

**Sunday, January 24, 2021**

**Third Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 3, Year B**

**Before Announcements - ELW 822 *Oh, Sing to the Lord***

**Announcements**

**After Announcements - ELW 798 *Will You Come and Follow Me***

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**you search us and know us.**

**You are acquainted with all our ways.**

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—  
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow  
your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us.**

**We exploit the earth and its resources  
and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,  
for all we have done and left undone.**

**Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them;  
receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus, your sins are washed away

and you are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, you are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness, you are called to be the beloved community

living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

### **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.**

### **First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>10</sup>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.

**The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**Music based on Psalm 62 *My Soul Finds Rest* - Arnel Aquino**

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>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, <sup>31</sup>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.

**The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel according to **Mark 1:14-20**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day** - ELW 817 *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

With the whole church, let us profess our faith praying the words of The Apostle's Creed.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**P:** Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** Let us pray

**A:** For the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to help guide our care for all the earth, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

**A:** For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

**A:** For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief, that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

**A:** For our congregation and community, for families big and small, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

**A:** For First Evangelical Lutheran Church Community that the Holy Spirit lead and guide us in our upcoming Annual meeting, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

**A:** In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, that they point us to salvation through Christ, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

**P:** Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**Music - ELW 178 *Hear Our Prayer* (2 times through)**

### **Offering Prayer**

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us:  
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.  
Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service  
to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving  
grace. **Amen.**

### **Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Invitation to Communion**

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

**Music** ELW 493 *Taste and See*

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life  
and are strengthened for our journey.  
Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit  
to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. **Amen.**

#### **Blessing**

God the creator, strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace. **Amen.**

**Music** - ELW 802 *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

**Dismissal** Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**