



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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The First Disciples Called

February 24, 2019

10:30 Service of the Word

Simon Peter, an experienced fisherman, has an unsuccessful night. The next day his boat is used by Jesus, the traveling evangelist from Nazareth, as a floating platform to teach the crowds who have gathered along the lakeshore. Then Jesus gives Simon some really foolish advice – drop the nets for a catch. Simon knows full well this will not work. Does he do it out of desperation? Maybe he's trying to make a fool of this Jesus fellow. Whatever his motives, his nets are soon so full of fish they threaten to sink the boat. What will Simon now do with this great haul of fish?

Welcome to worship today!

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery care is available during the service. Please see one of the ushers if you need more information.

† GATHERING †

Prelude and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
who creates us and forms us,
who redeems us and calls us,
who unifies us and sends us.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.
(A moment of silence for reflection)

P: Mighty and loving God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We seek our own way to fulfillment.

We cause division rather than create unity.

In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.

Let the words of our mouths,

the thoughts of our hearts,

and everything that we do

be filled with faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

P: Hear the voice of Jesus:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.”

In the name of Jesus the Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

C: Amen

Gathering Hymn Lord of the Dance
(for music, see Hymn 24 in the Songbook)

**I. I danced in the morning when the world was begun
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.**

Refrain:

Dance, dance wherever you may be;

I am the Lord of the dance said he.

“And I’ll lead you all, wherever you may be,

and I’ll lead you all in the dance,” said he.

**2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
and they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen and James and John;
They came with me and the dance went on. Refrain**

**3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
they left me there on the cross to die. Refrain**

**4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. Refrain**

**5. They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that will never, never die,
And I'll live in you if you live in me,
for I am the Lord of the dance, said he. Refrain**

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Greeting (2 Corinthians 13:13)

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

C: And also with you.

Gathering Dialog (John 1)

A: In the beginning was the Word,

C: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

A: In the Word was life,

C: and the life was the light of all people.

A: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

† WORD †

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 138 (*read responsively*)

A: I thank you with all I am,
I join heaven’s chorus.

**C: I bow toward your holy temple,
to praise your name.**

A: By your love and fidelity,
you display to all
the glory of your name and promise.
As soon as I call, you act,
renewing my strength.

**C: Around the world,
rulers praise you
for your commanding words.**

A: They sing of your ways,
“Great is your glory, Lord.”

**C: Though high up,
you see the lowly;
though far away,
you keep an eye on the proud.**

A: When I face an opponent,
you keep me alive.
You reach out your hand,
your right hand saves me.

**C: Lord, take up my cause,
your love lasts forever.
Do not abandon
what your hands have made.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures,⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (1 Corinthians 15:10)

C: Alleluia. By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Luke 5:1-11

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two

boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

After the reading:

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore
For music turn to Hymn 817 in the Red Hymnal

**1. You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.**

Refrain **Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.**

**2. You know full well what I have, Lord:
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
just these my fish nets and will for working.** *Refrain*

3. **You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary
a love that's willing to go on loving. Refrain**

4. **You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. Refrain**

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‡ BAPTISM ‡

Baptism of Navarah Boisseau

Please turn to the Service of Holy Baptism on page 227 in the front of the Red Hymnal.

Peace

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

C: And also with you.

A: Let us share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

‡ THANKSGIVING ‡

Offering & Anthem

Supplication by Linda Steen Spevacek

Hymn of Thanksgiving *As the offering is brought forward the congregation sings:*

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil

For music turn to Hymn 713 in the Blue Hymnal

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your Word.**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.**

**When my heart is hard,
break the stone away.**

**When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day.**

**When my heart is lost,
lead me on your way.**

**Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

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Thanksgiving Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

A: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

A: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

A: Lord 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.**

‡ SENDING ‡

Blessing

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
(For music turn to Hymn 858 in the Red Hymnal)

- 1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**
- 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning.
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?**

3. **Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you.
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend you.**
4. **Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
Sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!**

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: God's Work. Our Hands.



“Welcome aboard ‘Anointed Airlines,’ Pastors!
What say we begin by testing your faith
right away?! Please join us in celebrating
our captain’s birthday...She’s 104 today!!”

Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers Tim and Liz Brown
Acolyte Olivia DeLeon
Nursery Care Laura Stroup
Counters John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour

Worship assistants for next Sunday, March 3

Greeters and Ushers Kim and Gary Boisseau
Acolyte Joe Wyman
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Communion Assistants Gary Boisseau and Rob Stroup
Nursery Care Katy Stimmel
Counters Beth Perdan and Bettina Kalish
Coffee Hour *Please sign up!*

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