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SUPPORT Christian fellowship,
And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – *When someone calls you on your phone, do you always answer? In our present day with caller identification, many are apt to let the call go to voicemail to wait and see what the message is and who it's from and at times wait to respond depending on the level of importance. How about when God calls? Especially, if that call is one to repentance? Do you answer? We hear in today's Readings of the response of some. Jonah was a reluctant follower. He went to Nineveh begrudgingly, but through him God would issue a call for the Ninevites to repentance. Jesus would call Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow Him, and promised that through them, God would issue a call of repentance to many. In Baptism, God has called us to follow Him in a life of faith and repentance, and He promises that through us, others will also be called to that same repentance and new life.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve" Mackenzie Egan, Flute

WELCOME

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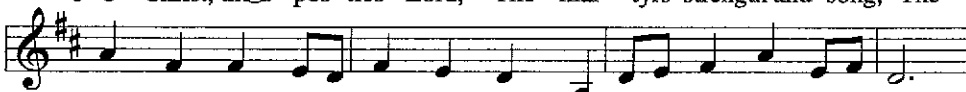
♯OPENING HYMN

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

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1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And
4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To
5 O Christ, the a - pos - tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:
broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,
 In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow' - r - ing Word. True
 Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And
 Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where
 Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
 help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.
 hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 113:1-3

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,*
- C** **praise the name of the LORD!**
- P** *Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!*
- C** **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Mark 1:15; Psalm 113:1-3

- P** *Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.*
- C** **Yet we often do not live as You have called us to live as Your own. We do not always honor Your name nor Your calling with our praise.**
- P** *We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You as we follow in faith.*
- [Silence for reflection]
- P** *Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,*
- C** **we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as ourselves, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. We have not always welcomed Your call for us to follow You and You alone.**
- P** *The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel. Hear and rejoice in the Good News. Jesus Christ died for you, and for His sake, God has compassion. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in His stead, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen. Thanks be to God!**
- P** *Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,*
- C** **praise the name of the LORD!**
- P** *Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!*
- C** **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

INTROIT

Psalm 113:1–2, 4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 3

- P** *From the rising of the sun to its setting,*
C **the name of the LORD is to be praised!**
P *Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,*
C **praise the name of the LORD!**
P *Blessèd be the name of the LORD*
C **from this time forth and forevermore!**
P *The LORD is high above all nations,*
C **and his glory above the heavens!**
P *He raises the poor from the dust*
C **and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**
P *to make them sit with princes,*
C **with the princes of his people.**

All: **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.**

- P** *From the rising of the sun to its setting,*
C **the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
C **And also with you.**
P *Let us pray.*

All: **Almighty and Everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

✠ OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- P** *This is the Word of the Lord.*
C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 7:29–31

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- P** *This is the Word of the Lord.*
C **Thanks be to God.**

✠ ALLELUIA VERSE

Mark 1:15

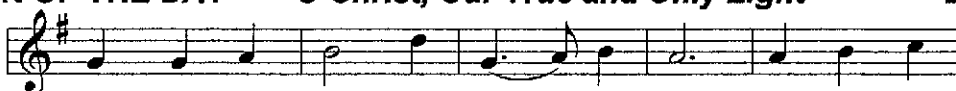
All: **Alleluia, Alleluia. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

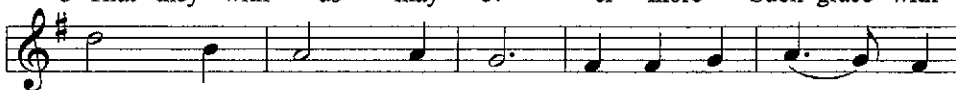
Mark 1:14–20

- P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.*
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
 wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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SERMON

“NOT SILOS BUT WHEELS”

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

- I. We often live as silos, leaving Jesus out of many areas of life.
- II. Paul urges us today to live as wheels, with Jesus as the hub and our many areas of life devoted to Him.

† APOSTLE'S CREED

☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- ℟** Lord, as You have called us as Your own, gathered us together, and enlightened us by Your Spirit through Your Word, we bring to You our prayer and praise. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for all people of the world, that the Epiphany light that shines the radiance of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, shine in the hearts and minds of all people. For those who are wayward and lost and for those who have rejected Your call to repentance and faith, we pray You use us in our words and witness to point to You that many more would faithfully follow. Lord in Your mercy,
- ☩** hear our prayer.

P Ever-present Lord, be with Your Church on earth and the congregations in their work to serve and praise You and to be nourished by Your Word and Sacraments. Bless those You have called in roles of pastors and church workers that they faithfully speak and live Your Word of truth and that the call to a repentant and faithful life in Christ be followed. Continue to raise up called servants and leaders within Your Church for Your work and mission to continue that many more may know You and follow where You lead. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of comfort and peace, be present with those who face various needs in mind, soul, and body, [especially . . .]. Grant healing according to Your will. Be with those who grieve that the assured promise of Christ's victory over death and the grave brings hope in times of hopelessness. For those who live in doubt, fear, and distress, extend Your call of grace through Your Word and those who proclaim it. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

BENEDICTION

P Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

C From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

P As the Lord sent His life-renewing Word through Jonah and the prophets, be assured of His forgiveness and love. As the Lord called and sent His apostles to be fishers of men, hear His voice and follow Him. As we have received God's grace this day for the sake of Christ our Lord, heed His call to repentance, rejoice in His forgiving grace, and give Him thanks and praise.

C Amen.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you His peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

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1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My
2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the

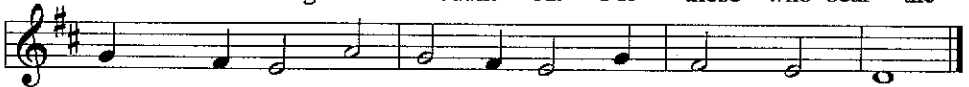
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way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
 In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
 bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“Allegro”

by Edwin M. Flavell

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

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 Elder on Duty Tony Williams
 Counter Carl Kurth
 Organist / Music Director Beth Buss
 Special Music Mackenzie Egan, Flute
 Sanitation CEO (Clean Every Object) Al Axford
 Service Web Recorder Robert Showalter
 Service Live Streaming Stuart Ruwet
 Usher Phil Vandre

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