

Prelude

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn

“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”

Hymn No.520

Greeting

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

Hymn of Praise

“Glory to God”

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Prayer of the Day

(Together) **Lord God, your loving-kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

Teaching Moment

Children’s Sermon

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

(After the reading) The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Senior Bell Choir

“The Lord Bless you and keep you” Peter Lutkin (8:30 am)

Psalm 27:1, 4-9 *(Responsively, Lector and People)*

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

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⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and
make music to the LORD.

⁷**Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.**

⁸My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹**Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not
away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.**

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of
you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the
same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that
there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you
says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to
Christ.” ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the
name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that
no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of
Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not
send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the
cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is
foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
(*After the reading*) The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

(*Spoken after the announcement*) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left
Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and
Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:
¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of
the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat
in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to
proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of
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Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

(Spoken after the reading) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor David Echelbarger

Hymn of the Day

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

Hymn No. 413

Prayers of Intercession

Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God’s justice, peace, and healing.

(After each petition) Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

Choir Anthem

“Thy Will Be Done”

Joyce Elaine Eilers (8:30 am)

Soloist: Jim Cook

Offering

Offering Prayer

(Together) **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.**

Great Thanksgiving

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Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, O holy God ...

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

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again ...

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

Lord's Prayer

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Invitation

Come. Be filled with light and life. All are welcome.

Lamb of God

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Distribution

We invite all baptized Christians and visitors of all denominations, even the youngest, to the table of the Lord. Children who desire a blessing rather than receiving the bread and the wine should stand with folded hands to indicate their preference. Please follow the ushers' directions to one of several communion stations in the sanctuary. If you need to have the sacrament brought to your pew, please inform an usher. Receive the wine or indicate a preference for grape juice by asking the server or pointing to the center of the tray. *Gluten free wafers available upon request.*

Distribution Hymn

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

Hymn No. 817

Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

(Together) **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.

Benediction

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.

Sending Hymn

“I Love to Tell the Story”

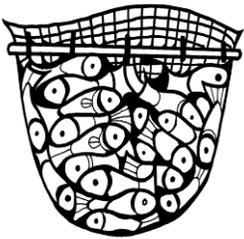
Hymn No. 661

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.