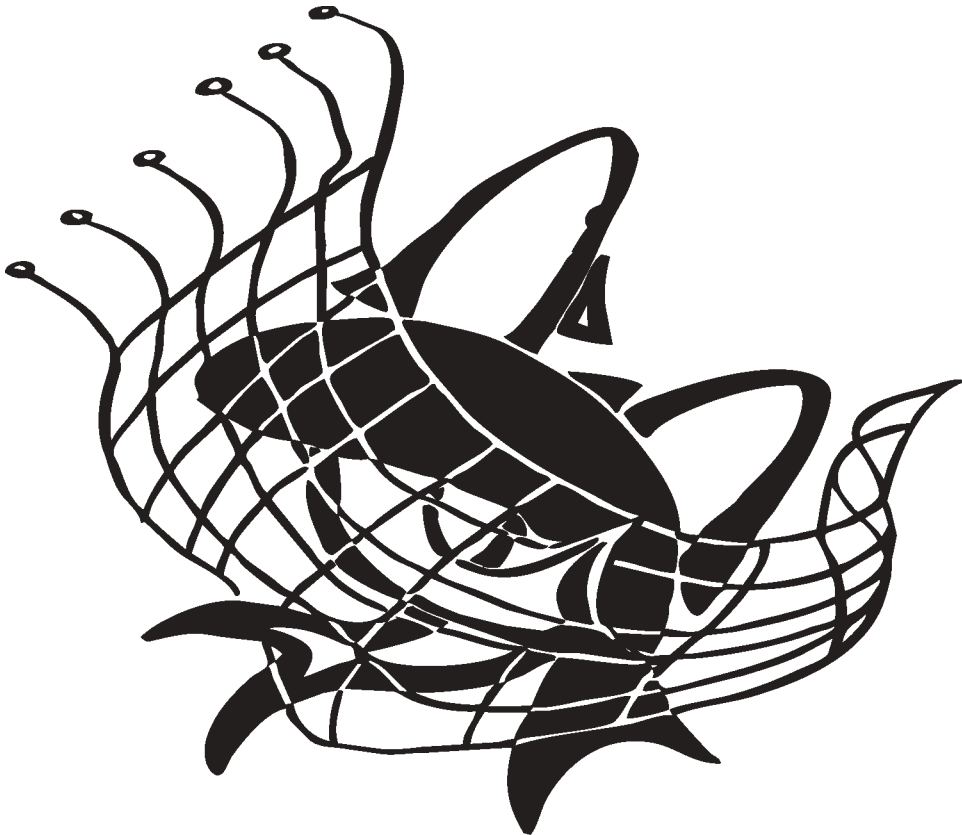


CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 23, 2005
8:30 A.M.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
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THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Today's gospel reading narrates a strange fishing expedition. Jesus utters simple words that change human lives: "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." No glitz, no slick marketing, no extravagant claim; only these words: "Follow me."

Here is the mission that flows from the watery pool of our baptism into Christ. The Christian community goes forth and invites others to see what good things God offers in the waters of rebirth, in the scriptures, in the holy supper, in the community of faith. People can be "caught" in many things. What happens when they are caught in the net of God's mercy?

January 23, 2005

8:30 a.m. Worship

Fishing Lure

Fresh from his testing in the wilderness, Jesus heard that John had been arrested. Now Jesus' own ministry was to begin. The Sea of Galilee was the focus of life for the whole area, and it was here that Jesus began to proclaim the good news that the kingdom of heaven was near.

Normally disciples would come to the teacher, but in this case, Jesus sought out his students. When he called to Peter and Andrew, he used imagery familiar to them: "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." After years of Christian tradition, we might think this was clearly a call to discipleship, but to Peter and Andrew, there must have been at least a moment of discernment.

Did Jesus intend to ask them to trawl for people as they did for fish, trapping the prey in nets and dragging them out of their element and to their deaths? Sure, the fish would feed many, but Jesus could not have meant this. Perhaps, on the other hand, Jesus meant that they should fish as teachers do—capturing a student's imagination and drawing him or her into new understandings.

Peter and Andrew would learn a new kind of fishing, fishing that would *bring* life, not end it. That these two left their nets and followed points to Jesus' skill. Jesus himself was the bait, and Jesus himself would become the food. By the end of his ministry, he would invite his followers to eat and drink a holy meal.

Jesus' skill has not faded with the centuries. The story is still compelling. The invitation is still pointed and life giving. And Jesus is still just the food we need, bread and wine, body and blood, given and shed for us and for all people. Here is the promise of life, now and forever.

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We encourage worshippers to read the introductions to the Readings of the Day in preparation for listening to the Word of God. Thank you.

** Stand if you are able.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people, here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (to Refrain)

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is labeled "Assistant:" and contains the melody for the words "Help, save and de - fend us, O". The second staff is labeled "Congregation:" and contains the melody for the words "God. A - men.".

**** RESPONSIVE PRAYER (spoken)**

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to God's people on earth.

Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

Have mercy on those who are sick, dying, and all who suffer this day.

Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament, that we may bear your light to all the world.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (sung)

The image shows a single staff of musical notation. The first part is labeled "Presider:" and the second part is labeled "Congregation:". The melody is for the words "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.".

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 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. **Amen.**

GATHERING OF PRAYERS / Collecting of Gold / Green Cards

Pastor Prochaska

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Prochaska

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

The first reading is from Isaiah, chapter 9.

The people in the northern parts of Israel have experienced "gloom" and "darkness" because of the destruction wrought by Assyrian military forces. To these people, the prophet announces the shining of a great light of salvation. Matthew equates this light with the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time the LORD brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
 on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian. (NRSV)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. (spoken)

We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light

CONGREGATIONAL PART

Zulu Text to "Siyahamba"
Free paraphrase of Zulu text in English
and additional text by HAL H. HOPSON
Verses based on Psalm 27:1-4

Based on the South African Freedom Song
SIYAHAMBA
Arranged by HAL H. HOPSON

REFRAIN
(S. A. T. B. or unison voices)
S. A.

We are sing - ing, for the Lord is our light, — we are
Zulu: See yah hahm — buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs, — See yah

T. B.

sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. — We are sing - ing, for the
hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs. — See yah hahm buh koo kah

Lord is our light, — we are sing - ing for the Lord is our light. —
nigh nee kwen kohs, — See yah hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs. —

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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

The second reading is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 1.

Three of the most highly respected missionaries in the early church were Paul, Apollos, and Cephas (also known as Simon Peter). Still, as Paul himself attests, respect for any human leader is misplaced if it becomes divisive or obscures devotion to Christ.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can 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.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (NRSV)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. (spoken)

**** GOSPEL VERSE (sung)**

Congregation:

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

Optional Repeat

**** GOSPEL**

Matthew 4:12-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

John the Baptist called everyone to repent, including the ruler Herod, who had him thrown in prison. It was at this point that Jesus began his public ministry, proclaiming the nearness of the reign of God.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸As he walked 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. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."

²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord

Thanks be to God. (spoken)

SERMON

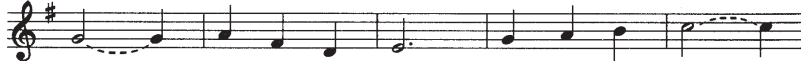
Pastor Prochaska

** HYMN

Christ Be Our Light



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered-to-day.

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** APOSTLES' CREED (spoken)

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

**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.**

**** PRAYERS** (spoken)

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. The minister gives thanks for the faithful departed, especially for those who recently have died.

Let us pray that the dawn from on high will shine upon the church, the world, and all those in need.

We pray: **Hear us, God of light.**

Hear all our prayers, gracious God, and receive them in the name of the Word made flesh, your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

**** PEACE** (spoken)

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

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.

OFFERTORY

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

(Reger)

**** OFFERTORY PRAYER** (spoken)


Let us pray.

God of glory,

with great joy we worship you and lay before you these gifts, which you have first given us. Let our lives serve you only, and lead us always to our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, the bright and morning star. Amen.


**** GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung)**

Presider: *Congregation:*




The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*




Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is




right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE FOR EPIPHANY (spoken by the Pastor)


It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY (sung)


Congregation:




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly are you, God of pow - er and




might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!



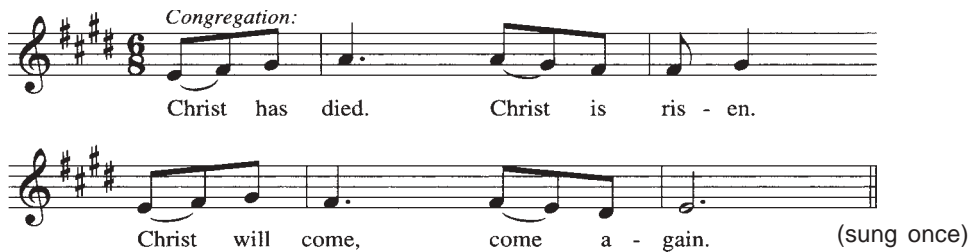
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est!

Pastor continues to pray... for as often... until he comes.

Congregation:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.
Christ will come, come a - gain. (sung once)

Pastor continues to pray... remembering his command... even as we cry:

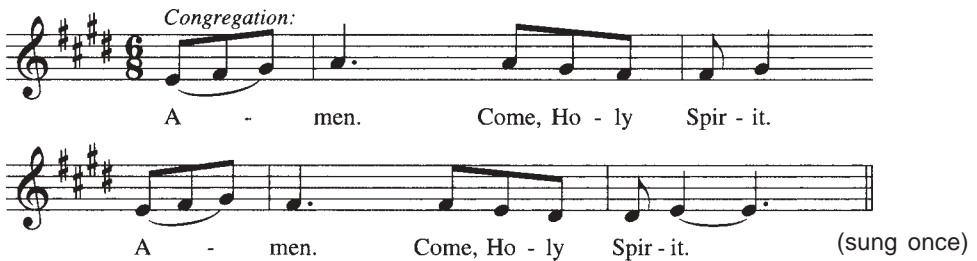
Congregation:



A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.
A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. (sung once)

Pastor continues to pray... send now we pray... your whole creation.

Congregation:



A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.
A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. (sung once)

Pastor continues to pray... this we pray... our Savior and our friend.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ. (sung)

Congregation:



Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is

yours, O God, now and for ev - er.

A - men.

**** LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken) (Personal option - holding hands)
 Made bold by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught:
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.

**** INVITATION TO COMMUNION** (spoken)
 Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.
Amen.

**** LAMB OF GOD** (sung as communion assistants come forward)

Congregation:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

Congregation:

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION -- Receiving the Lord's tangible presence

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen.**

We invite everyone to come to the Communion Rail and kneel if you are able. Children who have not been instructed are encouraged to join their family for a blessing. The Pastor or Communion Assistant will place the communion wafer in the communicant's "cupped hands". Choice of chalice with wine or individual glasses with wine or apple juice are available. Communicants desiring apple juice will need to "gesture" to the innermost circle of glasses in the communion tray where glasses of apple juice are available. The Communion Assistant will hand you the proper small communion cup. After receiving Holy Communion and private prayer at the Altar we encourage communicants to return to their pew for additional prayer, meditation or participation in singing the communion hymns. God bless you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

748 WOV (blue hymnal)

Bind Us Together

649 WOV (blue hymnal)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (spoken)

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Be the light for our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION SONG

46 (purple songbook)

Go in Peace and serve the Lord

SENDING

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

- * Brief Announcements
- * Birthdays & Anniversaries
- * Joys & Concerns
- * Special Matters

** **BLESSING** (spoken)

God's blessing be with you, Christ's + peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

** **HYMN** 377 LBW (green hymnal) (vs. 1,2,&4)

Lift High the Cross

DISMISSAL (spoken)

Go in peace. Be light for the world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

He leadeth me

(Bradbury; arr. by Unfried)

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O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Praise & Thanksgiving to God For
The people and friends of Good Shepherd
Cathy & Dan Smith, missionaries in Tanzania
Bishop Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, ELCA, Chicago
Bishop Callon W. Halloway Jr., Bishop Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA, Columbus
Companion Synods: East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania, East Africa
and Evangelical Church of Mecklenburg, Germany

GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR

Milan Filcik	Betty
Hazel Reel	Carol Rempe
Dick Caton	Anne Moss
Ruth Lackey	David Curry
Ferne Neeb	Anne
Hannah Pressnell & Captive Free West Lakes Team	Quintos Koth – brother-in-law of Al Sessler
Jason Rodes, who is serving in Iraq	Beth Anne
Tami Miozzi	Rick
Darren	Donna Berkeley, surgery 1/20
Lygia Harrison	Dorothy Flora, on the death of her daughter, Sharon
Roberta, friend of Bill Fahle	Scheckelhoff, on 1/18
Bobbie Sanders, friend of Scott Bieller	Mary Thieman
Ferne Neeb	Stephanie, friend of Debbie DeVilbiss, whose husband
Tsunami Relief	died suddenly, 1/16
Ted	

January 23, 2005 – The Third Sunday After Epiphany
Prayers Received January 16, 2005 – The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Please take this home and use it daily to remember in prayer
those who are near and dear to the Good Shepherd Community of Faith

Please email Sheila or Jeff Stutrud with your prayer requests at prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com