by my sins because you are infinitely good. I have a great desire to receive you in Holy Communion and since I cannot be united with you in the Blessed Sacrament, I beseech you most earnestly to come to me at least spiritually and refresh my soul with the sweetness of your grace.

Come my Lord, My God, and my All, come to me and let me never again be separated from you by sin. I wish to become like you. Teach me your grace to practice meekness, humility, purity, charity and all the virtues of your most sacred heart.

Oh my Jesus, I consecrate to you my heart with all of its affections, my soul, with all its power and my body, with all its senses. In union with you I will live and labor and suffer to do the heavenly Father's will. I will ever be mindful of the presence of my God and strive to be perfect. Bless me in life and death that I may praise you forever and ever. **C: Amen.**

TAKING FAITH HOME

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

PR: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

PR: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

PR: The God of all grace + bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *Day by Day* ELW #790 **BLOTT EN DAG**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE *Prelude in E-flat Major* Mar

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