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JANUARY 26, 2020

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE

THE Calling of the First Disciples

Matthew 4:18-22



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Third Sunday after the Epiphany**. HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Prayer upon entering God's House

Lord Jesus, You have asked us to follow You, but often we go our own way. You call for our allegiance, but we allow our own desires and plans to keep us from serving You. Help us through this time of worship to be more obedient to You and faithful to our calling. In Your name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE*Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise**arr. Diemer****BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P 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.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage 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

P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, 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.

C Amen

***OPENING HYMN** *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

*LBW 526****GREETING**

P The grace 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.

*KYRIE



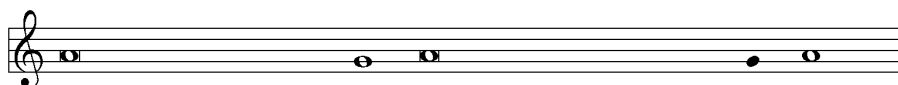
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



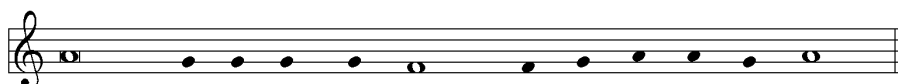
Ⓐ For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



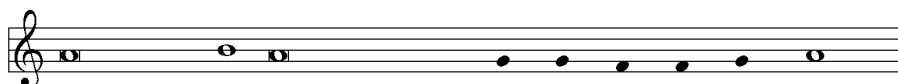
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty 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



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



Ⓑ Lord God, heav-en-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,

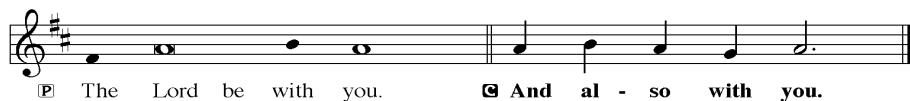


you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You sent Your Son to proclaim Your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of Your Holy Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON:

ISAIAH 9:1-4

A The First Lesson is from the ninth chapter of Isaiah.

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shone.

³ You have multiplied the nation;

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden,

and the staff for his shoulder,

the rod of his oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:

PSALM 27:1, 4-13

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD

all the days of my life;

⁶to behold the fair beauty of the LORD

and to seek him in his temple.

**⁷For in the day of trouble
he shall keep me safe in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.**

⁸Even now he lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me.

**⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and | answer me.

**¹¹You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.”
Your face, LORD, will I seek.**

¹²Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

¹³You have been my helper; cast me | not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

SECOND LESSON:

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10–18

A The Second Lesson is from the first chapter of First Corinthians.

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

A Here ends the reading.

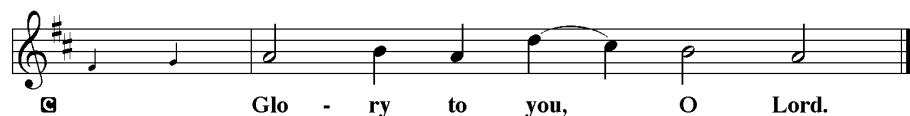
***VERSE**



***GOSPEL:**

MATTHEW 4:12-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fourth chapter.



¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

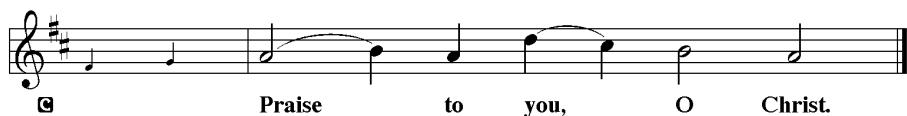
¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.

²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *"They Cast Their Nets"*

LBW 449

SERMON

*APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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,

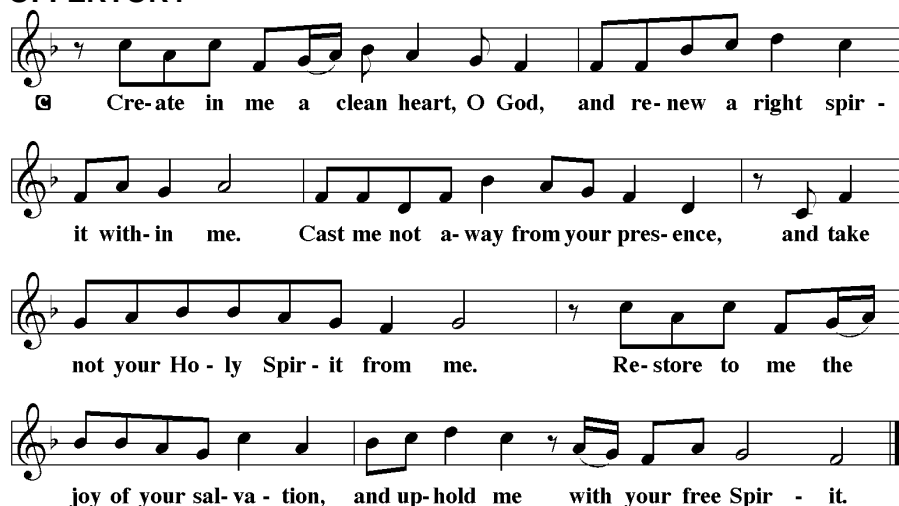
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

ANTHEM

"In the Bleak Mid-Winter"

arr. Adams

*OFFERTORY



*THE PRAYERS

Let us pray that the light of Christ may shine upon the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.

Heavenly Father, Your Son called His disciples to be fishers of men; to proclaim the good news of Your Kingdom; and to shed Your light into hearts darkened by sin and sorrow. Fill the Church with the Holy Spirit, so that it too may preach the Gospel; be fishers of men; and bring the light of Your forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life to the whole world.

LORD in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

(Other intercessions are offered.)

P Into Your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

*BENEDICTION

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



*CLOSING HYMN

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Annual Congregational Meeting

TODAY - January 26, 2020

Our annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship TODAY. We will review the Bulletin of Reports, approve a budget for 2020 and elect an endowment trustee.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		Congregational Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	6-8 th Gr. Youth Group
Monday 1/27	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music Committee
	7:30 p.m.	Fireflies
Tuesday 1/28	7:00 a.m.	Food Bank Helpers
	6-7:00 p.m.	Faith Girlz
Wednesday 1/29		
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	4:30 p.m.	First Communion Class
	6:00 p.m.	New Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
	8:00 p.m.	Senior Choir Practice
Thursday 1/30	8:15 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 & 7:00 p.m.	Catechism
	6:00 p.m.	Parent/Last First Commun. Class
Sunday 2/2	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
	12:15 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	6-12 Youth Group

St. John's to Help at the Food Bank

It is St. John's turn to help at the food bank **TOMORROW January 28th at 7:00 a.m.** We need about 6 volunteers to help load the truck for the Kittanning Food Bank's clients. The Food Bank warehouse is located at the Community Action Agency.



You are invited to an informational meeting
for 2020 Faith Build

Our goal is to engage churches to work together with Habitat to provide housing for a family in need in our community. A mission trip without leaving home. Please join us:

Tuesday, January 28 at 9:00 am for breakfast and information at The First Baptist Church Kittanning (Arch and N. McKean Sts). RSVP to Claire at clairesmusicstudio@gmail.com or 724-691-8758

Souper Bowl for Hunger

Next Sunday our youth will be at the doors holding soup pots to collect money for the Water Mission Project. So dig deep into your pockets to help our youth with this project. *We have an anonymous donor who will match what is received.*



2020 Altar Flower Chart

The flower chart for 2020 has been posted in the narthex. Please take this opportunity to sign up for the dates that you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one or special event. The price of altar flowers will be \$50.00. Please complete the green cards that are provided next to the flower chart to let us know the names for our bulletin and if you want to keep the flowers or have altar guild give to someone to brighten their day. Thank you!



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through a mobile app!***

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The flowers on the Altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Esther Choncek on her 78th birthday
By Butch, Chris, Jeff and their families.

OUR MISSION

St. John's Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God's grace and who respond to God's love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.