

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

January 21st, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 Services

Introduction for the Day: 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.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began this week on January 18 and was first observed in January 1908. Celebrated in the chapel of a small Atonement Franciscan Convent of the Protestant Episcopal Church, on a remote hillside fifty miles from New York City, this new prayer movement caught the imagination of others beyond the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement to become an energetic movement that gradually blossomed into a worldwide observance involving many nations and millions of people.

Gathering

Prelude

Simple Aveu – Francis Thomé [1850-1909]

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Ann Williams

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

God is light; where there is no darkness at all.

If we walk in the light as God is the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent, and believe the good news.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

God hears your prayer. Those who repent and truly believe are not overthrown.

We have seen the Lord's glory; we have heard the Lord's voice.

Walk, then, as children of light; rejoicing that indeed your sins are forgiven. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

Amen.

Gathering Song

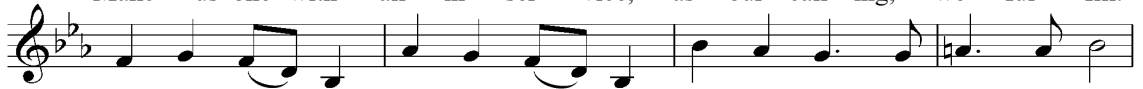
God, We Praise You for the Calling



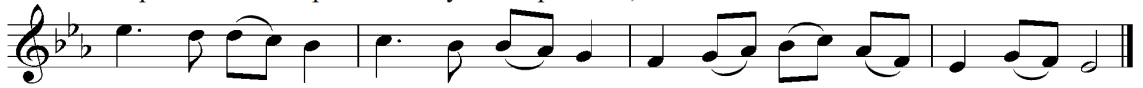
1. God, we praise you for the call - ing to the Gos - pel min - is - try!
2. As in Christ, you called dis - ci - ples, in the ci - ty, by the sea,
3. Grant us Lord, to heed your ser - vants as we work to do your will.



Praise you for each one who list - ens, all who an - swer, faith - ful - ly.
With a pur - pose like no oth - er, say - ing to them, "Fol - low Me!"
Make us one with all in ser - vice, as our call - ing, we ful - fill.



Praise you for the vi - sion, grow - ing, of the Good News we can show.
So you call each gen - er - a - tion, to be - come what they must be.
Keep us o - pen to your Spir - it, ne - ver fear - ful of the new.



May we an - swer when you call us! Where you lead us, may we go!
Set a - part by faith - filled ser - vice, for a life of min - is - try.
Know - ing new - ness is a bless - ing of the Spir - it, sent from you.

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Litany for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Jonah called to the people of Ninevah, "Repent and believe!"

And the people turned away from evil and turned back to God.

Christ called to the people of Galilee, "Repent and believe!"

And Andrew, James and John turned away from their fishing nets to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

Jesus says, "Come, follow me!" Leave behind your hatred and anger and evil intents.

We put our hope in Jesus, the One who provides perfect peace and joy.

Now we can hear the words, "Repent and believe!"

In our daily devotions, our times of worship and our times of prayer.

Hymn of Praise

Arise and Shine

Refrain

A - rise and shine! Your light has come to all who dwell in dark-ness.

A - rise and shine, for in our midst the light of Christ is with us.

1. We who walked in dark of night, have seen a great light.
2. Un - to us a child was born, a Son was giv'n.

A star has shown our Lord was born; the dawn on this new day.
Bap-tized by John now he reigns as migh - ty Prince of Peace.

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Apostolic Greeting

Arise shine; for the Light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Please be seated.

Word

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 62:5-12

God alone is my rock and my salvation. (Ps. 62:6)

Let us read responsively from Psalm 62.

(Printed on the back cover of the bulletin.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Arise, Be Clothed in the Light

A - rise, be clothed in the light.____ A - rise, be clothed in the light.____

Your light_ has come, your light_ has come. Al - le - lu - ia._____

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Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

The Holy Gospel from Mark, the 1st Chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Ann Williams

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

#817 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

(Prayer Cards, which can be found in the pew racks, will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)

(8:30 Service)

Profession of Faith

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.

(8:30 Service, Please Turn to Page 7)

(11:00 Service)

Service of Holy Baptism for Henry Jurss

Please follow along in your Hymnals on Page 227.

Please be seated.

Presentation

Please stand as you are able.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? If so answer, I renounce them.

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Please be seated.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Baptismal Response

#212 You Belong to Christ

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia.

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Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

(Both Services Continue Here)

Usher Volunteers gather for Offering Collection at the Welcome Center.

Prayers of Intercession

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

...God of Grace,

Receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

Meal

Offering

8:30

The Summons – arr. Mark Hayes

11:00

Lord, Here Am I – Jay Althouse, Senior Choir

Lord, when you call me, I gladly will obey. If you direct me, I will find your way. What is my purpose? What have you planned for me? What is my mission and where will it be?

Lord, I will follow, if you will only lead. Guide and support me; you are all I need. Lord, when you call me, I gladly will reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

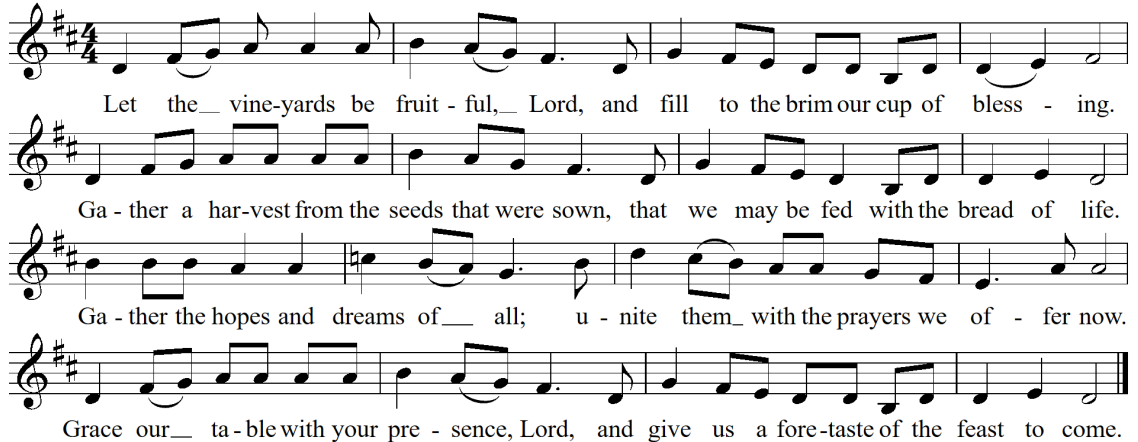
Pardon me whenever I turn from the right. Help me and bring me again to your light. Show me the pathway that frees me from sin. Help me to be pure within.

Lord, give me wisdom in all things great and small. Be there beside me if ever I should fall. Lord, when you call me, I gladly will reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing.

Ga - ther a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Ga - ther the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now.

Grace our ta - ble with your pre - sence, Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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Offertory Prayer

We thank you, heavenly Creator, for the fisherfolk who netted us, who drew us into your presence, parents and teachers, pastors and friends. Accept our gifts. Use them for the training of your people, that fisher men and women may be equipped to do your will. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

(11:00) Communion Healing Liturgy

Healing was central to the ministry of Jesus. It was a sign of God's kingdom, bringing renewal and wholeness of life to those who turned to God in their need. Jesus sent out his disciples with the commission to 'proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal' (Luke 9:2).

(11:00) Call to Healing

Great God our healer, by your power, the Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave hope to the hopeless. As we gather in his name,

look upon us with mercy and bless us with your healing Spirit.

Bring us comfort in the midst of pain, strength to transform our weakness, **and light to illuminate our darkness.**

Assure us of your power to heal us and restore us.

Amen.

(11:00) Blessing of Oil and Ministers of Healing

If you wish a healing blessing, you may come forward to the healing station, kneel as you are able, and receive a blessing.

(8:30 & 11:00) Invitation to Communion

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.

There is a place and enough for all.

Please be seated.

Call to Communion**In This Feast of Love**

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The lyrics are in Finnish and English.

1. Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, _____ täs - sä pöy - däs -
 1. In this feast of love, _____ in this feast of
 2. In this bread and wine, _____ in this bread and

sä _____ syn - ti - sil - le it - se - si -
 love, _____ Lord, you share your blood and your
 wine, _____ you have prom - ised, Lord, to be

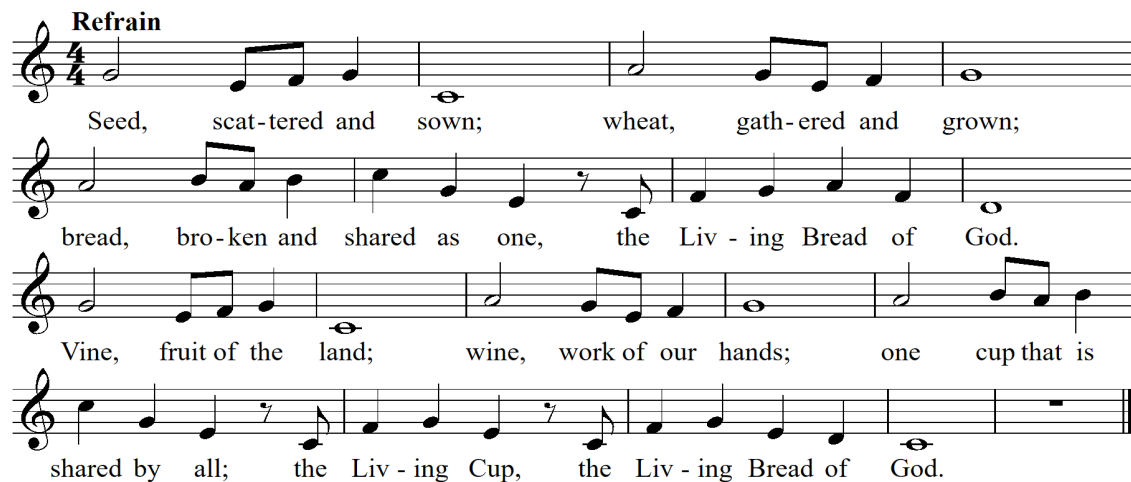
an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa! _____
 bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God. _____
 with us, Lamb of God div - ine. _____

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Communion Hymn

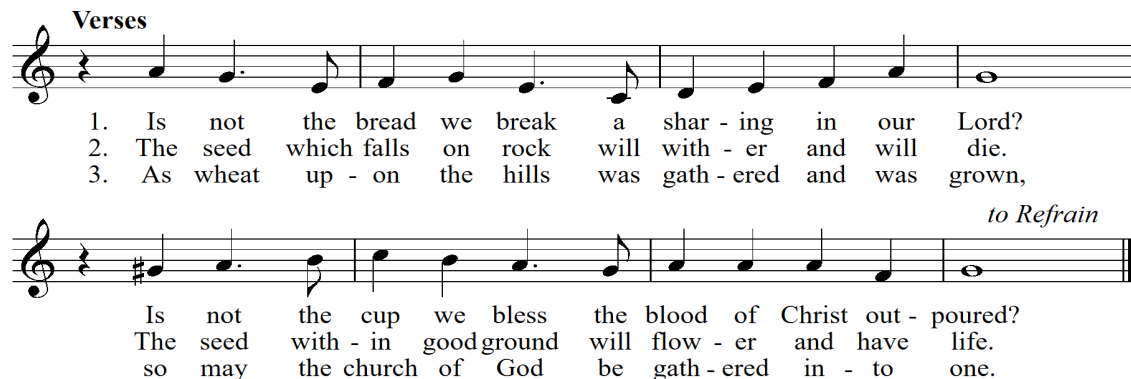
Seed, Scattered and Sown

Refrain



Seed, scat-tered and sown; wheat, gath-ered and grown;
bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the Liv - ing Bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land; wine, work of our hands; one cup that is
shared by all; the Liv - ing Cup, the Liv - ing Bread of God.

Verses



1. Is not the bread we break a shar - ing in our Lord?
2. The seed which falls on rock will with - er and will die.
3. As wheat up - on the hills was gath - ered and was grown,
to Refrain

Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ out - poured?
The seed with - in goodground will flow - er and have life.
so may the church of God be gath - ered in - to one.

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Please stand as you are able.

Communion Response

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his light and grace.

Amen.

Prayer After Communion

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Sending

Benediction for the Epiphany Season

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in our hearts, transform our lives, and brighten the world.

May God, who lightens our paths, accompany us on our journey this day and always.

Since we have been called to participate in God's ministry, let us offer ourselves to God and to the world. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

Sending Song

Christ Jesus Came Proclaiming



1. Christ Je - sus_ came pro - claim - ing The Good News of His reign
 2. Now Si - mon_ and his bro - ther Were fish - ing in the sea.
 3. The time is_ now up - on_ us, The King - dom of God's Son
 4. His reign is_ now with - in_ us, His Spir - it takes con - trol.



As John who_ was in pri - son Had prev' - ous - ly main - tained.
 "Come fol - low_ Me," said Je - sus, "My ser - vants you shall be."
 Has con - quered sin and Sa - tan, He has_ the vic - t'ry won.
 The gift of_ faith He gives_ us Re - stored life to our soul.



"Re - pent, be - lieve the Gos - pel," God's Word has been ful - filled.
 They left their nets to fol - low, And_ so did James and John.
 Through suff - 'ring and op - pres - sion He_ paid for all our sin,
 We_ are this Mas - ter's ser - vants; We,_ too, are called to be



Though dan - gers_ still sur - round_ you, Your fears_ can now be stilled.
 They, too, would share this Gos - pel Pro - claimed by God's own Son.
 And with His_ res - ur - rec - tion We, too,_ o'er death shall win.
 The ones who_ share this Gos - pel That sets_ His peo - ple free.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D – David N. Johnson [1922-1987]

*Please note that there is
no 11:00 Service next week,
January 28, 2024*

Scripture for Third Sunday of Epiphany – January 21, 2024

1st Reading -- Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So 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. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When 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.

Psalm Reading Psalm 62:5-12

For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.

2nd Reading -- 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be 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 possessions, 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.

Gospel Reading -- Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

