



January 24, 2021
3rd Sunday After Epiphany



Worship Participants

Assisting Minister: Pastor Lamont Koerner
Preaching Today: Pastor Meredith McGrath
Organist/Pianist: Brian Voss
Hymn Leaders: Don Peterson & Janet Beckman
Reader: Stephanie Pereboom

As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship reveal 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. Yet, following their transformative encounter with Jesus, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus.

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: *ELW 798 - Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons), verses 1 & 2*

Greeting

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.**

Prayer of the Day

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.**

Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Sermon

Generosity Moment

Hymn: *ELW 866 - We Are Marching in the Light, verses 1 & 4*

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 the People

Lord's Prayer (sung by Don Peterson)

Blessing and Sending

Postlude

Reminder! - Annual Meeting, Part II - Today! (Sunday, January 24 at 11:00 a.m.)

The primary agenda item will be to approve the budget for 2021. Per the Constitution, 75 voting members must be present to constitute a quorum. The Zoom meeting details can be found below. To allow time for people to join, the meeting will be opened approximately 20 to 30 minutes prior to the start time.

Go to <https://zoom.us/join> **or call** 1-312-626-6799
Enter the Meeting ID and Passcode when prompted.
Meeting ID: 999 4628 4930
Passcode: 058262

The **Epiphany banner** in the sanctuary was used in Saudi Arabia in the 1950's when Scandia residents, Anna & Rodney Engquist, worked there for Aramco. Being in a Muslim country, no Christian religious symbols were/are allowed. The Aramco employees who gathered for Christian worship had to call the meeting Fellowship Time. As Christmas approached, the congregation realized they could not have the traditional decorations (trees, crèche set, etc.). Anna Engquist acquired this scene painted on silk that shows the 3 Magi and the Pyramids...all acceptable for the Muslim authorities. When Rodney & Anna returned to Scandia, they brought it home with them. For many years it was rolled up and on a closet shelf in the Elim Sacristy.

For readings, refer to your Bible or use an online Bible source, such as [Bible Gateway](#). [NOTE: The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) is used.]