



*Title: Christ Calling the Apostles Peter and Andrew. Date: 1308-1311. Artist: Duccio, di Buoninsegna, -1319?*

Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 25, 2026, 10:00 am



*St. John's Lutheran Church*

*Salisbury, North Carolina*



## PRELUDE & WELCOME

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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER

*Let us pray:* Lord God, your lovingkindness 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.**

## SONG

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*



## GOSPEL

**Matthew 4:12-23**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—<sup>16</sup>the 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.”<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>18</sup>As 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 fishers. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As 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. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout all 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. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SONG****PRAYERS**

*Each petition concludes with the following:*  
**Merciful God, receive our 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.**

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**SENDING**

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

**SONG****BLESSING**

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL & POSTLUDE**

Go in peace. Do justice.  
Love mercy. Walk humbly.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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