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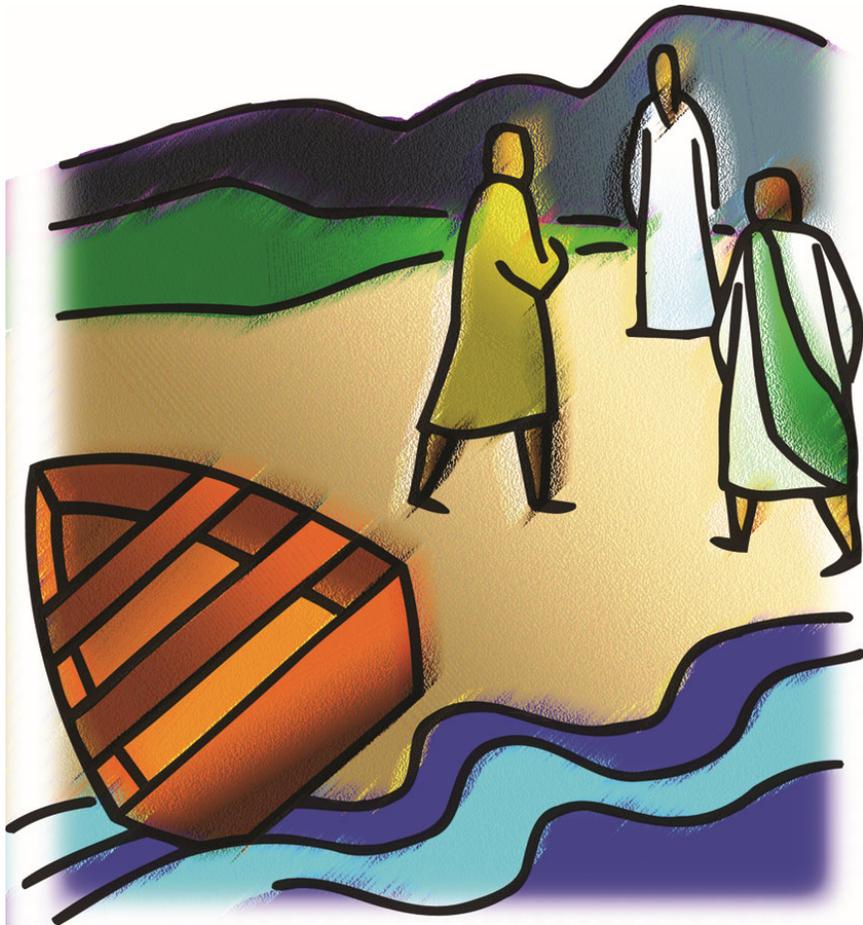
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St. John's **celebrates** God's love,
Proclaims the Gospel and
Serves our neighbors.



Third Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 24, 2021
11:00 am Facebook Live and YouTube

Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the Time after Epiphany plays out 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 fisherman brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

* = Please Stand

Prelude *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*
Joy to the World

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Peter Perry

Welcome First Time Worshipers

***Opening Song** *Glory (Let There Be Peace)*

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P. Disciples of Jesus, “Epiphany” means “revealed”. In this season, Jesus reveals himself to be the one followed. But we don’t always like to follow—we like to lead, to be in charge, to have control of our lives. Let’s take a few minutes to ask God to forgive us for wanting to lead rather than to follow Jesus.

(Silence for Reflection)

C. **Loving God, forgive us for sometimes wanting to lead rather than follow your Son. Forgive us, and help us to see where Jesus is leading us today. Amen.**

P. By the power of Jesus’ death and resurrection, we are forgiven! By the power of the Holy Spirit, we see Jesus in front of us, motioning us to follow him. We hear his voice saying, “Come, Follow me!” Amen.

***The Sharing of the Peace**

***Prayer of the Day**

P. Let us pray.

C. **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.**

A Reading from the Prophet Jonah 3:1–5, 10

¹⁻² Next, GOD spoke to Jonah a second time: “Up on your feet and on your way to the big city of Nineveh! Preach to them. They’re in a bad way and I can’t ignore it any longer.”

³ This time Jonah started off straight for Nineveh, obeying GOD’s orders to the letter. Nineveh was a big city, very big—it took three days to walk across it.

⁴ Jonah entered the city, went one day’s walk and preached, “In forty days Nineveh will be smashed.”

⁵ The people of Nineveh listened, and trusted God. They proclaimed a citywide fast and dressed in burlap to show their repentance. Everyone did it—rich and poor, famous and obscure, leaders and followers.

¹⁰ God saw what they had done, that they had turned away from their evil lives. He *did* change his mind about them. What he said he would do to them he didn’t do.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

A Reading from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians 7:29–31

²⁹⁻³¹ I do want to point out, friends, that time is of the essence. There is no time to waste, so don’t complicate your lives unnecessarily. Keep it simple—in marriage, grief, joy, whatever. Even in ordinary things—your daily routines of shopping, and so on. Deal as sparingly as possible with the things the world thrusts on you. This world as you see it is on its way out.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

The Holy Gospel According to Mark 1:14–20

¹⁴⁻¹⁵ After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee preaching the Message of God: “Time’s up! God’s kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message.”

¹⁶⁻¹⁸ Passing along the beach of Lake Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew net-fishing. Fishing was their regular work. Jesus said to them, “Come with me. I’ll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I’ll show you how to catch men and women

instead of perch and bass.” They didn’t ask questions. They dropped their nets and followed.

¹⁹⁻²⁰ A dozen yards or so down the beach, he saw the brothers James and John, Zebedee’s sons. They were in the boat, mending their fishnets. Right off, he made the same offer. Immediately, they left their father Zebedee, the boat, and the hired hands, and followed.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Song *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Sermon Herald of the Good News Pastor Perry

The Apostles’ Creed Page 105

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.

Prayers of the Church

Each petition ends...Lord, in your mercy,
Response: Hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer Page 145

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Tithes and Offerings *Amazing Grace*

***Offering Prayer**

Prayer of Confidence in Christ

My Lord Jesus, I believe that You are present in the sacrament of Holy Communion. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. Embrace me and unite me wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

***Blessing**

***Closing Song** *God Is Good*

Dismissal

Go in peace! Serve the Lord! Thanks be to God.

January 24, 2021

**Worship Leaders
11:00 am**

Pastor: Peter Perry
Streaming: Esther Perry
Sound: Shawn Brink
Altar Care: Barb Kapla
Lector: Mo Cooper-Wells
PowerPoint: Chris Jacobi
Band: Tracy Williams
Bill Cox
Garry Hudson
Suzanne Darby
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