

+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9:45 am January 21, 2024

Our mission is to share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.



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.



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth; it was a formless void and darkness covered the deep. God said: "Let there be light!"

All And there was light.

Pastor In the middle of life, when we become more aware of our flaws and the shadows that surround life, God calls us into the illuminating presence of His Word.

**All Lord, your Word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.**

Pastor In the fog of life, when good and evil compete and when our future is put in doubt, we are reminded of the true power of God in Christ Jesus.

**All The true light, which enlightens everyone,
has come into the world.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness does not overcome it.**

Pastor Epiphany is the season of light. As we continue our life's story, as we deal with challenges, pursue goals and occasionally fail, may we always know that Christ is our light.

**All Jesus said: I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life. Amen.**

GATHERING SONG
Please stand and sing.

Celebrate the Lord of Love

WORDS and MUSIC: Paul Baloche, Ed Kerr

Musical score for the song 'Celebrate the Lord of Love'. The score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of E major (indicated by four sharps), and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked as 116-124. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chords are indicated by letters (E, A2, B) above the notes. The score consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Trade your heav - y heart for a heart of joy; cel - e - brate what God has done. Join the song of praise as we gath - er here; cel - e - brate the Lord of Love. Je - sus is our Lord; he is reign - ing here. We de - clare, "His king - dom's come." Dark - ness has to flee in his ho - ly light; cel - e - brate the Lord of Love. All cre - a - tion sings; hear the o - cean roar. Let the earth pro - claim that Christ is Lord.' The score ends with a 'Fine' marking and a 'D.C. al Fine' instruction.

♩=116-124

E A2 B E

Trade your heav - y heart for a heart of joy;

A2 B

cel - e - brate what God has done.

E A2 B E

Join the song of praise as we gath - er here;

A2 B E A2 B

cel - e - brate the Lord of Love. Je - sus is our Lord;

E A2 B

he is reign - ing here. We de - clare, "His king -

E A2 B E

dom's come." Dark - ness has to flee in his ho - ly light;

A2 B E *Fine*

cel - e - brate the Lord of Love.

A B E A B E

All cre - a - tion sings; hear the o - cean roar.

C#/E# F#m7 B7sus *D.C. al Fine*

Let the earth pro - claim that Christ is Lord.

CONFESSION

Pastor Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I will be among them." Christ is here, in our hearts and souls as we gather for worship. Christ is here, to heal and redeem. Let us open our hearts and minds for God's healing ministry!

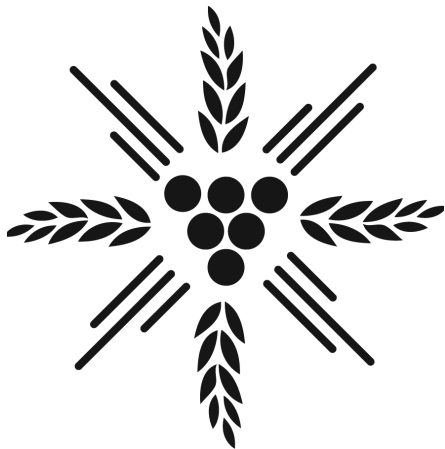
Silence and reflection

Pastor Most merciful God,
**All Come into our lives,
come and heal what is broken,
correct what is sinful,
bless what is small and tender,
uncertain and in need of growth.
Come into our lives
and anoint our community
that it may serve your kingdom
in this world!**

Pastor The God of truth who renews us in body, mind and soul, grant us insight, foresight and a desire to follow the path of Christ. In the tender compassion of our God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit your sins are forgiven. May the blessings of God rest upon us all.
All Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor 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.
All Amen.



SONG OF PRAISE
Please stand and sing.

113

Open our eyes, Lord

D G² G Em⁷/A A⁷
 O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see

G/D D A/C# Bm D/A GM⁹
 Je - sus, to reach out and touch

Em A⁷ G/D D² D
 him, and say that we love him.

DM⁷ A/G G Em⁷ A⁷
 O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

G/D D A Bm⁷ D/A GM⁹
 lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,

Em⁷ A⁷ D
 Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

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.

Reader Word of God, word of life.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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.

Reader Word of God, word of life.
All **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Please stand and sing.

Thy Word

Words and Music by
Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

CHORUS

♩ = 70 F C/E F B♭/D C F

Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

5 C/E F B♭/D C F *Fine*

Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

CCLI Song # 14301

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

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.

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

SERMON

Put Down Those Nets
Pastor Josh Wullenweber

Please stand and sing.

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla



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| 1 | Tú | has | ve - ni - do | a la | o - ri - lla, | no has bus - |
| 1 | You | have | come down | to the | lake - shore | seek - ing |
| 2 | You | know | full well | what I | have, Lord: | nei - ther |
| 3 | You | need | my hands, | my ex - | haus - tion, | work - ing |
| 4 | You | who | have fished | oth - er | wa - ters; | you, the |



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| ca - do | ni a | sa - bios | ni a | ri - cos; | tan só - lo |
| nei - ther | the | wise | nor the | wealth - y, | but on - ly |
| trea - sure | nor | wea - | pons for | con - quest, | just these my |
| love for | the | rest of the | wea - | ry— | a love that's |
| long - ing | of | souls that | are | yearn - ing: | O lov - ing |



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| quie - res | que | yo | te | si - ga. |
| ask - ing | for | me | to | fol - low. |
| fish - nets | and | will | for | work - ing. |
| will - ing | to | go | on | lov - ing. |
| Friend, you | have | come | to | call me. |



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| Se - ñor, | me has | mi - ra - do | a los | o - jos; | son - ri - en - do, |
| Sweet Lord, | you | have | looked | in - to my eyes; | kind - ly smil - ing, |



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|--------|----------|------------------|--------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| has | di - cho | mi nom - bre. | En la | a - re - na | he de - ja - do | mi |
| you've | called | out my name. . . | On the | sand I | have | a - ban - doned my |



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|-------------|----------|-----------|---------------|---------|---------------------|
| bar - ca; | jun - to | a ti | bus - ca - ré | o - tro | mar. |
| small boat; | now | with you, | I | will | seek oth - er seas. |

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APOSTLES' CREED

Asst. Min. With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

All 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

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. After each portion of the prayers:

Asst. Min. God of Grace,

All receive our prayer.

At the end of the prayer:

Pastor Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

Pastor The peace of Christ be with you always.

All And also with you.

Please greet one another with words such as "God's peace be with you."

Please sit.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Please give as you are able. We appreciate those who give in-person and those who give electronically.

Please sign the red attendance book and pass it down the pew.

OFFERING MUSIC

"Son of God" by Ed Cash, Gordon Cochran, Jon Neufeld and Tim Neufeld

SONG OF OFFERING
Please stand and sing.

We are an offering

Text and music: Dwight Liles
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We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray.
 All **Blessed are you, Holy One,
 for all good things come from you.
 In the bread and the wine 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.
 Amen.**

MEAL

Pastor The Lord be with you.
 All **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.
 All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

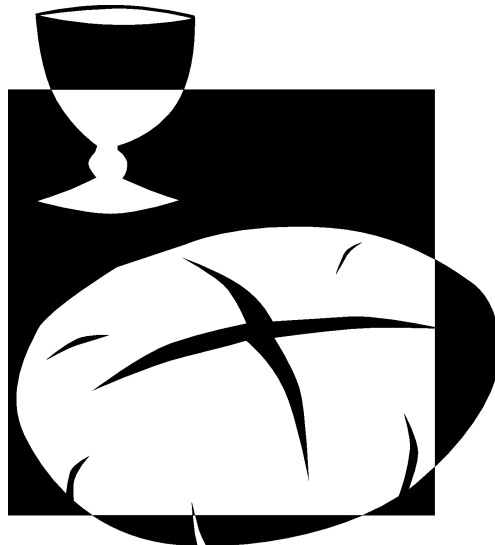
Pastor Revealing God we give thanks and praise to you. You send your light into the world, and in that light we see the truth of who you are and the truth of who we are. You call us to worship you. You direct us to yourself. You become what we are that we might become what you are. And so with the choirs of angels gathered around your eternal throne we join in their hymn of unending praise:
 All **Holy, holy, holy Lord
 God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Pastor Come, for all is now ready.



DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION


All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine are invited to come forward for a blessing. You are an important part of our faith community. For those taking Holy Communion: Pastor will give verbal instructions on how Holy Communion will be distributed.


COMMUNION SONG
All sing.

Spirit of Gentleness

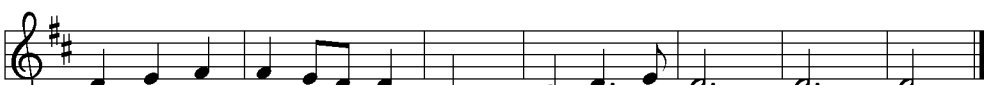
Refrain




Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness




call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,




stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.




1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



Refrain

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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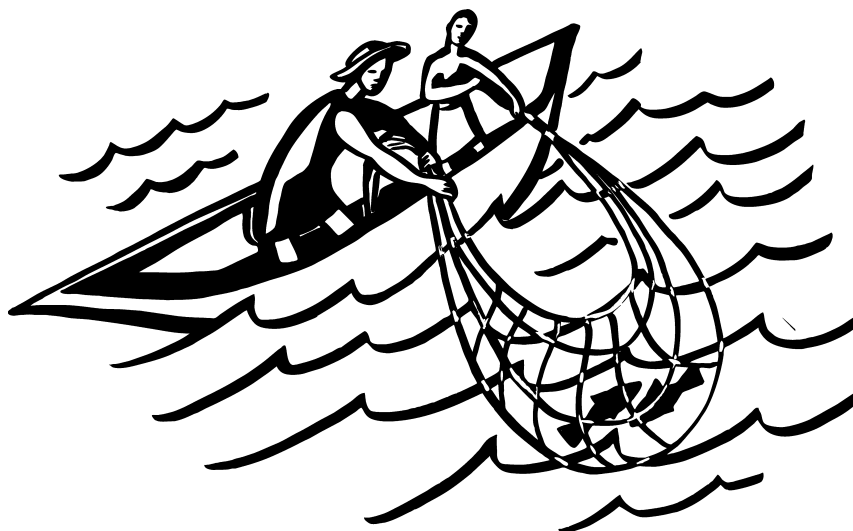


TABLE BLESSING

Please stand.

Pastor May the body and blood of Christ fill you with all love and peace, this day
and always.

All Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Asst. Min. Let us pray.
Giver of every gift,
Raise us to new life by your power
in Christ's body and blood,
for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever.

All Amen.

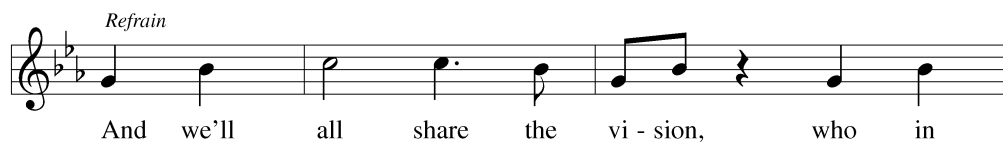
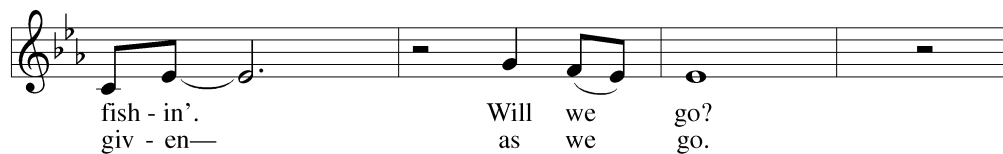
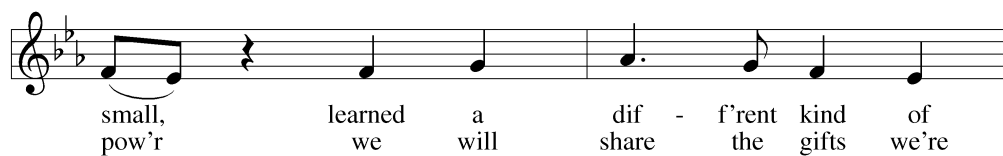
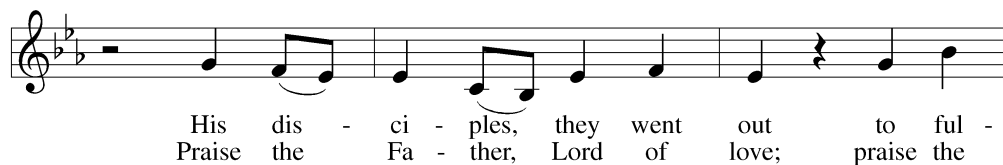
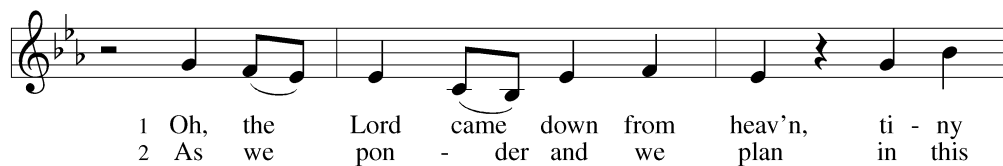
BLESSING

Pastor God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
+ bless you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

SENDING SONG
All sing.

Rejoice in the Mission



Christ we all shall be. Come, re - joice in the

mis - sion of a new com - mu - ni - ty.

In this place where we ga - ther, Je - sus,

still our rest - less souls; to your Spir - it we will

lis - ten. We will go.

Text: Dan Bielenberg
 Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Appalachian traditional, adapt. Dori Erwin Collins

DISMISSAL

Asst. Min.

All

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"With Timbrel and Dance" by Margaret R. Tucker, Bell Choir

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Children are welcome in our worship. There is a children's worship bulletin for them. If you prefer, a nursery and/or childcare is available for children up to age 3 during all worship services.

Hearing help available: We have for your use personal hearing amplification units available in the narthex. Please refer questions or comments to an usher.

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Next Sunday's Scripture:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28

Each Call Unique

Aside from the proclamation that "the kingdom of God has come near," Mark records no introduction on Jesus' part about who he is or what he is about. He simply invites people, "Follow me." Simon and Andrew, James and John make it look so easy: they just follow—no questions asked! If this is what true discipleship looks like, how can we ever measure up? But that's not the point.

Jesus calls people in countless ways. Even these four fishers were likely not all moved by the same things. Perhaps Simon was frustrated by Roman dominance over his country, and the news of a new kingdom caught his ear; maybe Andrew was itching to do something different and inspiring. Did James and John sense a call other than inheriting their father's business? Jesus would go on to invite dozens of others to join him—surely each discerning the call in a unique way. Their responses were also likely not as fast and easy as it appears from the outside. The four fishers might have been wrestling with matters of spirituality for months before Jesus showed up. Others who joined Jesus may have long prayed for solutions to injustice in society. The Gospel of Mark gives a summary, a tightened-up version, of Jesus' earthly ministry. Many details are lost to time; others were only ever known by an individual and the one they came to call Messiah.

What we learn from these brief call narratives—and others in scripture—is that God reaches out in as many ways as there are people. God may get your attention in worship on a Sunday morning, at your work on a weekday, or in the night as you comfort a child in your care. Or—one never knows—God might just call from the shore when you are out in a fishing boat. Jesus' "Follow me" might lead you somewhere you've never been, maybe away from friends and family and the career you planned. Or his invitation might nudge you right back home, taking up familiar routines in a new way, seeing loved ones with fresh vision.

The flowers are given to the glory of God,

Call to Worship and Creed were written by Andreas Wagner.

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