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Doing What You Do

Jesus' first disciples were fishermen. We learn that James's and John's father was a fisherman who passed on his trade to his sons. They worked hard, developed their skills, and earned a living doing what they did. Presumably they did it well. It was good and valuable work. Simon, Andrew, James, and John were all being who they were and doing what they did when Jesus called them.

Look at how Jesus frames his call to these fishermen: "I will make you fish for people" (Mark 1:17). Jesus is telling them he can take who they are and what they do and use it for God's kingdom. It might sound like the disciples dropped their nets and left their fishing vocation completely; but throughout the gospel story we hear about Jesus and the disciples getting into boats. Who else but fishermen would have boats? How else did they continue to support their ministry and feed their families? Fishermen fish, but now the disciples do it for a higher purpose.

Rather than imagine that we are called to some life completely different from the one we live now, imagine that we are called to do what we do already in ways that show and enact God's kingdom. You're a fisherman, so fish for people. You're a singer, so sing for people. You're a seamstress, so sew for people. You're an engineer, so engineer for people. You're an investor, so invest for people. It's all about being who we are and doing what we do for a higher purpose.

The kingdom of God is about grace, love, justice, and mercy for all people. Through the grace of baptism, God has called us to follow Jesus in the way of the kingdom. How can you do what you do already, be who you are, in ways that help people know God and live life fully? Do what you do for God's sake, for your neighbor, for people.

Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2018

The season of Epiphany begins January 6th (the 12th day after Christmas) and marks the revelation of the baby Jesus as the Son of God. The Epiphany season, therefore, celebrates the spread of the Good News from its source in the Jewish community to all nations on earth. The color is green, for growth, as Scripture texts explore the mission of the church in the world.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Pre- Service Music

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Stand as you are able.

Gathering Hymn

God is Here!

WOV 719 (blue book)

Greeting

☐ The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Now the Feast and Celebration



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

A Let us pray . . . Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.

G **Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

L A reading from **Jonah:**

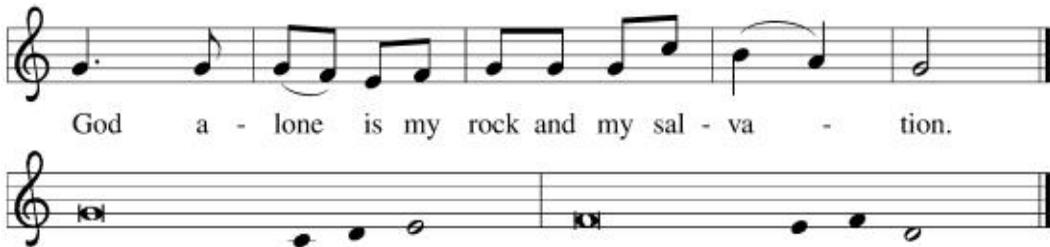
¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When 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.

L God, we thank you for your Word,

G **the story of your grace.**

Psalm 62:5-12



⁵For God alone I | wait in silence;
truly, my hope | is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and | my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall nev- | er be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance | and my honor;
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God al- | ways, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who | is our refuge. **G****

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate can- | not be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less | than a breath.

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

¹¹God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,
that power be- | longs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to | you, O Lord,
for you repay all according | to their deeds. **

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

 A reading from **1 Corinthians**:

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

 God, we thank you for your Word,

 **the story of your grace.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights



of your ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it
true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our
of your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the



deep in us; shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness -
at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty.
dawn of time that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty.



that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your ma -
And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by



acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of power that can
faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your

fill in us all your pur pos - es for your
nev - er fall; let their truth pre - vail o - ver
church is built, and the earth is filled with your

glo - ry.
un - be-lief.
glo - ry.

Final ending

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

☐ The Holy Gospel, according to **Mark**.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,
¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately 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.**

Sit

Message

Silence for reflection

Song of the Day

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

ELW 817 (red book)

Kneel or sit as able.

Prayers

A Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A For the church in all its forms, for unity in Christ, and for those who proclaim the good news in word and deed, that all trust that the kingdom of God has come near. Empower and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including Bishops Elizabeth, and Craig, Assistants David, Sarah and Chrysanne; *St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Midland, St Edwards Catholic Church in Lake Odessa*; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken. Let us pray.

G Have mercy, O God.

A For clean water and air, for fertile lands, so that all creatures and people have enough food, nourishing drink, and breathable air, let us pray.

G Have mercy, O God.

A For public defenders and district attorneys, for the armed forces and international peace organizations, and for all public leaders, that those in authority work for the well-being of all people. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including *Myrina Clements, Lance and Kayla Champaco, Joshua Wright, Parker Stancil, Tim Krewson and Tyler Van Houten*. Let us pray.

G Have mercy, O God.

A For the poor and oppressed, for the sick and bereaved, for those living with HIV and AIDS, and for all people in need, that your power and compassion will be visible to those who need care and those who provide care. Comfort all in need in body, mind, or spirit, including *Bill and Judy Heil, Tim Lowe, John Glasgow, Jim Burdick, Sharon Duits, Tim Drumm, Mary Golnek, Vicki Garrett, Laura Miller and Magnus Zethelius*. Let us pray.

G Have mercy, O God.

A For this congregation and its ministries, for visitors in our midst, and for students returning to school, that your Holy Spirit will guide us in all our endeavors, let us pray.

G Have mercy, O God.

A Be attentive, gracious God, to the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Let us pray.

G Have mercy, O God.

A In thanksgiving for those who have died, that their lives of faithful service point us to the steadfast love of Christ, let us pray.

G Have mercy, O God.

P Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

Sit

Offering of Gifts and Music

Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill out a Participation card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday morning.

Stand as you are able.

Offering Song

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 583 (red book)

Offering Prayer

Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Ⓒ **Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Stand as you are able

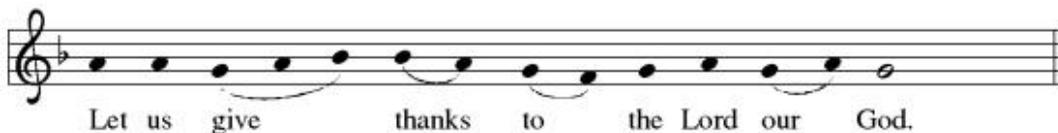
Sharing the Peace of God

Ⓐ The peace of Christ be with you always.

Ⓒ **And also with you.**

(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Great Thanksgiving



Ⓐ It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, through Jesus Christ, who is your light made manifest to all the nations, and so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
 Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Eucharistic Prayer

☩ Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

☩ **When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.**

☩ At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

☩ **For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

☩ Remembering, therefore, his life, death and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

☩ **Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.**

☩ Through him all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

☩ **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

☩ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

☩ **Our Father in heaven, holy 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.**

Invitation to Communion

☩ We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

Communion at Grace

All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.

✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

Sit

Lamb of God

The musical score for 'Lamb of God' is written on three staves in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.' The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Additional Verses:

You break the chains of hatred and fear:

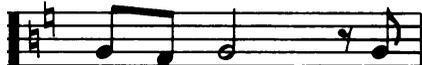
You are the way of justice and peace:

You are the way of mercy and love:

You are the bread of life for us all:

You pour your Holy Spirit on us:

Final time:



Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661 (red book)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW 815

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW 674

Stand

Prayer after Communion

▲ O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.

☑ **You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

Congregational Announcements

Stand as you are able.

Blessing

☐ 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 upon you and remain with you always.

☑ **Amen.**

✠ During the Sending Hymn, those who wish (especially children) are invited to come forward to make music and dance in the area in front of the pews on the left. There are instruments and scarves in and near the basket by the wall. ✠

Sending Song

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

ELW 545 (red book)

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

G Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today, January 21	Worship at 8:00 & 10:45 am Children's Church 10:45 am
Tuesday, January 23	Women's Bible Study 12:30 pm
Thursday, January 25	Hand bell outing 3:30 – 5:00 pm Woodlawn Meadows
Friday, January 26	Set up for Bell workshop – Fellowship Hall
Saturday, January 27	Bell choir workshop

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Ministers	Randy Teegardin	Traci Wales
Cantor	Jack Vos	Mark Anton
Lector	Chris Bush	Kristi Winick
Communion Server	Jan Schreiner	Sandy Mosteller
Acolyte/Crucifer	Gavin Patton	Hope Peck
Usher	Mark/Jana Bishop	Mark Anton, Gwen Hanson Sandy Mosteller, Joe Longcor
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Melissa Patton	Doug/Diane Neeb
Children's Church		Tom/Cheryl Drumm
Chancel Team	Vickey Argo	

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, January 28, 2018

Assisting Ministers	Chris Bush	Vickey Argo
Cantor	Jack Vos	Mark Anton
Lector	Carl Schoessel	Carol Morgan
Communion Server	Brenda Teegardin	Mark Anton
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Lance Ogden
Usher	John Burdick	Doug/Diane Neeb
	Kay Marsh	Gary/Lisa Golnek
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Tom/Cheryl Drumm	<i>Volunteers</i>
Children's Church		Traci Wales, Kristi Winick
Chancel Team	Vickey Argo	

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 93

Weekly Giving: \$2,737.00

Budget Amount: \$4,181.22

The local **Food Pantry** located at the Methodist Church on Green Street is currently in need of sugar, saltine crackers, boxed instant mashed potatoes and cake frosting.

Votive Candles – as the Epiphany season is upon us, Pastor Ken is inviting each family to bring a votive candle during the season of light. Its not too late to bring yours. Let your light shine!

Congregational Care will meet on Monday, January 29th at 3:00 pm.

Lent Daily Devotional - we need your stories for the 2018 Lent Daily Devotional. Remove a text(s) from the sign-up board and write your name on the space provided next to the text(s) you would like to write. You may take as many texts as you would like. Please submit on or before February 4th. If you have questions, please feel free to contact either Mike Kemper (269) 664-3599 or Kim Domke (269) 908-0024.

"Super Bowl Celebration" immediately after second service on Feb 4. Nearly 100 million Americans are expected to tune in to watch the Super Bowl. Many of them will be hosting or attending parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, nearly 1 billion people will be hungry—some worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and securing the next meal. Please join us in remembering the hungry this Super Bowl—and toss your donation to help fight hunger into a soup pot after worship on Super Bowl Sunday. **Checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran in the memo: ELCA World Hunger**

Wednesday Night Lenten Dinners – please see the sign up board to organize and make a dinner during Lent. Talk to Diane Neeb (269) 945-9470 or Kim Domke (269) 908-0024 with questions.

Renovation Update - Being good stewards of God, there was a decision to go ahead with the purchase of carpet that was needed for the church. The price for the carpet has risen steadily during our fundraising efforts and the church was faced with another price increase in the near future. The original debt amount was \$16,258.38. To date we have received \$575 in generous donations from our members. The remaining debt for the carpet is \$15,683.38. We would be blessed if you would be willing to help pay down this debt we owe to ourselves. Thanks for your consideration. If you would like to write a check, please remember to write ‘carpet fund’ in the memo line.

Helping in our Community - Zach Bursley is a young person who was very active in our youth group. He and his family are members of the Nazarene Church. Zach graduated last year but even after graduating he was a part of our trip to Detroit. He has been a part of The Gathering in Lansing and has always been willing to help out with fundraising efforts like the geranium sale. On January 3rd Zach’s family had a house fire. Their family has experienced a great loss and they need help to replace items they have lost. Together we can give and collect funds over the next few weeks and then we will provide one check to the family and let them know that Grace Lutheran still cares for them even though Zach is no longer in our youth group. Please put a check in the collection plate or turn it into the office, put in the memo line “Bursley Family”.