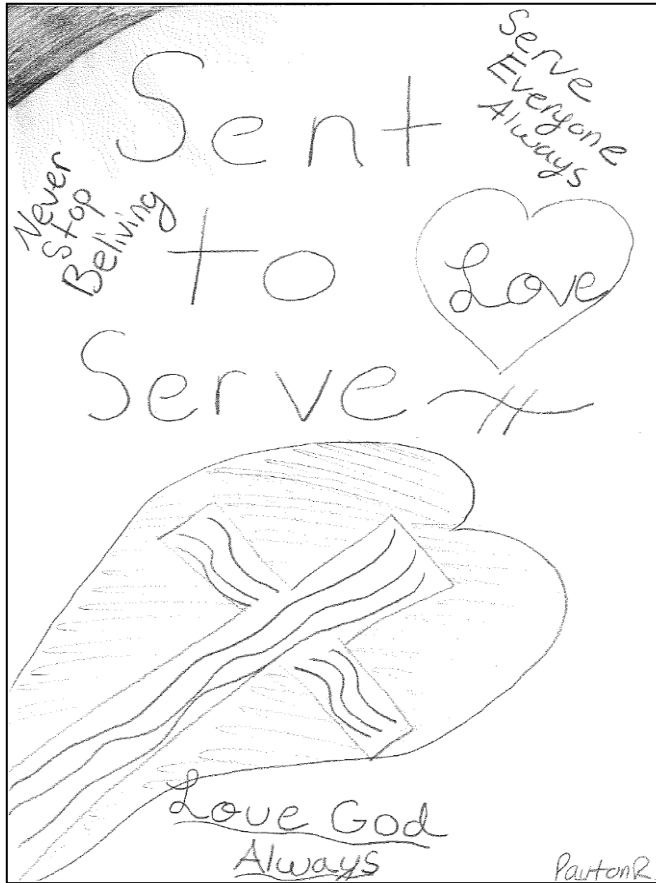


January 23, 2021 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Third Sunday After the Epiphany



Trinity Lutheran Church & School

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To Make More and Better Disciples of Jesus Christ.



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Welcome Visitors and Guests! Thank you for coming to worship God with us today! We believe that the Spirit of God had a hand in your coming. We trust that God's Word and this special time in worship will be a continuing blessing to you. Come again!

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

National Lutheran Schools Week

January 23, 2021 ~ 5:00 p.m.



AS WE GATHER

When someone calls you on your phone, do you always answer? In our present day with caller identification, many are apt to let the call go to voicemail to wait and see what the message is and who it's from and at times wait to respond depending on the level of importance. How about when God calls? Especially, if that call is one to repentance? Do you answer? We hear in today's Readings of the response of some. Jonah was a reluctant follower. He went to Nineveh begrudgingly, but through him God would issue a call for the Ninevites to repentance. Jesus would call Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow Him, and promised that through them, God would issue a call of repentance to many. In Baptism, God has called us to follow Him in a life of faith and repentance, and He promises that through us, others will also be called to that same repentance and new life.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Video: Grade 3-8 Alleluia Choir)*

"All Night, All Day" Trad. Spiritual / Arr. Patsy Ford Simms

"How Can I Keep From Singing" G. Gilpin (Accompanist: Tracey Gerardi)

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 113:1-3*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,

People: praise the name of the LORD!

Pastor: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

People: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

HYMN

“We Have Been Sent to Serve”

(v 1, 3, 5)

2021 National Lutheran Schools Week theme: “Sent to Serve” based on Matthew 20:28

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We have been sent to serve
By Christ, our Servant King,
Who gave His life that we might live;
New life to others bring.
Our Lord and Master's grace
Impels each faithful one
To hold the lost in His embrace;
Each daughter, ev'ry son!

To those who are ignored,
Who live with troubled hearts,
May we, as servants of the Lord,
Tend them till fear departs.
May they, by grace, be blest
Through faith in Jesus Christ,
Who gave His life so all would rest
In His great sacrifice.

To God the Father sing
A high doxology;
Unto Christ Jesus ever bring
A hymn sung glor'ously!
Then to the Spirit raise
Psalms of unending joy,
As we, with willing spirit, praise
Our Lord and God on high!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Mark 1:15; Psalm 113:1–3*

Pastor: Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.

People: **Yet we often do not live as You have called us to live as Your own. We do not always honor Your name nor Your calling with our praise.**

Pastor: We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You as we follow in faith.

(Silence for reflection.)

Pastor: Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,

People: **we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as ourselves, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. We have not always welcomed Your call for us to follow You and You alone.**

Pastor: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel. Hear and rejoice in the Good News. Jesus Christ died for you, and for His sake, God has compassion. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in His stead, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, as the call to follow You comes to us through Your Word, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we trust and serve You in repentance and faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Jonah 3:1–5, 10*

(The Lord causes repentance of the Ninevites through Jonah's preaching.)

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all you nations!

People: Exalt Him, all you peoples!

Pastor: For His merciful kindness is great toward us,

People: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Pastor: Give unto the LORD the glory due His name;

People: bring an offering, and come into His courts

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 7:29–31 (32–35)

(As time grows short, Paul encourages faithful use of time.)

What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord. But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife—and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:14–20 (Jesus calls the first disciples to follow Him.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"

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Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, there to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, since You are now our head,
We are Your own living members; where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me.

SERMON: “No Call Waiting,” *Mark 1: 14-20*

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In a world that is in desperate need for repentance and salvation, let us pray for one another and for all who are in need.

Pastor: Lord God, almighty Father, receive our praise and thanksgiving for Your great love shown to the world in Your Word, calling all to repentance, giving all a second chance at life by a new birth by Your Spirit. May You be praised by all nations in the revelation of Yourself through Jesus, Your only Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As You called and sent Jonah and Your holy prophets and Your blessed apostles, so continue to call and send pastors and workers in Your kingdom in our day that many may hear, receive, and believe Your Word of grace and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Let the nations praise You, O God, let all the nations praise You. Guide and direct the minds and hearts of all leaders in government that peace may prevail, evil be punished, and good rewarded. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: (Special petitions) Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: No greater love do we know than in the sacrifice of Jesus, His body and blood given and shed on the cross. Open our hearts and our mouths to receive forgiveness, love, and strength through this Sacrament and be given strength to confess Jesus as the only Savior of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
For this purpose You sent Your holy prophets and apostles to call everyone to repentance and faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, that all may be saved through Him.
Give us thankful hearts faithfully to receive the gift of our Lord's body and blood this day to our benefit in body and soul.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC



"Draw Near and Take the Body Of the Lord"

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Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was he for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and himself the priest.

He who his saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love you bless us now.

THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with the body and blood of your dear Son in, with, and under bread and wine. Strengthen our faith in You and in our love for others in Your kingdom and throughout our community, country, and world, as we hear Your call, follow where You lead, and rejoice in the grace You bestow, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Psalm 113:2–3*

Pastor: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

People: **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

Pastor: As the Lord sent His life-renewing Word through Jonah and the prophets, be assured of His forgiveness and love. As the Lord called and sent His apostles to be fishers of men, hear His voice and follow Him. As we have received God's grace this day for the sake of Christ our Lord, heed His call to repentance, rejoice in His forgiving grace, and give Him thanks and praise.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN

“Sent Forth by God's Blessing”

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Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.

With your feast you feed us,
With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Serving Us

Pastor ... Rev. Dennis Krueger

Organist ... Katherine Herman

Singers ... Linda Meissner, Marie Thompson

Trinity School Alleluia Choir & Students

Trinity School Music Director ... Noel Anderson

Altar ... Karen Hollowood

Deacon ... Ron Boersch



The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. Matthew 20:28

January 24-29, 2021

Sunday: LSW “Sent to Serve” Opening Worship, 9:30am (optional)

Monday: WWJD – Jesus Was Sent to Serve, John 13:1-17

Dress: Spirit Day OR Frontline/Community Worker; produce Thank You video for Trinity Church; teacher round-robin; salty snack bags/water bottles – “You are the salt of the earth; whoever drinks of the water I give him will never thirst.” (All listed snacks are provided by the school each day)

**Tuesday: My Life’s Mission – Pastors and Teachers,
Ephesians 4:11-16**

Dress: Decades Day; Make Christian bookmarks for Chapel Recipients and Essential Workers; Zoom calls with pastors/DCEs in training; teacher round-robin; Goldfish for snack – “‘Come, follow Me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will make you fishers of men.’”

**Wednesday: One Big Family – Serving Together on God’s Team,
1 Corinthians 12: 27**

Dress: Class theme with parade; all school Chapel; Movie Day; popcorn/juice boxes – “if you have faith the size of this (mustard) seed...nothing will be impossible to you.”

**Thursday: Inside and Outside – Serving in Home and Community,
Luke 12:35-40**

Dress: Mismatch; decorate and assemble Goody Bags (see informational letter-attached) for frontline workers; cool off with popsicles/ice cream sandwiches - “and if anyone gives even a cup of cool water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple...he will certainly not lose his reward.”

Friday: The Big Picture – Sent to Serve in the World, Psalm 72:11

Dress: Blue/Green or Cultural; ‘Trinity’s Got Talent’ Show; sweet snacks – “Pleasant words are as honey, sweet to the soul...”