



Sunday, January 21, 2024
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
10:00 a.m.



“Fishing with Jesus”

Pastor Steve Albertin

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

God is in the House

Announcements

* (*indicates please stand*)

* Greeting & Passing of Peace

Song

Psalm 9

Prayer of the Day

Song

Cornerstone

please be seated

Lesson

1st Corinthians 7:29-31

Pew Bible pg 1042

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

Pew Bible pg 910

Children's Message

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Sermon

"Fishing with Jesus"

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- We may not like fishing. However, after Jesus' invites us to go fishing with him, we will be thrilled.
- The same thing happened to the disciples in today's Gospel. Without explanation they are thrilled to give up everything to go fishing with Jesus.
- Jesus never accepted volunteers or those worthy of a roster spot. He chose disciples just because he wanted them without regard for their qualifications. In fact, the only qualification seems to be that they were not qualified.
- Jesus' invitation must have come as a shock. When Jesus said to them, "Follow me!" it was stunning announcement of good news. Their lives had repeatedly been called into question. Now Jesus dares to value them unconditionally by inviting them to go fishing with him.
- Jesus gives us God's love and in exchange bears all that weighs us down all the way to the cross. God raises Jesus from the dead to show that nothing can ever undo God's commitment to be our friend.
- The disciples believed Jesus' promise and left behind their old way of life. They went fishing for people with the message, "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.**" The kingdom is God's love of the outcast. Repentance is the joyous response to that good news.

Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The 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. 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!**

please be seated

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at his table. There, they receive him and the new life he offers. Those who eat and drink at his table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all that God has made. If you are not baptized, contact Pastor Albertin to learn how you can receive the great gift God has for you in baptism. Today, you are welcome to join us at Christ's table.

Benediction

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

* **Sending Song**

My Heart Sings Praises