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



St. John's Lutheran Church

Salisbury, North Carolina

GATHERING

Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.



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.**

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 Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of 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 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.

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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