

Epiphany 3

Let's Get to Know Jesus by the kind of people
he calls to serve.



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CHRIST Lutheran Church

"Our hope in Jesus is an anchor for the soul." Hebrews 6:19

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■ *Sunday 10:30AM: Team L*

■ *Monday 6:30PM: Cook*

Mission Statement

With the help of the Triune God, our mission is to gladly nurture the spiritual and physical needs of our congregation, to train our children in the knowledge of the Lord, to reach out to others with the saving message of Jesus' love and forgiveness.

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

☞ Prayer before worship

Grant us, O Lord, to live this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain, that reaching the evening victorious over all temptation, we may praise you, the eternal God, for you govern all things and are praised now and forever. Amen.

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

“Epiphany” is a word that means to “reveal, show.” We rejoice to see Jesus reveal himself as the Son of God and Son of Man, the Savior of the world.

Let's get to know

Jesus



OUR THEME FOR TODAY: LET'S GET TO KNOW JESUS BY THE KIND OF PEOPLE HE CALLS TO SERVE.

Jesus shows his glory in the kind of people that he calls to serve him and in using the gospel to make them willing to follow him. This Sunday it is the epistle lesson that gives unity to our readings, since all of the other readings deal with specific calls to a full time following that leaves behind secular vocations. Jesus still calls people in such a way to the holy ministry. To all however comes the call to follow him with a willingness to abandon everything should faithfulness require it; this call bids us to have a mindset that has forsaken everything, even when we are not required to do it.

OPENING HYMN

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Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low his ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, To his im - age
 3 Let us al - so die with Je - sus. His death from the



am - ple pure, Flee the world which would de - ceive us
 e'er con - form; Heav - en's glo - ry soon will please us,
 sec - ond death, From our soul's de - struc - tion, frees us,



And to sin our souls al - lure. Ev - er in his
 Sun - shine fol - low on the storm. Though we sow in
 Quick - ens us with life's glad breath. Let us mor - ti -



foot - steps tread - ing, Bod - y here, yet soul a - bove,
 tears of sor - row, We shall reap in heav'n - ly joy,
 fy, while liv - ing, Flesh and blood and die to sin,



Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the
 And the fears that now an - noy Shall be laugh - ter
 And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the



Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful Lord, a - bide with me.
 on the mor - row. Christ, I suf - fer here with thee;
 gate to heav - en. Je - sus, here I die to thee,



Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee.
 There, oh, share thy joy with me.
 There to live e - ter - nal - ly.

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

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THE WORD



FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh just as the word of the LORD had commanded. Now Nineveh was a great city to God. It required a three-day walk. ⁴Jonah walked through the city for a day, and he called out, “Forty more days and Nineveh is going to be overthrown!” ⁵The men of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least. ¹⁰When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which he said he would bring on them, and he did not carry it out.

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PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 62

Pastor will sing the verses. The congregation is asked to sing the refrains.



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

*My soul finds rest in God alone;
my salvation comes from him.*

*He alone is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.*

*Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;
my hope comes from him.*

Refrain

*Though your riches increase,
do not set your heart on them.*

*My salvation and my honor depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.*

*Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.*

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

Refrain



SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹I also say this, brothers: The time is short. From now on, let those who have wives live as if they have none; ³⁰those who weep, as if not weeping; those who rejoice, as if not rejoicing; those who buy, as if not possessing; ³¹and those who use the world, as if not getting any use out of it. For the way of life that belongs to this world is passing away.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia.

(Matthew 4:23)

STAND



GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. ¹⁵"The time is fulfilled," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel." ¹⁶As Jesus was going along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. ¹⁷Jesus said to them, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ¹⁸Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹Going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately Jesus called them. They left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

85 O God from God, O Light from Light



1 O God from God, O Light from Light, O Prince of
2 Deep in the proph-ets' sa-cred page, Grand in the
3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death of
4 Sing to the Lord a might-y song; Sing to his



Peace and King of kings, To you in heav-en's
po-ets' wing-ed word, Slow-ly, in type, from
pain mid hate and scorn—These all are past, and
name, his glo-ries tell! Sing, heav'n-ly hosts, your



glo-ry bright The song of praise for-ev-er rings.
age to age The na-tions saw their com-ing Lord;
now a-bove He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
praise pro-long, And all on earth, your an-them swell!



To him who sits up-on the throne, The Lamb once
Till through the deep Ju-de-an night Rang out the
Lift up your heads, O might-y gates! So sang the
Wor-thy the Lamb for sin-ners slain! For-ev-er



slain but raised a-gain, Be all the glo-ry
song, "Good will to men!" Sung by heav'n's hosts in
an-gel hosts a-gain. Lift up your heads—your
let the song as-cend! Wor-thy the Lamb en-



he has won, All thanks and praise! A-men, A-men.
splen-dor bright, Re-ech-oed now, "Good will!" A-men.
King a-waits. We lift them up, A-men, A-men.
throned to reign; Glo-ry and pow'r! A-men, A-men.

SERMON: *Mark 1:14-20*

Carry Your Net for Christ

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BE SEATED

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING *(Thank you all who have mailed, dropped off or electronically given your gifts to our Lord. Offering baskets are in the back of Church for your convenience. May God continue to bless you with all you need, just as he promised.)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: God of Grace, our heavenly Father: We praise with amazement the love and mercy in which you chose us from eternity to be your dear children.

C: *Accept our humble thanks for calling us by the Gospel and wanting us to have a share in the mercy and love which you have for even the worst of sinners.*

M: Draw us deeper and deeper into a more committed discipleship, strengthen and increase our faith in Christ, and shape our hearts and wills so that they parallel your will and desire to do your work.

C: *Overcome our many weaknesses, our frequent faults, and our foolish fears so that the Good News of Christ's love go forth through our life and testimony.*

M: Forgive us for shying away from your call to proclaim the Gospel to every creature, and forgive us for the coldness with which we have received your command to seek your kingdom first.

C: *We humbly pray for your patience with us and for new opportunities to respond to your gracious call, and for another chance to let our light of faith and love shine.*

M: Thank you for giving our lives a great purpose, and prevent us from wasting them through materialistic greed or selfish laziness.

C: *Give each of us a task and role in your kingdom and bless our efforts to fulfill what you have given us to do.*

M: As we anticipate the day of Christ's return, increase our resolve to reach every soul with the good news of the Gospel, and use our testimony to bring many more to faith.

C: *Give us the greatest joy of sharing the Savior with our neighborhood and world and glorify the name of Jesus through all we say and do.*

(Here special intercessions, silent or spoken, may be made.)

M: All this we seek, O Lord, because of your gracious promise to hear those who come in the name of Jesus, who has taught us this prayer...

LORD'S PRAYER

M/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

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

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I Hear the Savior Calling



1 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! The gos - pel comes to
3 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He gives this charge to
me. My eyes once closed in blind - ness Are o - pened
me: To serve the best I'm a - ble, What - e'er the
now to see That I my - self was help - less To
call may be. Thus hand in hand with oth - ers Who
live e - ter - nal - ly, But, dy - ing, Christ did
share the gos - pel key We spread the gos - pel
save me, And now he calls for me!
tid - ings— My Sav - ior calls for me!