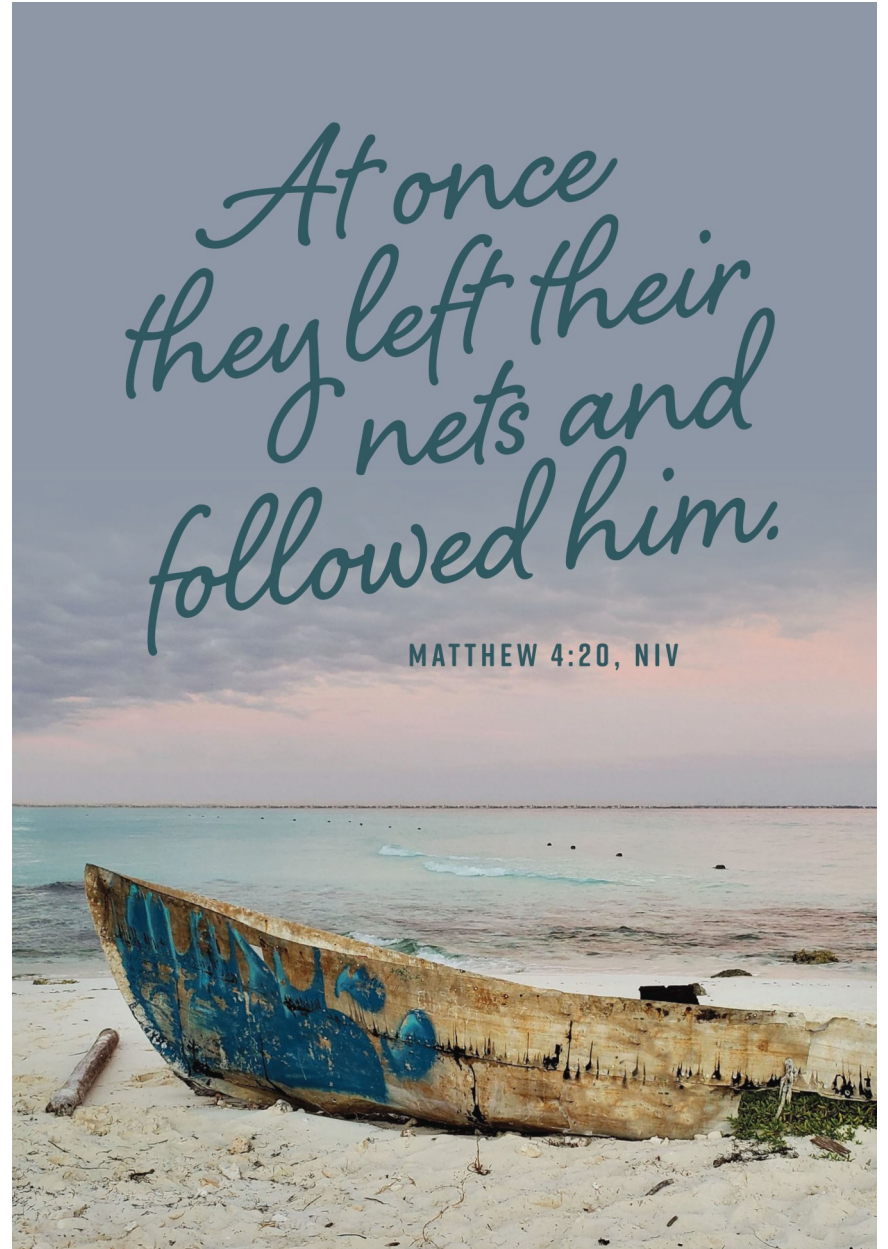


*At once
they left their
nets and
followed him.*

MATTHEW 4:20, NIV



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St. Paul's Celebrates, Declares, and Demonstrates the
Love of God in Jesus Christ to Sarver and the World.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2023

“One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: ... to seek him in his temple”
(Psalm 27:4, NIV). Welcome to worship.

* Indicates when to stand

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TIME OF SHARING

*ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Most merciful God,

C. we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

*GATHERING SONG:

“O Master Let Me Walk With You”

Hymn #818

Assisting in Today's Service:

Lector: Will Fleske

Ushers: Al & Karen Reyer, Doug & Jessica Donatelli

Communion Assistants: Monie Diller, Greg Carns

Tellers: Greg & Terry Carns, Ron Mariotti

Continued steady, steadfast, sustained prayers for:

Vivian, Vivian Beers, Joe Cashell, Jean Dudas, Charlotte Hostetler,
Luanne Keener, Stella, Jay Hill, Don Diller, Al Lacanic,
Claire Jones, Karen K., Arial, Janea, Dorothy Glance,
Bryson Gray, Joanne Toy, Betsy Rodgers, Kristine Wichrowski,
Tom Fennel, Denise Bryon, Shirley Godfrey, David Klingensmith,
Eunice Kenton, Kathy Hill, Louise Baker, Connie Swaiko,
Tom Leskovik, Ken Altman, Kenny, Bill Allison

Communion: At the Lord's Table we gather to eat and drink the salvation that God has given us in Jesus Christ. All *baptized* Christians who trust in Jesus' work on their behalf and believe in his presence at the table, are welcome to partake.

Welcome to all visitors! We are so glad you joined us today. Please fill out a Connection Card located in the pews and be sure to stop by our Welcome Center at the kiosk as you leave worship.

Bryson Gray Replenishment Blood Drive: Saturday, February 11 ~ 9:00am-3:00pm and Monday, February 27 ~ 2:00pm-7:30pm. St. Paul's Heide Hall. Please schedule your appointment in advance. More info can be found at the Outreach Hub.

Sight and Sound Theater's production of "Esther" will be shown at St. Paul's on January 29 @2:00pm. Bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon movie along with popcorn and movie snacks!

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P. Let us pray.

C. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*PASTORAL BLESSING

P. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

*SENDING SONG:

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

Hymn #400

*THE DISMISSAL

P. Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God!

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C. And also with you.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Spoken response at conclusion of each reading: *“Thanks be to God.”*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27:1-14

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*The Holy Gospel: Mathew 4:12-25

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Your Kingdom Come”

Projected

***THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 CHURCH**

Each petition concludes with *“Lord, in your mercy...”*

Please respond with **“hear our prayer”**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

OFFERING

***THE DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

C. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.