

**"I WILL
MAKE
YOU
FISHERS
OF MEN."**

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

January 24, 2021



**SAINT PETER
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL**

Welcome!

The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church welcome you! If you have no church of your own, we encourage you to worship with us again and consider making this church your home.

Today's Theme *The Lord's Call Changes Hearts and Lives*
As the Epiphany season moves forward we come to know Jesus as the One whose word is powerful. His Word makes changes in the hearts and lives of those who hear it, and calls them to be followers of Christ and fishers of men.

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Serving Today:	Preacher - Pr. Justin Heise Liturgist - Pr. Jack Kelly Organ/piano - Jennie Boeder A/V Technician- Steve Willet

Our Worship

ORDER OF SERVICE

Service of the Word—*Christian Worship*, pg. 38

OPENING HYMN

“Come Follow Me, the Savior Spoke”

Christian Worship #453

- 1 “Come, follow me,” the Savior spoke,
“All in my way abiding.
Deny yourselves; the world forsake;
Obey my call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate’er betide;
Take my example for your guide.
- 2 “I am the light; I light the way,
A godly life displaying.
I bid you walk as in the day;
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
How you should journey here below.
- 3 “My heart abounds in lowliness,
My soul with love is glowing,
And gracious words my lips express,
With meekness overflowing.
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all
To God I yield; on him I call.
- 4 “I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your souls’ salvation,
Your hearts from ev’ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”
- 5 Then let us follow Christ our Lord
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to his Word,
In suff’ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain
The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77, abr., st. 1-3, 5; *Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge*, 1695, st. 4; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96, alt.

INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -

ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:19-21

The call of Elisha.

¹⁹ So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him.

²⁰ Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. “Let me kiss my father and mother good-by,” he said, “and then I will come with you.” “Go back,” Elijah replied. “What have I done to you?”

²¹ So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his attendant.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 62

P: The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

C: My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him.

P: He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

C: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.

P: Though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

C: My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

P: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

C: 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.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 13:1-5

Paul and Barnabas are called to be missionaries.

¹ In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul.

² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

³ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

⁴ The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.

⁵ When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY (Read together)

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

Jesus Proclaimed, "Repent and follow Me!"

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

¹⁷ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets.

²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O God from God, O Light from Light”

Christian Worship #85

- 1 O God from God, O Light from Light,
O Prince of Peace and King of kings,
To you in heaven’s glory bright
The song of praise forever rings.
To him who sits upon the throne,
The Lamb once slain but raised again,
Be all the glory he has won,
All thanks and praise! Amen, Amen.**
- 2 Deep in the prophets’ sacred page,
Grand in the poets’ winged word,
Slowly, in type, from age to age
The nations saw their coming Lord;
Till through the deep Judean night
Rang out the song, “Good will to men!”
Sung by heav’n’s hosts in splendor bright,
Re-echoed now, “Good will!” Amen.**
- 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love,
That death of pain mid hate and scorn—
These all are past, and now above
He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!
So sang the angel hosts again.
Lift up your heads—your King awaits.
We lift them up, Amen, Amen.**
- 4 Sing to the Lord a mighty song;
Sing to his name, his glories tell!
Sing, heav’nly hosts, your praise prolong,
And all on earth, your anthem swell!
Worthy the Lamb for sinners slain!
Forever let the song ascend!
Worthy the Lamb enthroned to reign;
Glory and pow’r! Amen, Amen.**

Text: John Julian, 1839–1913, abr., alt.

Sermon

Text: Mark 1:14-20

“Fishers of Men”

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated 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.

OFFERING

The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. May God bless us as we do his work! To give an offering with your smartphone, text "givesplc" to 77977 and click on the link that you receive. Offerings can be given by credit card, debit card, or your bank account. Offerings can also be given by going to our website (saintpeterlutheran.org) or mailed to 427 W. Mulberry, Saint Peter MN 56082.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

"I Hear the Savior Calling"

Christian Worship #560, v. 1-3

- 1 I hear the Savior calling! The gospel comes to me.
My eyes once closed in blindness Are opened now to see
That I myself was helpless To live eternally,
But, dying, Christ did save me, And now he calls for me!**

- 2 I hear the Savior calling! He leads a soul to me,
A soul in bitter anguish, One needing to be free.
The gift I have to offer Is Christ, my Lord's decree
That all have been forgiven—My Savior calls for me!**

- 3 I hear the Savior calling! He gives this charge to me:
To serve the best I'm able, Whate'er the call may be.
Thus hand in hand with others Who share the gospel key
We spread the gospel tidings—My Savior calls for me!**

CLOSING PRAYER

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"I Hear the Savior Calling"

Christian Worship # 560, v. 4-5

- 4 I hear the Savior calling! He changes hearts for me.
From door to door I witness To bring my Savior's plea;
Yet nothing can be added, No word on bended knee,
Beyond the simple gospel—My Savior calls for me!**
- 5 I hear the Savior calling! His call has urgency!
Each moment souls are dying; Soon comes eternity.
And so, my precious Savior, This is my humble plea:
Prepare me for my mission For you are calling me!**

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January 24-31, 2021

Sun	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:10 a.m.	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Livestream Worship on Facebook
Wed	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Thurs	6:30 p.m.	Education Committee Meeting
Fri	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sun	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Livestream Worship on Facebook
	12:00 p.m.	Annual Voter's Meeting