



Third Sunday after Epiphany

Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA

Forest City, Iowa

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January 21, 2024 9:15am

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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: **"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"**

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion 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.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 *Repentance at Nineveh*

PSALM: Psalm 62:5-12 [read responsively]

⁵For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

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

**⁹Those 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.**

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

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

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

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 *Living in the end times*

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20 *The calling of the disciples at the sea*

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

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Zech

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord"**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *L: God of grace, C: receive our prayer.*

Ruby Sue Albertsen

Donna Kvale

Tim Schmidt

Kristy Anderson

Chris McCormick

Lowell Solberg

Liam Bartleson

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Jennie Spencer

Hayden Despenas

Melvin Peterson

Lucky Truong

Parker Farland

Carroll Reines

Missionary Karen Anderson

Joyce Kasper

family of Wilma Sauer

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING: "Christ Be My Leader"

Choir

OFFERTORY: **"As the Grains of Wheat"**

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OFFERING PRAYER

L: Blessed are you, Holy One,

C: 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. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING / Holy, Holy, Holy

from Now the Feast

Eucharistic Prayer / Eucharistic Acclamations

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ

Lord's Prayer

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