

Sunday Worship Bulletin

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR LORD

We pray that our worship this day will be an inspiration to every one of us.

If you are a visitor or the guest of someone, please sign our Guest Book at the round table in the Foyer. Requests for prayers in this morning's service may be made by writing them on the Prayer Request form in the entryway of the church.

A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in Room 4 on this level.

Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35

The Order of Morning Worship

AS WE GATHER

Peter, Andrew, James, and John were fishermen by trade. Jesus invited them to follow Him, promising He would make them fishers of men. What could this possibly mean? The prophet Jonah may provide a clue. Swallowed, and then regurgitated by a great fish after running from God, Jonah was given another chance to cast a Gospel net for the people of Nineveh. With only the lure of Jonah's brief, Law-heavy sermon, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!", God reeled in a bountiful Kingdom-catch, saving more than 120,000 people and animals in that city. Jesus' own preaching announces the fullness of time, the presence of God's reign, and invites repentance and faith in the Good News from God, which He embodies and enacts. This message—proclaimed and sacramentally enacted—is the net by which Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies people under God's gracious reign.

✠ ORGAN PRELUDE

✠ OPENING HYMN No. **833**: *"Listen, God Is Calling"*

Confession and Absolution

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Service of the Word

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Introit (*Sung by Choir*)

Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation

✠ PRAYER of the DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Be Seated)

✠ OLD TESTAMENT: Jonah 3:1–5, 10

(The people of Nineveh repent at the preaching of Jonah.)

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of

Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish."

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Gradual Sung by Choir)

✠ EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 7:29–31 (32–35) *(Time is short. Jesus claims our attention.)*

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, 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 goods, 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.

(I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand and Sing the Alleluia p. 190)

✠ HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:14–20 *(Jesus invites His followers to become fishers of men.)*

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

C (Sung): Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C (Sung): Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

† STATEMENT of FAITH: Nicene Creed

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.

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.

(Be Seated)

† HYMN of the DAY No. **856**: *“O Christ, Who Called the Twelve”*

† SERMON: *“The Kingdom of God is at Hand”* Mark 1:14-20

Offering

We respond to God's love with our OFFERINGS
CHOIR ANTHEM: ‘

† OFFERING HYMN NO. **781**: *“We Give Thee But Thine Own”* (Sts. 2)

† PRAYER of the CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

God, the center of our lives, help us to recollect the parts of ourselves from the compartments of isolation in which we hide, returning to You who are gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God, the center of our lives, Jesus announced the presence of Your gracious reign among us here on earth. Turn our hearts and the hearts of all people to You that we all may come to trust in Your mercy through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God, the center of our lives, send forth faithful preachers of Your Law and Gospel. Help pastors, missionaries, and all Your baptized children to see ourselves as fishers of men in our daily callings and vocations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God, the center of our lives, bring healing and hope to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Grant them patience in every affliction and hearts that rest in Your unfailing love, trusting that underneath it all are Your everlasting arms. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God, the center of our lives, as we return to the center of our life together around Your Table for the Lamb's high feast, remind us that Jesus is the center of everything. By Him all things were created, and in Him all things hold together, including every part of our lives and all our relationships. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Service of the Sacrament (p. 194)

At the time of DISTRIBUTION, all those wishing to receive Holy Communion will come forward as the ushers direct. The bread/Body of the Lord will be served in your hand. If you wish to receive the Lord's blood from an individual glass rather than from the common cup, indicate so when Pastor comes to you and he will hand you a glass from which you then drink and place back in the tray carried by the acolyte. If you are not a member of this congregation or a sister congregation within the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, it is suggested that you speak to the Pastor before partaking of Holy Communion.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS No. **621**: *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

***At the end of the Distribution we stand and continue with
the NUNC DIMITTIS on p. 199***

✠ CLOSING HYMN No. **409**: *"Hail, O Source of Every Blessing"*

✠ SILENT PRAYER

✠ POSTLUDE: “

SERVING US AS WE WORSHIP TODAY:

Worship Leaders – Tom McClure & Bill
Schneeloch

Acolyte – Alex Provost

Lay Reader – Tom McClure

Music Director – Jeff Windoloski

Altar Care – Jane McClure

THE FLOWERS in the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God and in

THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN'S:

Wednesday, January 24	5:00 p.m.	Youth Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Mid-Week Worship
Thursday, January 25	6:30 p.m.	Hand Chime Choir
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, January 27	5:00 p.m.	Venison Dinner
Sunday, January 28	8:30 a.m.	Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Communion Worship Service
	2:00 p.m.	Double Trumpet, Organ and Vocal Concert

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are needed each Sunday. Please sign up on the sheet located in the foyer to host a coffee hour after church. This activity is wonderful way to share in fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please see Linda Slozak or Erika Slozak if you have any questions.

DOUBLE TRUMPET, ORGAN AND VOCAL CONCERT

PRESENTED BY THE 'SOLI DEO GLORIA' CONCERT SERIES



Join us for the first concert in our second season of the 'Soli Deo Gloria' Concert Series! This concert will feature professional trumpet soloists Brooks & Jeff Holmes, vocalist Dawning Holmes and organist Jeff Windoloski. Selections will be presented for trumpet and organ, voice and piano, and a combination of the three. We hope to see you there!

SUNDAY JANUARY 28TH 2018 AT 2:00PM
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