

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN**

January 24, 2021

10:00 a.m.

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**



*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.*

**PRELUDE** *Lead, Kindly Light*

arr. Marcie Smith

prerecorded by Kristin Sande, violin; Byron Klimek, cello; Karen Sande, piano

*From a 19th c. hymn, tune by J.B. Dykes, text by J.H. Newman inspired by the Biblical story of God leading the Israelites out of captivity in Egypt with a pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night.*

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister 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;  
for all we have said and left unsaid.**

**With your divine mercy, Amen.**

Through the merciful power and promise of † Jesus Christ,  
our sins are washed away

and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

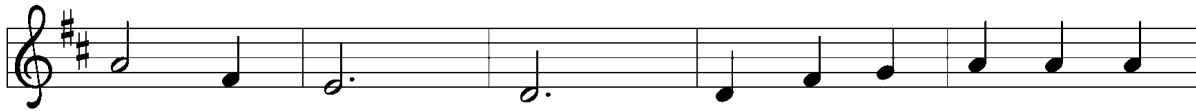
Forgiven, we are called to live Christ's justice

and make room for the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN #815 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

### *Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

### **APOSTOLIC 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



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## 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.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Logan McLean Strike, Pastoral Intern

**FIRST READING *Jonah 3:1-5, 10****read by Lois Janson*

<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.

Word of God.

**Word of Life.****SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 7:29-31****read by David Haavik*

<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.

Word of God.

**Word of Life.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

**GOSPEL *Mark 1:14-20***

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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.

SERMON

Logan McLean Strike, Pastoral Intern

HYMN OF THE DAY #817 *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*



1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -  
1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing  
2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther  
3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing  
4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo  
nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly  
trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my  
love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's  
long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.  
ask - ing for me to fol - low.  
fish nets and will for work - ing.  
will - ing to go on lov - ing.  
Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain / Estribillo



Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,  
Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi  
you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.  
small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

*or*

Bless we the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God!**

## THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## GOD EXTENDS AN INVITATION

Ben Margeson, Churches United in Ministry (CHUM)

## OFFERING

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## OFFERTORY MUSIC *My Lord, What a Mornin'*

African-American Spiritual, arr. Harry T. Burleigh  
prerecorded by Aine Miller, soloist; Karen Sande, piano

My Lord, what a mornin', my Lord, what a mornin',  
Oh my Lord, what a mornin' when the stars begin to fall.  
Done quit all my worldly ways, join that heavenly band.

## OFFERING PRAYER

O God,  
receive these gifts as you receive us:  
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.  
Nourish us anew in your tender care,  
and empower us in faithful service  
to tend to others with this same love,  
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.  
**Amen.**

## FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

*O God, you are my God, eagerly I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Ps. 63:1*

The brightness of God's presence blazes and guides us as we journey through time. Gift us, O God, as you did the magi, secure steps as we go. We take this bread, and remember the faithful God sustained and accompanied on their journey—the Apostle Paul, Simon, Andrew, James, John, Mary Magdalene and NE MN Synod Bishop Amy Odgren. We taste this bread, marveling with joy at how God provides for us in all times and places. May the light God gives burn brightly in us and spill out into God's world. **Amen.**



## HYMN *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see  
Je - sus, to reach out and touch  
him, and say that we love him.  
O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to  
lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,  
Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Walking in the light of Christ, we pray:

**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.**

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### BLESSING

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

God the creator strengthen you;

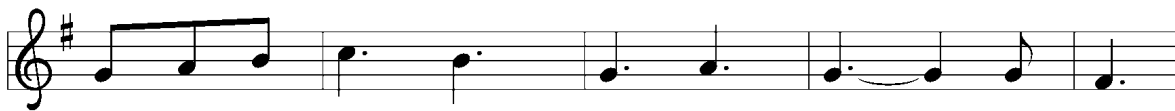
Jesus the beloved fill you;

and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN #841 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

*Hymn continues on next page*



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE** *In Thee Is Gladness*

J. S. Bach  
 Karen Sande, organ

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