

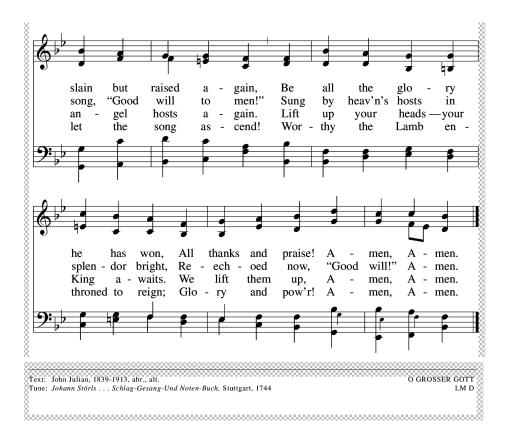
January 24, 2021 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Jesus shows his glory in the kind of people that he calls to serve him and in using the gospel to make them willing to follow him. To all comes the call to follow him with a willingness to abandon everything should faithfulness require it; the calls in these readings bid us have a mindset that has forsaken everything, even when we are not required to do it.



Our Mission is to nurture each other in God's Word and spread the Good News of Christ to all.





STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

M: 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 Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (NIV84)

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ² "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." ³ Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city—a visit required three days. ⁴ On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned." ⁵ The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

PSALM 62 read responsively by the pastor and congregation

My soul finds rest in God alone;*

my salvation comes from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation;*

he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;*
my hope comes from him.

Though your riches increase,*
do not set your heart on them.

My salvation and my honor depend on God;* he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Trust in him at all times, O people;*
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (NIV84)

What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they had none; ³⁰ those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; ³¹ those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia. (Matthew 4:23)

STAND

M: The Gospel is from Mark, chapter 1, beginning at verse 14.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20 (NIV84)

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" ¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

BE SEATED

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

SERMON Know Jesus By Following Mark 1:14-20

OFFERING

GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS





Alternate setting: 336 ANTHES 76 76 D



5 I hear the Savior calling! His call has urgency! Each moment souls are dying; Soon comes eternity. And so, my precious Savior, This is my humble plea: Prepare me for my mission For you are calling me!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:
- C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.
- M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:
- C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.
- M: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:
- C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.
- M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:
- C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do. (Special prayers and intercessions may follow.)
- M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

(Silent prayer.)

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: Amen.

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LORD'S PRAYER

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.

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

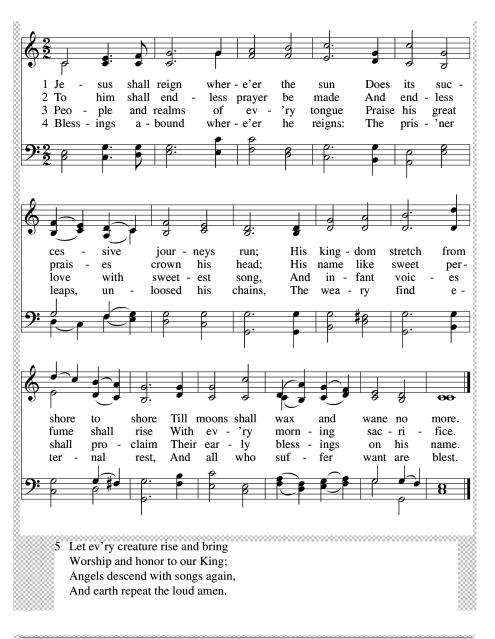
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun 84 (p 10)

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Announcements

In Our Prayers

The Lord is eager to hear the prayers of thanks and petitions for help from his people. Please keep these members and families in your prayers. Contact Pastor to add someone to this list.

Ashley Covell - expecting in May Roma Gould and Judy Solem - shut-ins

Voters' Meeting Today at 8:45 am

The 2021 budget will be discussed and elections will take place. Please plan to attend.

New Members Welcomed

Today we receive into membership Susan Stoterau and her son Brayden from St. Paul's in Beverly Hills, FL.

Two Baptisms at Nuer Service Today

Mayiel Thoan, son of Mary Latjor and Sunday, grandson of Kir Zuor and Nyabil Reath, will be baptized today in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit at the 12:00 pm service. We give thanks to the Lord for adopting Mayiel and Sunday into his family.

Building Fund Update

\$11,995 donated as of 1/17/2021 out of \$55,000 Goal

The money will be used for church window replacement in classrooms and offices.

Luke Lu Accepted Call to 316NOW

Luke will serve part time as the liaison to China for 316NOW while he completes his seminary education. Thanks be to the Lord for this opportunity for Luke to serve in ministry. We also thank the Lord that Luke and his family do not have to move away for him to serve 316NOW. Find out more about this WELS affiliated ministry at 316NOW.org

Wednesday Bible Class Resumes

The Gospel in the Psalms We go to the hymnbook of the Old Testament to be comforted by the Gospel. Join us Wednesdays via Zoom at 7 pm. Meeting ID: 884 4326 2808

New Sunday Bible Class

Large Catechism: 10 Commandments Luther expanded and explained the parts of the Small Catechism in his Large Catechism. We look at the 10 Commandments and see how these laws given to Moses still show us our sin, keep us from sin and guide us to a life of thanks that is pleasing to God. Sundays at 8:45 am.

Prepare for Next Sunday

For a simple devotional reading plan, review the reading for this week on Monday - Wednesday. Then read the Scripture for next Sunday on Thursday - Saturday. The Word for next Sunday: Deuteronomy 18:15-20, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13. Mark 1:21-28

THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

January 24 - 31

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Today	8:00 am	Worship—Livestream
•	8:45 am	Annual Voters' Meeting
	8:45 am	Sunday School
	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	10:30 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Nuer Worship
	1:30 pm	Kunama Worship
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Catechism Class
·	7:00 pm	Bible Class via Zoom
Saturday	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Preparation
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship—Livestream
•	8:45 am	Bible Class
	8:45 am	Sunday School
	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Worship
	1:30 pm	Kunama Worship
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