



**Salem Lutheran Church**  
**Third Weekend After Epiphany**  
**January 23/24, 2021**

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**Third Weekend After Epiphany**  
**Holy Communion**

**January 23/24, 2021**  
**Saturday 5:00 p.m. / Sunday 9:30 a.m.**

**⌘ GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** 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.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

**P:** Holy God,

**C: 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.**

**P:** How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**C: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

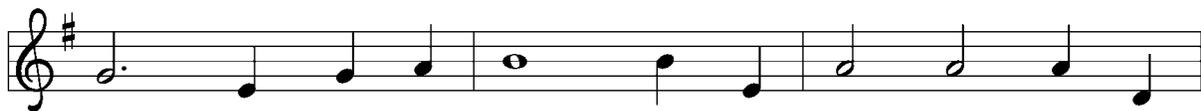
ELW Hymn 696

**Jesus Calls Us**

(Stanzas 1, 3, 5)



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



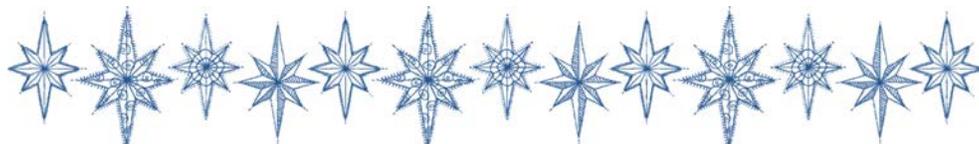
sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"  
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

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**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P:** The grace and peace 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.**



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** 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.

## ⌘ RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

### THE 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?"*

**A:** The First Reading is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter of Jonah . . .

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.

**A:** The word of the Lord,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 62:5-12

**A:** *Please join in praying Psalm 62 responsively...*

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

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

**A:** In God is my deliverance and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

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

**A:** 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.

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

**A:** God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.

**C:** **Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,  
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

## SECOND READING

**1<sup>ST</sup> Corinthians 7:29-31**

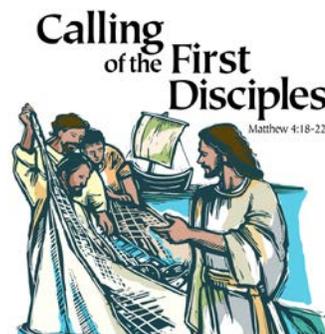
*Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

**A:** The Second Reading is from the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians . . .

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.

**A:** The word of the Lord

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**



## HOLY GOSPEL

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.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter . . .

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

Now after John 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.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### MESSAGE

Pastor Preston Fields

### HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 593

#### *Drawn to the Light*



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the  
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one  
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be  
dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -  
one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.  
pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.  
gun when we're drawn to the light of God.



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

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## THE APOSTLES' CREED

- A:** *Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed ...*
- C:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived**  
**by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under**  
**Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;**  
**he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;**  
**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the**  
**Father, and he will come 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:** 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)*

For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

**A:** For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth, let us pray.

**C: 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.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

**A:** For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief especially **Amy, Lynn, Bev, Ron, Michael, Diana, Joe, Art, Arlene, Kathy and Greg**, that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

**A:** For our congregation and community, for families big and small, and for the organizations that meet here during the week, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

**A:** In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, especially Grant Hupy and Alexis Paulsen, that they point us to salvation through Christ, let us pray.

**C: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

### OFFERING

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### OFFERING PRAYER

- A:** 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.
- C:** **Amen.**

### ⌘ GATHERING AT GOD'S TABLE

### DIALOGUE

- 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 our thanks and praise.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P:** 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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C:** **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.**

*Please refer to Pastor Preston's email/letter  
"Communion in Exceptional Times."*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

## LAMB OF GOD *(Spoken responsively)*

**P:** Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.

**C:** **Have mercy on us.**

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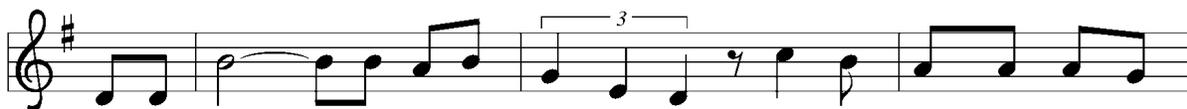
**P:** Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.

**C:** **Grant us peace.**

## COMMUNION HYMN

*ELW Hymn 866*

### ***We Are Marching in the Light***



*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen'kwen-khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



*nyen'kwen-khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen'kwen-khos',*  
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march-ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march-ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

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## TABLE BLESSING

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

**C:** Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A:** *Let us pray ...* 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.

**C:** **Amen.**

⌘ **GOING FORTH TO “Live Christ’s Love”**

## DEPARTURE BLESSING

**P:** May God give you grace never to sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love. Almighty God, Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

**A:** Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Worship Leaders . . .*

*Pastor Preston Fields*

*John Seraphine, Saturday Assisting Minister*

*Brandon Johnson, Sunday Assisting Minister*

*Musicians . . .*

*Michael Graddy, Piano*

*The Graddy Family*

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