

# *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

*January 24, 2021*



## *Lord of Love Lutheran Church (ELCA)*

*10405 Fort St., Omaha, NE 68134*

*"Celebrating and sharing God's Love in a welcoming community of faith, while serving others"*

*Worship 9:00 a.m.*

*Bold type indicates Congregational responses*

### ***Introduction***

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***

### ***Announcements***

### ***Ringling of the Bell***

Gathering Song: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" ..... ELW 817



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



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



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.

Refrain / Estribillo



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,



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



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

Text: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1936–1991; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946  
 Music: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES, Cesáreo Gabaráin

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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.

**And also with you.**

## ***Call to Worship***

*All are invited to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of God's claim on us.*

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

**Amen.**

## ***Confession and Forgiveness***

P: As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

God who searches us and knows us,  
**you have shown us what is good,  
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.  
We have not been just in our dealings with others.  
We have chosen revenge over mercy.  
We have promoted ourselves  
instead of walking humbly with you.  
With what shall we come before you?  
Forgive us our sin,  
and show us your salvation  
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God,  
you have not received the spirit of the world,  
but the Spirit that is from God,  
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.

Receive the promise of baptism:

You are God's child; ✠ your sins are forgiven.

Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

**Amen.**

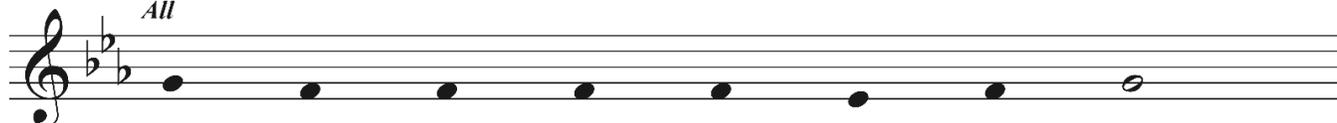
# Hymn of Praise

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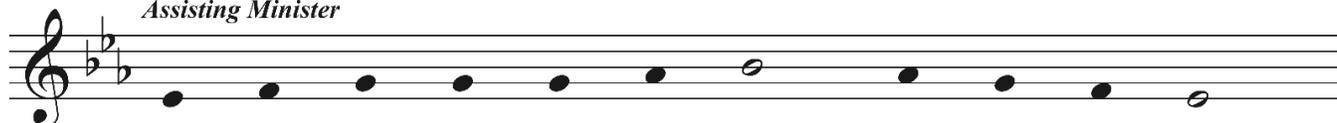
O \_\_\_\_\_ ser - vants of God, let us sing our praise.

*All*



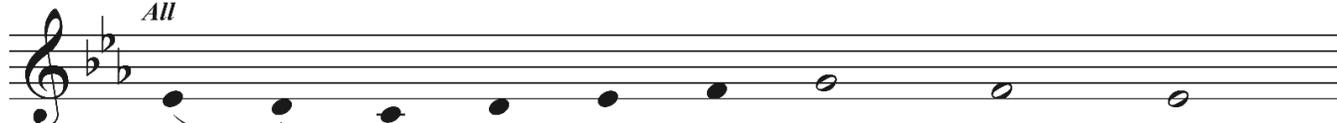
We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

*Assisting Minister*



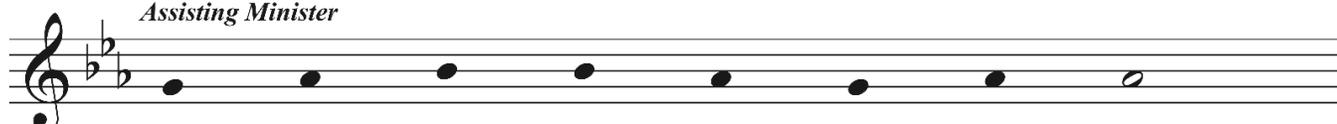
From the ris - ing of the sun to its set - ting,

*All*



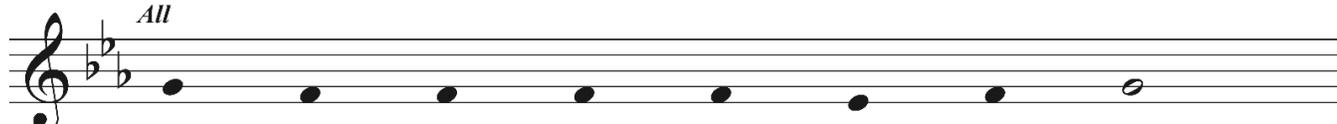
We \_\_\_\_\_ bless your ho - ly name, O God.

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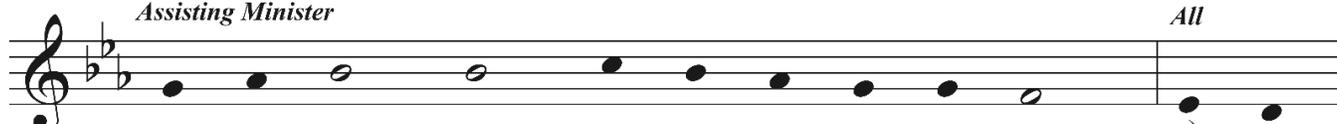
You lift up the weak and hun - gry.

*All*



We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

*Assisting Minister*



And your glo - ry shines a - bove the heav - ens We \_\_\_\_\_

*All*



bless your ho - ly name, O God.

All



1. Your can - o - py of vig - il lights, each  
2. (You) walk with us a - long the way, your  
3. (Re) - freshed by sab - bath rest this day, a -



star your hand has set in place, be - stows a bless - ing  
Word, a lamp to pil - grim feet; stay with us now for  
wak - en us to your sha - lom: the reign of Christ's un -



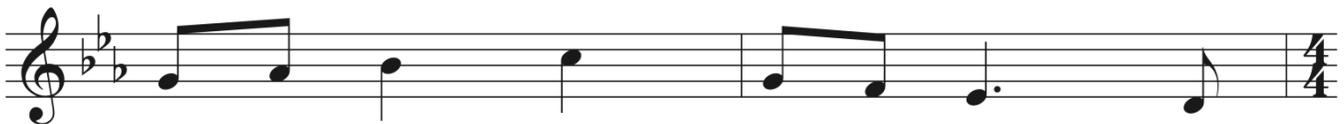
on our life, and all cre - a - tion sings your  
each new day, our un - known guest, our host and  
fail - ing way, where peace and jus - tice are at



praise. You formed the moon and fired the sun, you  
feast. Grant those who share this ho - ly meal the  
home and saints need nei - ther moon nor sun to



quick - ened dust with ho - ly breath, and  
faith and vi - sion to - ly be - lieve that  
sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly, O



bind - ing us to your dear Son, re -  
hearts might see what eyes con - ceal: by  
mer - ci - ful, im - mor - tal One, O



newed our life, de - stroyed our death. 2. You  
grace your pres - ence we re - ceive. 3. Re  
bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

## ***Prayer of the Day***

L: 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. Amen.**

## ***First Reading: John 3:1-5, 10***

L: 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***Psalm: Psalm 62:5-12***

L: For God alone I wait in silence;  
truly, my hope is in God.

**God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

In God is my deliverance and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

**Put your trust in God always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.  
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

<sup>10</sup>**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.

<sup>12</sup>**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,  
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Praise to you, O Christ.

**Children’s Sermon** ..... Rev. Becky Sells

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Hymn of the Day: "We Are Marching in the Light of God"..... ELW 866

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -  
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',  
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - , kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba \_\_\_\_\_ oo \_\_\_\_\_  
 We are march - ing \_\_\_\_\_ oo \_\_\_\_\_

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,  
 We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba \_\_\_\_\_ oo \_\_\_\_\_  
 We are march - ing \_\_\_\_\_ oo \_\_\_\_\_

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,  
 We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

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 Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*  
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## ***Prayers of Intercession***

L: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief, that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For our congregation and community, for families big and small, and for the organizations that meet here during the week, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, that they point us to salvation through Christ, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## ***Offering***

L: We are called to reflect on how we are giving back to God for all the blessings God has given us. This includes continuing to financially support the church and its mission, along with considering how we might be called to give and use our time and talents to further God's kingdom here on earth.

## ***Offertory Music***

### ***Offertory Prayer***

P: Creator of our days and nights, we give you thanks for this gift of life. Increase our faith and open our eyes that we might recognize Jesus in all whom you call us to love and serve. Abide with us when we struggle and doubt and be our hope and highest joy, until at last with all your saints we dwell in your unfailing Light.

**Amen.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

P: Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### ***Benediction***

P: Holy God, Blessed Trinity, strengthen your faith, increase your hope, deepen your love, ✚ and give you peace this day and always.

**Amen.**

### ***Dismissal***

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

### ***Ringing of the Bell***

***Postlude: "Put Your Hand in the Hand"..... arr. Gary Slechta***

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