

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
 Third Sunday after Epiphany  
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### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*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.*

### PRELUDE

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

John Boehnke

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION

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

Blessed be the Father, ☩ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, who forgives all our sin, and whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

*Silence for reflection.*

God who searches us and knows us,  
 you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin,  
 and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Beloved of God,  
 you have not received the spirit of the world,  
 but the Spirit that is from God,  
 poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.  
 Receive the promise of baptism:  
 You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven.  
 Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** *Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,  
 Where the streams of abundance flow,  
 Blessed be Your name.  
 Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
 Though I walk through the wilderness  
 Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
 When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.  
 Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
 When the world's all as it should be.  
 Blessed be Your name.  
 Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,  
 Though there's pain in the offering.  
 Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
 When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.  
 Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

You give and take away, You give and take away.  
 My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name.  
 You give and take away, You give and take away.  
 My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.  
 Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

**GREETING**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**Jesus Christ is the light of the world. The light no darkness can overcome.**

May the grace and truth of our Lord Jesus Christ 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.**

**KIDS' TIME**

Pastoral Assistant Sandra Anderson

**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.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 62:5-12

*(read responsively)*

<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.

## 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.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia (I am the Light of the World)*

Larry Olson

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia, I am the light of the world.

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia, I am the light of the world.

Those who fol - low me will not walk in dark - ness.

Those who fol - low me will have the light of life.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

**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.*

<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.

The gospel of the Lord.      **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Erin Heidelberger

**SONG OF THE DAY***You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

You have come down to the lakeshore  
Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,  
But only asking for me to follow.

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;  
Kindly smiling, you’ve called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
Now with you, I will seek other seas.

You know full well what I have, Lord:  
Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,  
Just these my fish nets and will for working.

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;  
Kindly smiling, you’ve called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
Now with you, I will seek other seas.

You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
Working love for the rest of the weary -  
A love that’s willing to go on loving.

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;  
 Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
 On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
 Now with you, I will seek other seas.

You who have fished other waters;  
 You, the longing of souls that are yearning:  
 O loving Friend, you have come to call me.

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;  
 Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
 On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
 Now with you, I will seek other seas.

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#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 THE PEOPLE

Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Prayer response:*                Let us walk  
   in the light of the Lord.

Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

## OFFERING

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## OFFERING SONG

*My Life is in You, Lord*

My life is in You, Lord.  
My strength is in You, Lord.  
My hope is in You, Lord,  
In You, It's in You.

My life is in You, Lord.  
My strength is in You, Lord.  
My hope is in You, Lord,  
In You, It's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life.  
I will praise you with all of my strength.  
With all of my life, with all of my strength.  
All of my hope is in You.

My life is in You, Lord.  
My strength is in You, Lord.  
My hope is in You, Lord,  
In You, It's in You.

My life is in You, Lord.  
 My strength is in You, Lord.  
 My hope is in You, Lord,  
 In You, It's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life.  
 I will praise you with all of my strength.  
 With all of my life, with all of my strength.  
 All of my hope is in You.

My life is in You, Lord.  
 My strength is in You, Lord.  
 My hope is in You, Lord,  
 In You, It's in You.

My life is in You, Lord.  
 My strength is in You, Lord.  
 My hope is in You, Lord,  
 In You, It's in You. In You.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing.  
 By your grace, use these gifts to spread your name and salvation through our  
 community and our world. We pray this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

Our Father in heaven,  
     hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
     your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
     now and forever. **Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

May the God of glory dwell in you richly, call you beloved, and shine brightly on  
 your path. The blessing of Almighty God - the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, be  
 upon and remain with you always. **Amen.**



**SENDING SONG***This is the Day*

This is the day that the Lord has made.

I will rejoice and celebrate.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

I will rejoice. I will rejoice and celebrate.

He goes before me. He goes before me.

He walks beside me. He walks beside me.

He lives within me. He's the lover of my soul.

He's my defender. He's my defender.

He's my provider. He's my provider.

His overflowing mercies are brand new evr'yday.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

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**SENDING WORDS**

Go in peace! Share the good news of Jesus Christ!

**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE***How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

Jan Bender

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