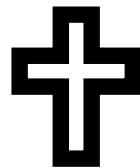


# Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

9:00 am

Communion



*280 Years of  
Joyously proclaiming the good news of God's love!*

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Founded in 1743

Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – service led by Pastor Sandra Ellis-Killian

## INTRODUCTION

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.

## PRELUDES

9:00 am

### On Tannenberg: "Sleepers Awake"

J.S. Bach

### On Piano: "Thy Word"

Amy Grand and Michael W. Smith, Arr. by Mark Hayes

### On Allen Organ: "Andante Tranquillo"

Felix Mendelssohn Arr. by Todd Kendall

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GREETING

A: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

## HYMN "Arise, Your Light Has Come" – ELW #314, Vs. 1, 3, & 4



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the Word made flesh,  
our life and our salvation.

**C: Amen.**

A: Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

A: God of life,

**C: you promise good news of great joy for all people,  
and call us to be messengers of your peace.**

**We confess that too often we hoard our joy,  
our resources, and our security.**

**We nurture conflict and build barriers.**

**We neglect the needs of our neighbors  
and ignore the groaning of creation.**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.**

**Where we are reluctant, give us courage.**

**Where we are cynical, restore our trust.**

**Renew us with your grace**

**and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.**

**Amen.**

A: Hear the good news:

We are children of God and heirs of God's promises  
through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In ✝ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.

Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth  
shall know the salvation of God.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## “Glory to You God”

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of six staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The lyrics are: "I Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth. Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame; ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name. Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done; yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a steady rhythm.

*Please be seated*

## 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?"*

<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.

## PSALM 62:5-12

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

<sup>5</sup>For God alone I wait in silence;  
truly, my hope is in God.

<sup>6</sup>God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

<sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

<sup>8</sup>Put your trust in God always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.

<sup>12</sup>Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,  
for you repay all according to their deeds.

## ACCLAMATION

## “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” – ELW #172

The image shows a musical score for the acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the lyrics: "Hal-le. hal - le. hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le. hal - le, hal -". The second system contains: "- le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -". The third system contains: "lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah." The score ends with a double bar line.

## 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.*

<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.

## GOSPEL:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark,

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### 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.*

<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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## SERMON

## 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**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

*A brief silence.*

A: God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. We trust you never abandon your promises to the most vulnerable among us. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea. Guide our care of oceans and all creatures that live in them. Hold us accountable for actions that endanger water sources and the people who depend on them. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world. As they lead, may they follow in your way of justice and truth. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them *as the martyr, Agnes, ministered to victims of sexual abuse*. Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain especially **Barbara Winter, Dave Grubb, Brian Mickiewicz, David Tyson, Eric Harter, Rick Munz, Greg Wicker, Jeanette Kaufmann, Don Walt, Michael Bailey, Colleen Elliot, Cindy Batten, Joan Emswiler, Hilary Cohen, Jim Miller, Valerie Bazzley, Roger Batten and Cristin Lorman. God of grace,**

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith community to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: God who holds the saints against your tender bosom, we trust you welcome them into your care. Comfort those who grieve, even as we place our hope in your salvation. God of grace,  
**C: receive our prayer.**

P: 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.  
**C: Amen.**

## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C: And also with you.**

*Let us share the peace with one another*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

### "Allegretto"

**Flute and Viola Duet**

Lori and Emily Hoshaw

*Please stand*

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.  
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.  
Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek  
and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.  
**C: Amen.**

*Please stand*

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: "Amen" or "I believe." (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.  
**C: And also with you.**



P: Lift up your hearts.


C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father through Christ our Lord. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might:  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na  
in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy God, the beginning and the end, you are our salvation and our hope. We praise you for creating a world of order and beauty. When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy. At this end of the ages, your son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace. Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

**C: Amen**

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray,

A: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Come and see.

**C: Amen.**

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### **#1 – "Let us Break Bread Together" – ELW #471**

Text and Music: African American Spiritual

### **#2 – "Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal" – ELW #464**

Text: Ray Makeever, Rusty Edwards, Music: Ray Makeever; arr. Rusty Edwards

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

A: God who names you, Christ who claims you,

and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always.

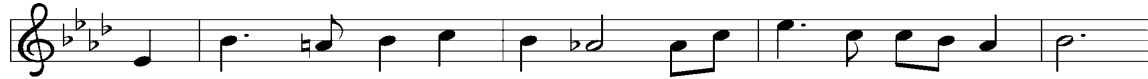
**C: Amen**

## SENDING HYMN

## "I Love to Tell the Story" – ELW #661, All Verses



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

### *Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

9:00 am "To God be the Glory"

William H. Doane, Arr. by Richard Unfried

## Bible Readings for the Week

Monday	Genesis 12:1-9	God calls Abram to go to Canaan
Tuesday	Genesis 45:25-46:7	God calls Jacob to go to Egypt
Wednesday	Mark 3:13-19	Jesus appoints the Twelve
Thursday	Proverbs 8:1-21	Wisdom calls the people
Friday	1 Corinthians 7:17-24	Live the life assigned
Saturday	Psalms 46	The God of Jacob is our stronghold

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