



*And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."
Immediately they left their nets and followed him.
Matthew 4:19-20*

The Season of Epiphany

January 26, 2020 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church | Salisbury, NC

Welcome to St. John's!

For more information about today's worship, please refer to the pew card found in the hymnal. You'll notice that our worship follows a simple pattern that has guided the church's worship since the first century — Gather, Word, Meal, Sending — a pattern designed to nourish and strengthen us for the week ahead. Welcome to worship!



Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God.

Prelude

On Eagle's Wings

arr. Kiyo Watanabe

Prayers of Confession

We make the sign of the cross as a reminder of our baptism.

We begin worship with an act of confession, a time when we come together just as we are, without benefit of disguise. In confession we admit out loud our need for God's forgiveness. The words of forgiveness announce the love of God, who accepts us as we are but continues to lead us beyond where we are, forming us into a new creation.

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

Let us pray. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret. We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again. Amen.**

God's Promise of Forgiveness

Dear people of God, hear the good news: Christ the Savior is born! By his grace and mercy, you are forgiven all of your sins Rejoice and be glad! **Amen.**

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

Entrance Hymn 456

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

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

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.

Please be seated

FaithLife Moment

Response

I Love You, Lord

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and melodic, with lyrics underneath. The second staff starts at measure 6 and continues the melody. The third staff starts at measure 12 and concludes the piece. The lyrics are: 'I Love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.'

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Charlotte Blair Williams, child of Jonathan and Meredith Williams

Presentation. *Charlotte is presented for Baptism*

The parents' response

To the congregation:

People of God, do you promise to support Harper and pray for her in her new life in Christ? **We do.**

The parents' Profession of Faith

The Congregation's Profession of Faith. *Please stand.*

People of God, do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

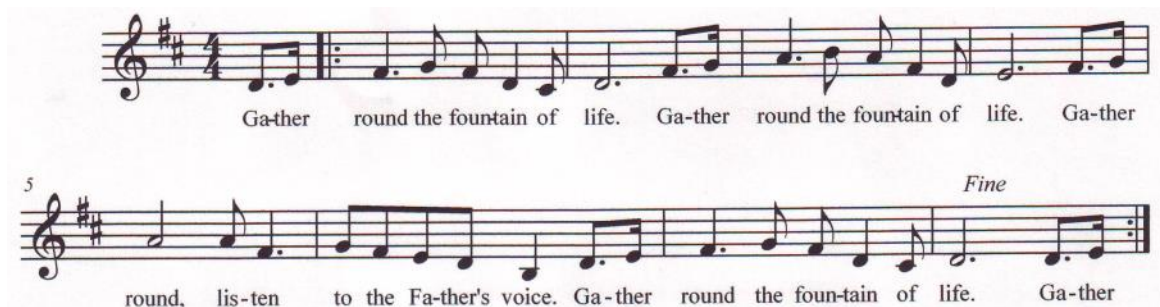
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font. *Children of the church are invited to gather at the baptismal font as the congregation sings "Gather Round the Fountain of Life."*



Rite of Baptism. *The **Rite of Baptism** includes three symbols used in baptismal liturgy since the beginning of the church: water, oil, and light.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Baptism with Water. *Charlotte is baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

Imposition of Oil. *Oil is used to make the sign of the cross on Charlotte's forehead, a symbol that she is sealed in relationship with Christ.*

Gift of Light. *Charlotte is welcomed into the Family of God. A candle (the light of Christ) is presented to her with the words, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).*

The Congregation Welcomes Charlotte into the Family of God

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

As Charlotte is introduced to the congregation; all are invited to sing "Jesus Loves Me."

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.**

***Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.***

**Jesus loves me! He who died, heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. *Refrain***



Word

We hear God's word in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

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

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

⁴One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

⁶Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.

⁹Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God!

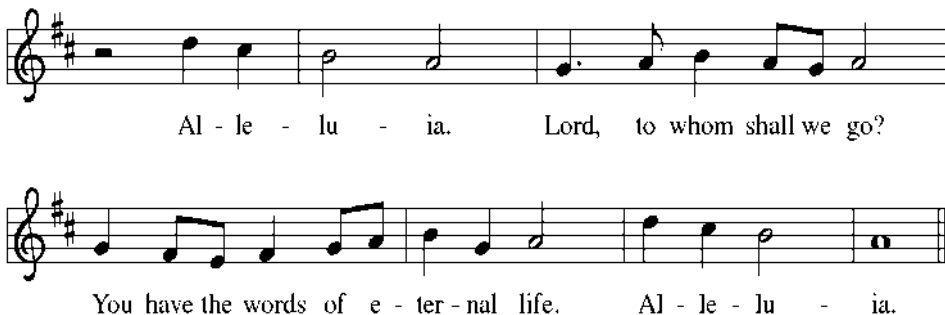
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

St. Paul writes: 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Children's Worship. *Please stand for the reading of the Gospel. During the following response, children are invited to Children's Worship, returning after the sermon.*



The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John the Baptist 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 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated

Sermon

Made for More

Pastor Laura Henrik

Please stand

Hymn 817

You Have Come Down the Lakeshore

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

Verse 1: Solo

Verses 2—4: All

Apostles' Creed

Gathered as God's people across time and space, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Collection of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Be the Light of Christ

Wes Cameron

What will you give to the Savior? To the One who gave all,
will you go in his name to spread the light of truth?
To the corners of the world, he has asked you to go.
Will you go in his name?

(Refrain) *Be the light of Christ to the people of the world.
Be the light of Christ, spread the word among God's people.*

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Will you give to help to the needy? Will you clothe and give them food?
Will you give in his name, as he has given to you?
Every gift is from above, and comes to us from God.
Will you give in his name? (Refrain)

As the gifts are presented, the congregation stands and sings the Doxology.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession. *Each petition ends: Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**



Sending

Forgiven and nourished, we are sent into the world to share God's love.

Benediction

Sending Hymn 576

We All Are One in Mission

KUORTANE

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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Let's connect faith and life. *Together.*