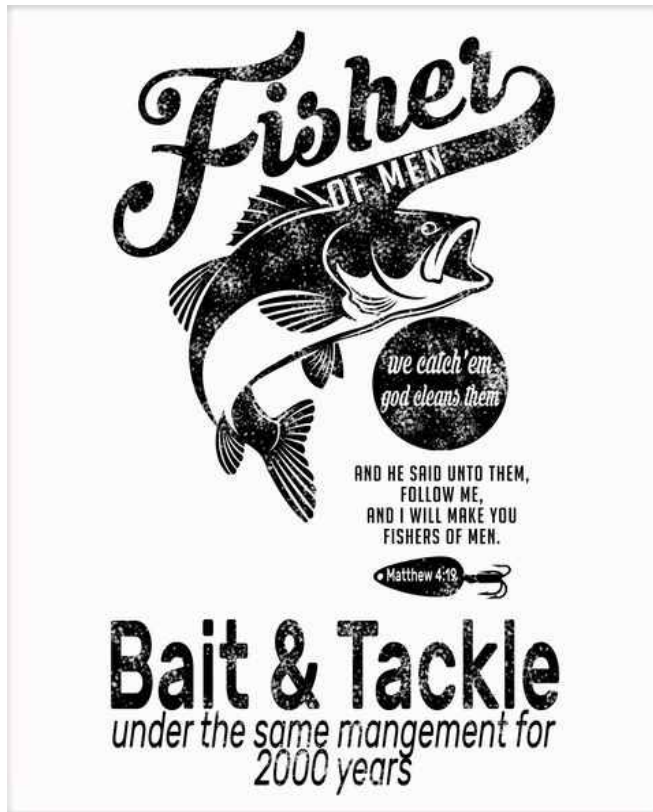


2023

“Gloria In Excelsis Deo”

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to
hear and join in today's Worship service

*Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.
Psalm 29:1, 2*

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

*“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”*

WELCOME AND PRAYER**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Leader: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness....Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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.

All: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you**

(Share the Peace for the LORD with each other)

SONG

Better Is One Day

Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied Within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts,
Than thousands elsewhere. (repeat)

Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.
(repeat)

Chorus

BRIDGE

My heart and flesh cry out for You, The living God.
Your Spirit's water to my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen. Come once again to me.
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You.
Better is one day, better is one day, Better is one day,
than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day, better is one day, Better is one day,
than thousands elsewhere.

Chorus

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

All: **Grant us Your grace that we eagerly and thoroughly
study the Holy Scriptures and seek and find Christ in
them, and through them have eternal life. Help us in
this, dearest God, in Your grace. Amen.** *Martin Luther*

LESSONS

Isaiah 9:1 - 4

Psalms 27:1 - 9

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12 - 25

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

And so It Begins

HYMN

LBW #379

Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word

Verse 1

Spread, oh, spread, almighty Word,
Spread the reign of God the Lord;
Tell how His own Son He Gave,
All from sin and death to save.

Verse 2

Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave Himself as sacrifice.

Verse 3

Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.

Verse 4

Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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 INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer..

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .) Lord, in your mercy;*

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 Him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION INSIDE

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

All: Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me.

Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

SONG

Fishers of Men

Chorus

I wanna be a fisher of men
Go down to the water and Jump right in
Let down the nets and haul them in.
I wanna be (clap, clap) a fisher of men.

Verse 1

I wanna be like Simon Peter
True fisherman and true believer
Callin' to my friends to come and help
There's more fish in the nets than I can catch myself.

Verse 2

If you wanna see a miracle come with me
He walks on the water and calms the sea
I'm gonna stop what I'm doing and follow Him
Cause I wanna be (Clap Clap) a fisher of men.

Verse 3

Now Jesus commands that I should Go!
And tell all the people about the God I Know
Gonna talk about Jesus and His dying for my sins
Cause I wanna be (Clap, Clap) a fisher of men.

Verse 4

And the sign on the window says Gone Fishin' (What?)
And the sign on the window says Gone Fishin' (Why?)

SENDING

Pastor: Go and Be a Witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION OUTSIDE

NEXT SUNDAY January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Readings for Next Sunday

Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

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- ! Do what Jesus taught - Live what you have learned from the Scriptures
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