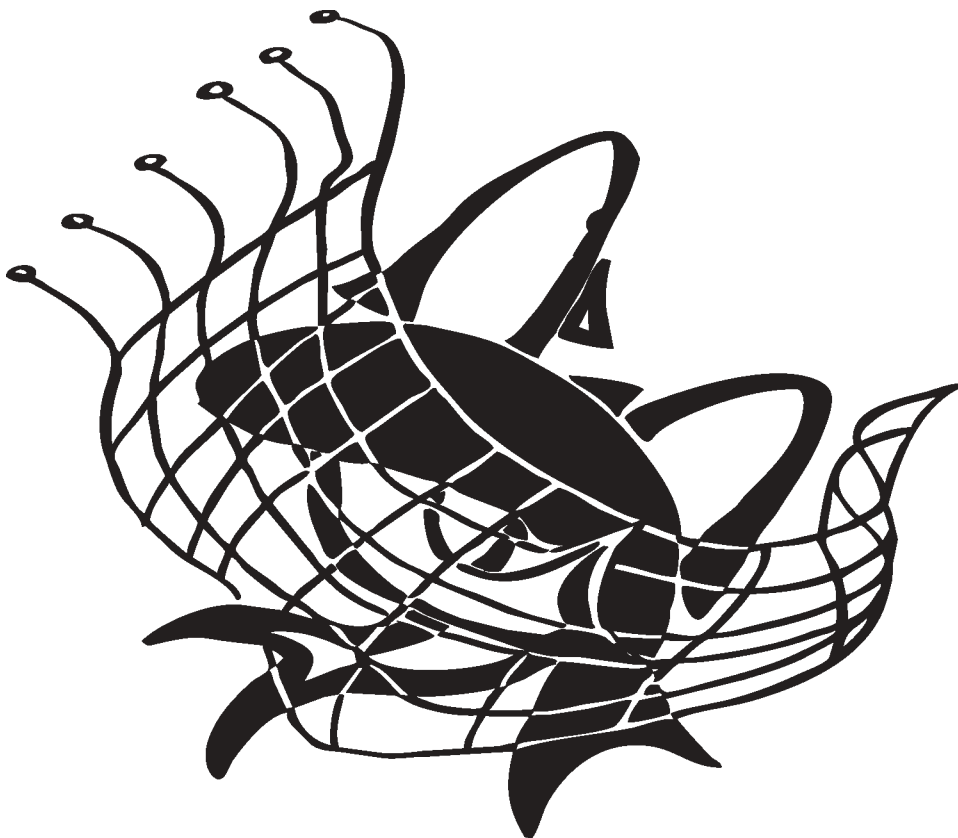


CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2005
5:30 P.M.

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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 22, 2005

5:30 pm 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.

PRELUDE *Worthy, You are Worthy* (Moen) / *Holy, Holy, Holy* (Dykes)
(arr. by Susan Callaway)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (spoken)

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Let us draw near to God in humility and confidence, confessing our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and things left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The boundless riches of Christ are the gift of God's grace to all people. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I 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.**

GATHERING

** **HYMN** 752 WOV (blue hymnal)

I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Setting by Marty Haugen

1. SERVICE OF LIGHT

Procession

Leader:

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:

the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:

Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:

and the day is almost over.

Leader:

Let your light scatter the darkness,

All:

and shine within your people here. —

Evening Hymn

All: a tempo

1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry

glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle

sto - ry, shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y

eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
 soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
 way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new. _____
 free and make us whole. _____
 on to end - less day. _____

Evening Thanksgiving



May God be with you all, and al - so with you;



Let us sing our thanks to — God,



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRAYER (sung)

Blessed are you, Creator of the universe, from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

Amen.

**** PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken)**

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.

WORD

PSALMODY (sung)

Psalm 141

All:

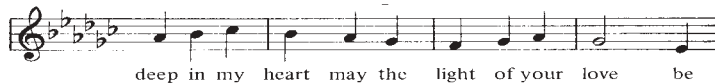
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
fore you, the lift - ing up of my
hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

Cantor and Congregation (Chancel choir sings echo):

O God, I call to you, come to me
now; O hear my voice when I
cry to you. Let my prayer rise
up like in cense be - fore you, the
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to




you. Keep watch with - in me, God;



deep in my heart may the light of your love be



burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise



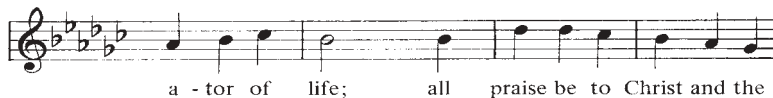
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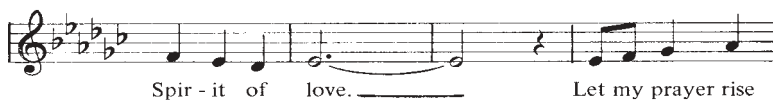
lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to



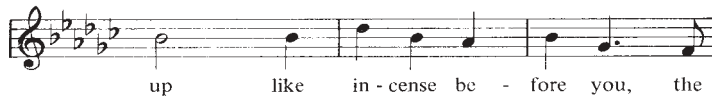
you. All praise to the God of all- Cre-



a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the



Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise



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.

PSALM 27

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?

**⁵One 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 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.

**** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (spoken)

Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, proclaiming the goods news, and curing every disease. Alleluia. (Matt. 4:23)

**** HOLY 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.

SERMON

Pastor Prochaska

**** HYMN 649 WOV** (blue hymnal)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

**** THE PRAYERS** (spoken)

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.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**** PEACE** (sharing together the Peace of the Lord.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY

(Please place your offering in the offering basket located on the shelf in the Narthex. Thank you.)

**** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

(Please gather around the Communion Rail with your bulletin and green hymnal.)
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor Prays...

**** LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken) (personal option - holding hands)

Let us 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.

HOLY COMMUNION - Receiving the Lord's Tangible Presence

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

**** COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's Grace. **Amen.**

**** FINAL BLESSING (sung)**

Leader: Let us bless our God: *All:* praise and thanks to you.

Presider: May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may

Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the

Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for

all of our days.

All: A - men.

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Lift High the Cross

**** BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE

He leadeth me

(Bradbury; arr. by Unfried)

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This week's commemorations

Tuesday, January 25

The Conversion of St. Paul

End of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

Wednesday, January 26

Timothy, Titus, and Silas

These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

Thursday, January 27

Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe

Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchreae.

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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 Scheckelhoff, on 1/18
Roberta, friend of Bill Fahle	Mary Thieman
Bobbie Sanders, friend of Scott Bieller	Stephanie, friend of Debbie DeVilbiss, whose husband died suddenly, 1/16
Ferne Neeb	
Tsunami Relief	
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