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



Third Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday, January 23, 2021

4:00 pm Facebook Live and YouTube

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

* = Please Stand

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Peter

Welcome First Time Worshipers

***Opening Hymn** *Arise, Your Light Has Come*

ELW#314

Vs. 1,3,4

*Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures forever.

C. **Amen.**

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Gracious God

C. **Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P. God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C. **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

The 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.**

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

²⁹I mean, brothers 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.**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:14–20

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. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* ELW #270

Sermon Herald of the Good News Pastor Perry

The Apostles' Creed

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.

Tithes and Offerings

***Offertory** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* ELW #276

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.

*Benediction

***Closing Hymn** *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*
 ELW #308
 Vs. 1,2,5

Dismissal

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

January 23, 2021

Worship Leaders

4:00 pm

Pastor: Peter Perry
Pianist: Connie Parli