

In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
Psalm 62:7

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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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.

*The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God
by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through
worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Four

✠ GATHERING ✠

ACCLAMATION

William Stevens

Alleluia. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;
repent, and believe in the good news. Alleluia.
(Mark 1:15)

OPENING VOLUNTARY Allemande & Courante *from* Suite in E Minor, BuxWV 235

Dieterich Buxtehude

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,

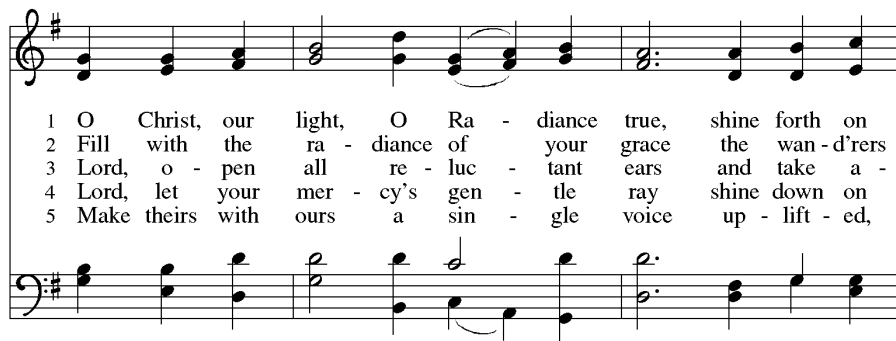
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

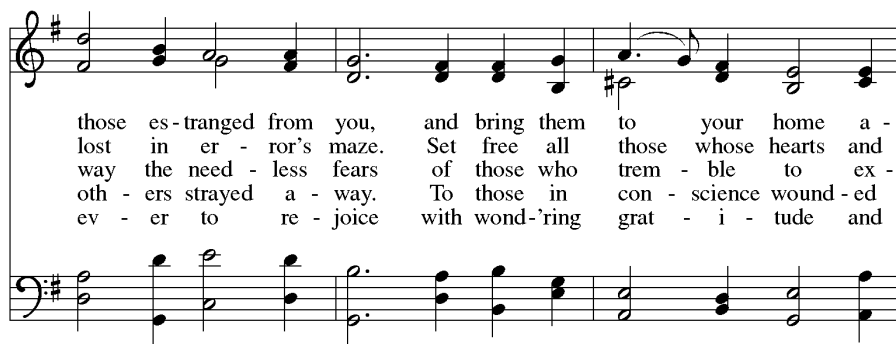
The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

GATHERING HYMN 675 O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True

O JEUS CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT



1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers
3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,



those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
lost in er - ror's maze. Set free all those whose hearts and
way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
ev - er to re - joice with wond - ring grat - i - tude and



gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and binds.
press the faith their in - most hearts con - fess.
sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

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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.**

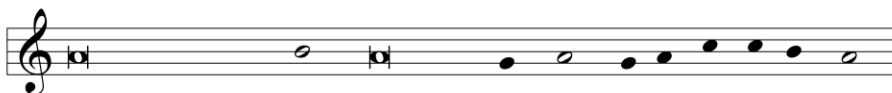
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



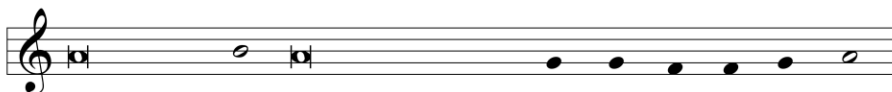
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord



God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have



mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the



Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the



Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the



most high, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the



glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen.

We sit.

WELCOME

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 62:5-12

Tone by Mark Mummert

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.

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

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20

The holy gospel according to Saint Mark. **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.

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

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Wollner

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY 798 Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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APOSTLES' CREED

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

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Each portion of the prayers conclude:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

We sit.

✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Lead Gently, Lord

Clif Cason

Lead gently, Lord, and slow, For oh, my steps are weak,
And ever as I go, Some soothing sentence speak;

That I may turn my face Through doubt's obscurity
Toward thine abiding-place, E'en tho' I cannot see.

For lo, the way is dark; Through mist and cloud I stumble,
Save for that fitful spark, The flame of hope so humble.

Lead gently, Lord, and slow, For fear that I may fall;
I know not where to go Unless I hear thy call.

My fainting soul doth yearn For thy green hills afar;
So let thy mercy burn—My greater, guiding star!

We stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace.



SENDING HYMN 866 We Are Marching in the Light

SIYAHAMBA

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'

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 _____ oo _____
 We are march - ing _____ oo _____

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

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

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

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

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

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2. We are praying... 3. We are singing...

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Gigue *from* Suite in E Minor, BuxWV 235

Dieterich Buxtehude

Soli Deo Gloria

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Announcements

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Pastors Wollner and Carter, the Augsburg Staff, and the Congregation Council as they continue to live out the mission of our congregation.

This week we keep in prayer Jim and Marion Apel, 714 Chestnut Ridge Court, Winston-Salem, NC. 27103. Please send Jim and Marion a note.

A Called Meeting of the Augsburg Congregation will take place on Sunday, January 31 at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. The agenda of this meeting includes 1) To vote to extend a Call to Katie B. Bryant as a Minister of Word and Service to the Deacon for Youth and Emerging Ministries position and 2) To vote on the Revised Outdoor Gathering Space and Cost Schedule. If you did not receive the Special Edition of the Beacon with the details of this meeting, please call the office.

Don't forget the Meet and Greet with Katie Bryant, our new Minister of Word and Service, Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. You will receive a Zoom invitation closer to the event.

The Food Drive is Thursday! Your help is needed to fill the shelves of Christ's Beloved Community Food Pantry! We have one location this month Please bring non-perishable items to the **portico at Augsburg from 12:00-4:00 p.m., Thursday, January 28**. The portico is on the backside of our building at 844 Pilot View. Items most needed include: macaroni and cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, bags of rice and beans (pinto/black), canned tomatoes, canned potatoes, canned fruit, canned soups, canned meat, granola bars, spaghetti-o's, peanut butter, jelly, bags of sugar and flour, paper towels, toilet paper, diapers (any size).

Please join Pastor Paul for Bible Study Tuesday, January 26. This week will focus on chapters 6-7 of the Book of Ecclesiastes. The same class will be offered on Zoom at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. each week.

Altar Flower Dedication. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the beautiful altar flowers each week. If you are interested in dedicating flowers as a memorial or in honor of a loved one, please contact Betty Covington at covingtonbet@gmail.com. The cost is \$80.00.

The Efirid L. and Maria F. Hine Fund committee will meet for its Winter Quarter tomorrow, Monday, January 25, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Please call or email Kris Andrews if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Please keep our Financial Secretary Joyce Holton in your prayers as she recovers from a recent fall. Council has appointed Kris Andrews to serve as Acting Financial Secretary during Joyce's absence. Augsburg is able to accept gifts of securities, such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Please email financialsecretary@alcws.org or call the church office for more information.

We keep you in prayer during our time apart. Our pastors continue to be available for your pastoral care needs. If you would like to reach a pastor, please call their cell phones, send them a text, or an email. Pastor Paul is 803-331-5970 or seniorpastor@alcws.org and Pastor Lori is 336-414-2838 or pastoralassociate@alcws.org

Readings for next week: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Worship attendance for services last week: 236 views on YouTube.

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