

# **ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday, January 21, 2024  
The Third Sunday After Epiphany  
9:30am Holy Communion Worship Service**



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**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

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<b>Worship Assistant:</b>	Guy Ehler
<b>Organist:</b>	Mark Jonkman
<b>Audio-Video Production:</b>	Warren Rute
<b>Lector:</b>	Sue Heater
<b>Usher:</b>	Ed Schaeffer, Debbie Ealer

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<b>HYMN OF PRAISE</b>	<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	Hymnal #671
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**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.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A** Let us pray. 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.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING**

**L** A reading from Jonah, Chapter 3.

<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.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

L A reading from First Corinthians, Chapter 7.

<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.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P <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.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### SERMON

*Please stand as you are able.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Walk as a Child*

Hymnal #815

### 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

P As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

A God our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea. Guide our care of oceans and all creatures that live in them. Hold us accountable for actions that endanger water sources and the people who depend on them. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world. As they lead, may they follow in your way of justice and truth. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them. Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain especially (\_\_\_\_\_, and) those we now name silently in our hearts. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith community to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God who holds the saints against your tender bosom, we trust you welcome them into your care, especially (\_\_\_\_\_, and) those we now name silently in our hearts. Comfort those who grieve, even as we place our hope in your salvation. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A We pray for all who are homebound or in nursing homes, especially Margaret, Shirley, Lisa, Carl, Theresa, Shirley, Ruth, Doris and those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Peaceful God, we plead for an end to the violence in the Ukraine and Israel. Comfort those who have lost or are separated from their loved ones due to these senseless conflicts. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

A We pray for St. Paul's Trinity Lutheran Church of Bethlehem and Pastoral Care Provider Marlene Werkheiser. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

### ANTHEM

*God Will Make a Way*

Chancel Choir

### OFFERING SONG *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light. By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C**     **Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P**     Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

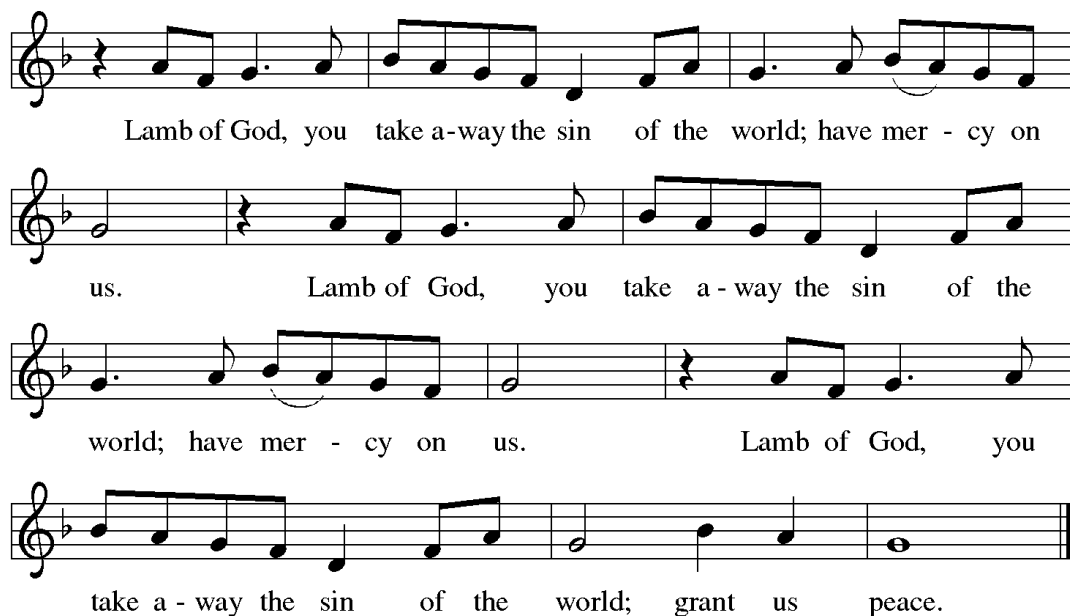
**C**     **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P**     At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

*Please be seated.*

### **LAMB OF GOD**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

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

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

### Hymns during distribution:

<b>You Satisfy the Hungry Heart</b>	Hymnal #484
<b>All Are Welcome</b>	Hymnal #641
<b>As We Gather at Your Table</b>	Hymnal #522

### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*Holy Communion will be celebrated at the base of the steps this day or at your seats. All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers are available for those who want them. Please stand as you are able.*

*When all have received Communion:*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C Amen.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.  
C Amen.

### BLESSING

P God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✝ bless you and remain with you always.  
C Amen.

**SENDING SONG**     *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*     Hymnal #674

### DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. You are God's beloved.  
C Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

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**Homebound/Nursing Home:** Margaret Bennett, Shirley Curto, Lisa Detweiler, Carl Fisher, Theresa Lawhead, Shirley Messenlehner, Ruth Snyder and Doris Wanamaker.

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S**

**Sunday, January 21**

**The Third Sunday After Epiphany**

9:30pm \*Holy Communion Worship Service

No Confirmation Class

**Monday, January 22**

7:00 Parent Partnership Support Group

**Tuesday, January 23**

7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

**Thursday, January 25**

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Community Care Committee via Zoom

**Friday, January 26**

7:30pm Crossroads AA

**Sunday, January 28**

**The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

9:30pm \*Holy Communion Worship Service

No Confirmation Class

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