

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, \pm 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 \oplus 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.

⁶God 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.

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" #580 ELW

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

Ruby Sue AlbertsenDonna KvaleTim SchmidtKristy AndersonChris McCormickLowell SolbergLiam BartlesonJill (Lewison) NedvedJennie SpencerHayden DespenasMelvin PetersonLucky 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" #465

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

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

COMMUNION: "I Love to Tell the Story" #661
"O Jesus, I Have Promised" #810

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Praise to You, O God of Mercy" #208

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: "Let Streams of Living Justice" #710

BLESSING / DISMISSAL: God in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

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Worship Participants:

Ushers: Squier family

Song Leaders: Scott Bertelsen, Jaci Thorson

Assisting Minister: Kathy McEnelly

Sound/Video Techs: Karl Wooldridge/Cooper Blaser

Communion Servers: Jen & Zach Raulie

Communion Set Up: Tasha Banta

Altar Care: Marla Betz Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Piano/Choir Director: Linda Ferjak Choir Accompanist: Rylee Walton Scripture Reader: Ellen Olson

Immanuel's December General Offerings:

December 2023 General Offerings: \$75,016.41

Monthly Budget: \$41,249.75 YTD Actual 2023: \$480,793.78

December 2022 General Offerings: \$80,078.50

YTD Actual 2022: \$478,689.73