



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 21, 2018

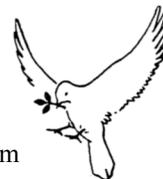
WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Education Hour 10:20 a.m.

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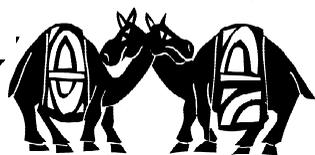
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As Jesus called Simon and Andrew, James and John, he also calls us anew each day to the path of discipleship. Welcome to worship!

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Organist



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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.

P R E L U D E

W E L C O M E

Please fill out the attendance registration sheet.

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Stand

GATHERING
We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES (*Psalm 62:1-2, 5-6, 8*)

For God alone my soul waits in silence;

Brief silence

from Him

comes my salvation.

He only is my rock and my salvation,

my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,

Brief silence

for my hope

is from Him.

He only is my rock and my salvation,

my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him;

God is a refuge for us.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*Psalm 145:9*)

God, whose Word establishes reality,

we admit that we have turned from the face-to-face relationship of love with You for which we have been created. Sin infects us through and through. Yet, we trust in Jesus alone whose life, death, and resurrection bring Your healing power to bear on our grave condition. Hear us, and heal us by Your love for Jesus' sake.

“The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.”
Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

Congregation



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Cantor: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Congregation: Refrain

Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Congregation: Refrain

Cantor: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Congregation

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

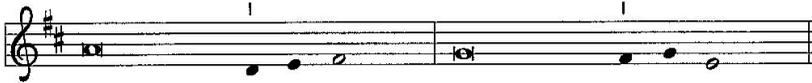
Jonah invites repentance at Ninevah.

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. (*NRSV*)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

P S A L M 62 (*antiphon v. 8*)

Tone 10



Cantor: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart be- | fore him;* God is a refuge | for us.

Cantor: For God alone my soul waits in | silence,* from him comes my sal- | vation.
He only is my rock and my salvation, my | fortress;* I shall not be greatly | shaken.

Cantor: How long will all of you attack a man to | batter him,* like a leaning wall, a | tottering fence?

They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in | falsehood.* They bless with their mouths, but inwardly | they curse.

Cantor: For God alone, O my soul, wait in | silence,* for my hope is | from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation, my | fortress;* I shall not be | shaken.

Cantor: On God rests my salvation and my | glory;* my mighty rock, my refuge | is God.
Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart be- | fore him;* God is a refuge | for us.

Cantor: Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a de- | lusion;* in the balances they go up; they are together lighter | than a breath.

Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on | robbery;* if riches increase, set not your | heart on them.

Cantor: Once God has spoken; twice have I | heard this;* that power belongs to God, and that to you, O Lord, belongs | steadfast love.

For you will render | to a man* according | to his work.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

As it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Cantor: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart be- | fore him;* God is a refuge | for us.

S E C O N D L E S S O N

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (32-35)

Living in the end times.

I mean, 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. [I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to please the Lord; but the married man is anxious about the affairs of the world, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided. And the unmarried woman and the virgin are anxious about the affairs of the Lord, so that they may be holy in body and spirit; but the married woman is anxious about the affairs of the world, how to please her husband. I say this for your own benefit, not to put any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and unhindered devotion to the Lord.] *(NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! *(shouted)*

Stand

G O S P E L A C C L A M A T I O N



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



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

Cantor: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. *(Mark 1:15)*

H O L Y G O S P E L

Mark 1:14-20

Jesus' call of the disciples at the sea.

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

Glory to you, O Lord! *(shouted)*

Now after John [the Baptist] 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. *(NRSV)*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ! *(shouted)*

Sit

S E R M O N

Not Silos But Wheels

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Stand

H Y M N O F T H E D A Y

O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True

Green 380

**O Christ, our light, O Radiance true, Shine forth on those estranged from you,
And bring them to your home again, Where their delight shall never end.**

**Fill with the radiance of your grace The wand’rers lost in error’s maze.
Enlighten those whose secret minds Some deep delusion haunts and blinds.**

**Lord, open all reluctant ears And take away the childish fears
Of those who tremble to express The faith their secret hearts confess.**

**Lord, let your mercy’s gentle ray Shine down on others strayed away.
To those in conscience wounded sore Show heaven’s waiting, open door.**

**Make theirs with ours a single voice Uplifted, ever to rejoice
With wond’ring gratitude and praise To you, O Lord, for boundless grace.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.
. . . one God, now and forever.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please share the reconciliation we have with God with one another by greeting those around you with a hearty handshake and the words, "Peace be with you."

Sit

MEAL

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please fill out the attendance registration sheet in your pew, if you have not already done so. Visitors, you are our guests and are not expected to make a contribution. As the offerings of bread, wine and money are brought forward, please stand.

MUSIC AT OFFERING

You Are Mine
words and music David Haas, arranged Mark Hayes

Choir

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night I will be your light, come and rest in me.

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing, I am healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.
Refrain

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk, and live!
Refrain

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,
receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your
justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ,
our Lord. Amen.

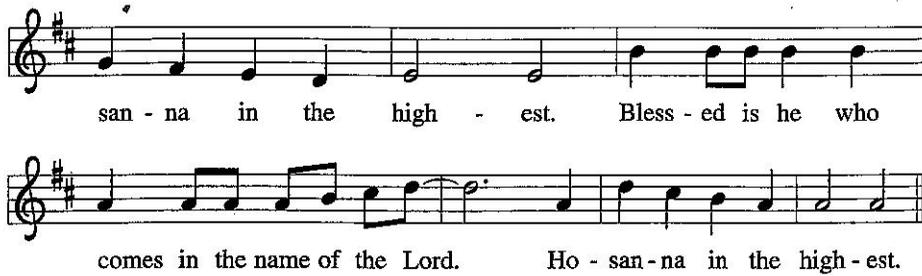
PREFACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is indeed right, . . . and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

S 173

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



E U C H A R I S T I C P R A Y E R

You are indeed, holy, O God, . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, . . . to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, . . . with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those . . . almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

L O R D ' S P R A Y E R *(join hands)*

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

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

I N V I T A T I O N

The bread of God comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Amen.

Sit

D I S T R I B U T I O N

If you believe that those who commune receive in, with and under the bread and wine of this sacrament the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and that receiving the sacrament is a public witness to your oneness in faith in the teachings of our church, you are invited to join us at the Lord's Table. Newcomers are asked to read and sign a communion registration card from the hymnal rack as a sign of your agreement with its statements and give it to an usher.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

S 174

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

Green 487

**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;
Then by grace we all may win Untold fruits of his creation.
Jesus, unto 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 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, if I faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

The Son of God, Our Christ
st. 1—cantor

1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,
 2 to every test, in tri-als man-i-fold,
 3 To-day, as then, Christ sum-mons us to
 4 to-ward you, and our will must simply be,
 shared in your life and led through-out the day,
 those ser-vants who re-spond by their faith, even
 to fol-low bold-ly and his work to share,
 may each serve Christ in what he will,
 what'er our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid.

When you men folk he called the twelve to be
 and with the gifts and the sick, the blind, the lame,
 and help and heal the sick, the blind, the lame,
 and in each thought and kind-ly word and deed,
 that we may glad-ly give for these our best

the church was found in the world, and God's name
 be clear-ing to the world, and he shall reign
 o' my Christ's call and go where he shall lead,
 and find each task of mine by sea and land.

I Love to Tell the Story

Green 390

I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
 Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.
 I love to tell the story, Because I know it's true;
 It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

**Refrain: I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story: How pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, For some have never heard
The message of salvation From God's own holy Word.**

Refrain

**I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story That I have loved so long.**

Refrain

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

S E N D I N G

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Listen, God Is Calling
cantor and congregation

Blue 712

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It features a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing through the Word in - vit - ing,". Above the first few notes, there are markings "Refrain" and "Leader". Above the next few notes, there is a marking "All". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "of - fer - ing for - give-ness, com - fort and joy. joy." The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat signs. There are two first endings marked with "1" and "2" above the staff.

Leader All

1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
 2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
 3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All Refrain

that he came to save us and set us free.
 In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
 walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany (Year B): Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

***** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY *****

ACOLYTE ----- Aryanna Hogue
ASSISTING MINISTER ----- Galen Behr
CANTOR ----- Dan Schreiber
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS ----- Bev Allen, Judy Rath
LECTOR ----- Liz Matson

***** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE *****

Worship Attendance.....	97	Bible Class	31
Communion.....	70	Offering	3500
Sunday School	15	Needed Weekly	5030
Staff.....	5	Specials	200

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 1

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY	-	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M. HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING FEBRUARY MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE FINAL ADULT INFORMATION CLASS ----- 2:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	-	CONFIRMATION CLASS----- 6:00 P.M. CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 7:45 P.M.
SUNDAY	-	WORSHIP-----9:00 A.M. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOUR — During the Christian Education Hour in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Jank will lead us in a deeper study of today’s Scripture readings. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

SPRING ADULT INFORMATION CLASS — Begins Sunday, February 11, 3:30—5:30 P.M.

PALM BRANCHES — Please bring back the palm branches that you received on Palm Sunday 2017. The palms will be burned and used as the ashes during our Ash Wednesday service. The dried palms are being collected in a box at the back of church.

EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS — Join us Sundays in the Adult Bible Class Hour beginning February 4, at 10:20 a.m. Learn how to naturally and genuinely share the Gospel with your friends and neighbors who have not heard the Good News becoming a more effective witness of Jesus in your everyday life.

CHILI/SOUP/SALSA COOKOFF — Today at Ponca Hills Volunteer Fire Department from 4-6 p.m. St. John Lutheran Church invites you to sample chili, soup and salsa for a free-will donation at this friendly cook-off competition.

EVANGELISM — Jesus gives us the same invitation that He gave to Simon and Andrew: “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” (*Mark 1:14-20*) We are equipped, not with fishing poles, but with God’s Word. Through our “fishing” - our sharing of God’s Word, the Holy Spirit lures others into the lavish grace that only God provides.

STEWARDSHIP — 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.” (*Mark 1:14-15*) To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith – where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper faith?

Praying for Our Parish in 2018

Let us remember each other in prayer during the week that we celebrate the anniversary of one’s Baptism.

January 15
Randy Johnson

January 16
Beverly Allen

January 19
Christopher Jacobson

January 20
Sandra Kyle