



January 21, 2024  
Third Sunday after Epiphany  
9:00 AM

**ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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*Members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, in response to Christ's love,  
Reach out in service to each other, the community, and the world.*



*Welcome to Worship! All words will be displayed on the screen.  
Kids, don't forget your Praise Packs! Children's Bulletins are available in the Praise Packs!*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### PRELUDE

"When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known – Puer Nobis"

M. Burkhardt



## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Brief pause*

God, our rock and our refuge,

**C: We pour out our hearts before you.**

**We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

P: God has spoken: the time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

**All: Amen**



## OPENING HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#661, vs. 1 & 3



## READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

<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.

*R: The Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Monte



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

# 175



## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

<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 fishers. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of 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: This is the Gospel of our Lord*

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



## SERMON

Pastor Monte



## SERMON HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"

#696, verses 1,2 & 5



## 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 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 OF THE CHURCH

P: God of grace, **C: Receive our prayer.**

 **PEACE**

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

*Please greet one another with the words, "Peace be with you."*

 **OFFERING**

*Pew Pads are located at the far end of each pew.*

*Please fill them out and pass them, noting those seated around you.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

"A Mozart Canon"  
Voices of St. Luke's

W.A. Mozart

*Children are invited to gather at the back during the anthem and help bring forward the offering.*

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: Open your hearts.*

**C: We open them to God and to one another.**

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**† 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.

**DISTRIBUTION - Continuous**

*If you wish to have the Pastor bring communion to your pew, please notify an Usher.  
All are Welcome!*

 **COMMUNION HYMN**

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

#708

**† PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*P: Giver of every gift,*

**C: We have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

 **BENEDICTION**

 **CLOSING HYMN**

“On Our Way, Rejoicing”

#537, all verses

 **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. You are God’s Beloved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

“Puer Nobis, Variation 12”

M. Burkhardt

**+ THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSISTED DURING WORSHIP TODAY! +**

You can now **GIVE ONLINE**, by scanning the QR code:



*Thank you for all the ways you contribute to the life and ministry of the church!*

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by Travis and Rob Gross,  
in celebration of Robin’s birthday.

**ETERNAL FLAME** for the month of January is given by **Mark and Julie Ohlert** in  
memory of loved ones.

**Today’s Noisy Offering** is going to support Needles and Prayers, our knitters and crocheters who make shawls, baptism blankets, and other handmade items to bless our members and our community. We thank them for their handiwork and thank you for your support!

### **OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Monday, January 22**

9:00 am Quilters

6:30 pm Parish Ed Meeting

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Education

7:00 pm Dartball

**Tuesday, January 23**

**Wednesday, January 24**

1:00 pm Worship

6:00 pm Confirmation

6:00 pm Handbells

7:00 pm Choir

7:15 pm Synergy for grades 9-12

<b>Thursday, January 25</b>	8:15 pm Bible On Tap
<b>Friday, January 26</b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>
<b>Saturday, January 27</b>	<b>11:00 am-1:00pm Winter Carnival</b>
<b>Sunday, January 28</b>	9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 10:15 am Education Hour

## Church **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALL ONLINE SIGN-UPS CAN BE FOUND AT:**     [www.slchurch.org/sign-ups](http://www.slchurch.org/sign-ups)

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

Please plan to stay for the annual meeting directly after worship TODAY, and then enjoy a chili cook-off afterwards. The cook-off is a fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering and other Youth events.

### **WINTER CARNIVAL**

Popcorn! Games! Prizes! Our annual Winter Carnival will take place January 27 from 11AM - 1PM. Games are geared toward Preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade, but all are welcome including friends and extended family too! Sign up at the Welcome Center or online.

### **DINNER FOR 8, ROUND 2!**

A great way to get to know St. Luke's better, for long-timers and newcomers alike!

- Groups eat and share together however they want: potluck meal, restaurant or a picnic.
- Singles or couples, members and non-members. All are welcome!
- Kick-off dinner Sunday, February 25, 6:00pm at church. Mexican & Margaritas **\$15/person.**
- Meet your group, have some fun, and decide on your future plans.
- Even if you can't come to the kick-off dinner, you can still join and be in a group!
- Sign-ups begin TODAY in person or online.
- Indicate if you prefer a group that meets every other month OR quarterly.

Let the little children come to me ...  
it is to such as these that the  
kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10:14, NRSV



*We love children at St. Luke's, and welcome babies and young children and all their exuberance into worship! To make it easier for parents, we have "busy bags" available by the entrance, as well as "praise packs" that help encourage children's engagement in worship. We also have a cry room available in the back of the sanctuary with changing facilities and rocking chairs as well as a staffed nursery for children ages 0-3. We know it takes a lot of work to get to church and worship with young ones; we're glad you're here!*

**\*\*PRAISE PACK ICONS\*\***



Light your candle when the candles are lit at the front of the church & hold it up high.  
At the end of the service turn your candle off.



Take out the cross & hold it tight during tight during times of prayer.



Use the ribbon stick to move to the music



Look at the booklet on the clipboard to follow along with today's reading(s), or follow along on the screen



While listening to the sermon, color the picture(s) & do the activity sheets on your clipboards. Can you make any connections between your sheets & the sermon?



Put "I Give myself to God" Paper in the offering plate as your offering.



Greet those around you with a handshake, wave, fist bump, or say hello