

REDEMPTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

3rd Sunday in Epiphany

*Come, follow me. . .
and I will make you
fishers of men.*



Mark 1:17



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Pre-Service Meditation:

Mark 1:17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, You called Your first disciples not from among the elite, but from among fishermen. We ask that You also would call and use us to be your fishers of men, trusting that you will give us the means to do Your will. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forevermore, Amen.

Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn **TLH 5 Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear**

Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive

you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gloria Patri *TLH pg 6*



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie *TLH pg 7*



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

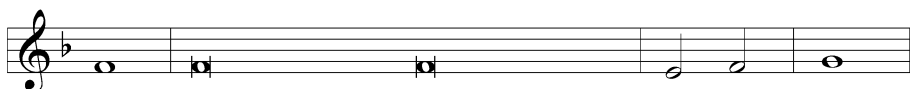


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

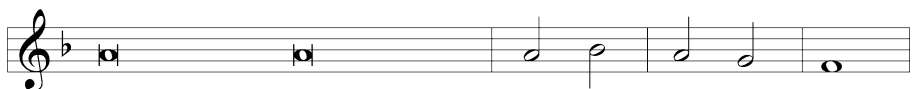
Gloria in Excelsis *TLH pg 7*




C Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.




O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



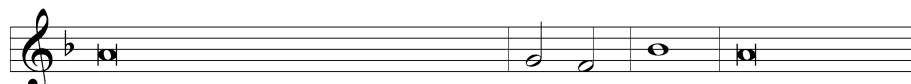
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,




that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



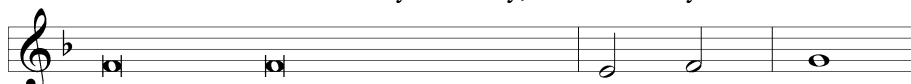
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Let us pray. . .who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever

C: Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Jonah 3:1-5,10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,
² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you."
³ 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.
⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"
⁵ 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. . . .
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.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 62 (selected verses)

- P** For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.
- C** He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress;
- P** On God rests my salvation and my glory;
- C** my mighty rock, my refuge is God.
- P** Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
- C** God is a refuge for us.
- P** Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery;
- C** if riches increase, set not your heart on them.
- P** For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.
- C** you will render to a man according to his work.

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 7:27-35

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,³⁰ 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,³¹ 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.³² I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord.³³ But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife,³⁴ 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.³⁵ 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.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God,¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."¹⁶ 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.¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.¹⁹ 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.²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

TLH 421 Come Follow Me the Savior Spake

Sermon

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God's Secret to Fishing For Men

Create in Me

Offering

Hymn:

TLH 381 I Know my Faith is Founded

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

P . . . in whose Name we also join to pray together:

C Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed by 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

Benediction

C Amen.

Hymn

TLH 48 How Blest are They who Hear God's Word

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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **Service schedule:** Next week, (28th) our service time returns to its usual schedule: 8 am Bible Class and 9 AM Worship Service.
- **Voters Meeting:** Following the service today, we will be having our annual voters meeting. All are encouraged to attend.
- **Lent:** The Lenten season begins early this year. February 14th is Ash Wednesday and our first midweek worship service.

Call News:

- Mr. Dan Roehl **is considering** the call to be the new professor at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI, replacing retiring Professor Mark Kranz.
- Pastor Thomas Schuetze of St. Paul Lutheran of Lakewood, CO **is still considering** the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday Jan. 28th Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Sunday Feb. 4th Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Sunday Feb. 11th Communion Sunday Service at 9