

January 24, 2021
Third Sunday after Epiphany



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INTRODUCTION

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Arr. Hansen

CONFESSION AND 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.

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN #720

We are Called

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray . . .

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.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Reader: Gary Groth

R: ¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²Get 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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Reader: Gary Groth

R: 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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #250 (vs. 2)

Blessed Be the God of Israel

C: With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall, the oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all; that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel is Mark 1:14-20

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: 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.

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN #696 (vs. 1,4,5)

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 again 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG #113

C: **Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev-'ry people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Now Lord, you let your servant go in peace.**

BLESSING

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN #836

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: "Serving Christ through serving others."**

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

As with Gladness Men of Old

Arr. Labenske

Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted to the church office by calling 1 937 667-3110 or e-mail.

Total Attendance 1/16/2021& 1/17/2021: 53

Unified Giving: \$3,729.82

Building Fund: \$ 150.00

TREASURER'S REPORT:

November 2020

Unified Giving: \$23,222.87

Building Fund Giving: \$1,843.63

Expenses: \$16,096.85

Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

Building Fund Balance as of November 30, 2020: \$28,066.45

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of November 2020, on the table as you leave the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Jeremiah's Letter

We will be collecting donations for the Super Bowl of Caring to be used for supplies for their program. We will also collect new or gently used household items. They are especially in need of twin sheet sets, pots, pans, and cooking utensils. A bowl for your offerings and a box for the household items will be in the hall during the month.

Jeremiah's Letter is a faith based agency that assists people in need through several programs. The agency has also been a special blessing to Zion. While volunteering at Jeremiah's Letter when they were located at St. Paul's, we mentioned that our old pews needed to be repaired. St. Paul's had just announced that they were preparing to disband, and we were given their pews for our sanctuary.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Sunday

January 31

February 21

Saturday

January 23

February 27

ZION MAILBOXES have been re-alphabetized. Your mailbox may be in a different place. Please check it out.

HELP IS AVAILABLE

If you need assistance during the week going to a doctor's appointment or various appointments, Donna Slyman has agreed to help out members by transporting them to their appointments. Please call Donna Slyman on her **cell phone: 1 937-902-1038** to see if she can help you. **Please note:** *Donna is not available on Wednesdays.*

SPECIAL REQUEST

We would like to ask the congregation for 46 oz. juice cans. Our new florist does not use foam in the arrangements. We feel the flowers would fit better in the cans. **We no longer need coffee containers.** They can be dropped off in the work room or Linda's office.

Staff

Pastor Jeff Glawe, *Pastor*; Terri Darrah, *Choir Director*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jackie Glawe, *Christian Education Director*;
Linda Short, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*