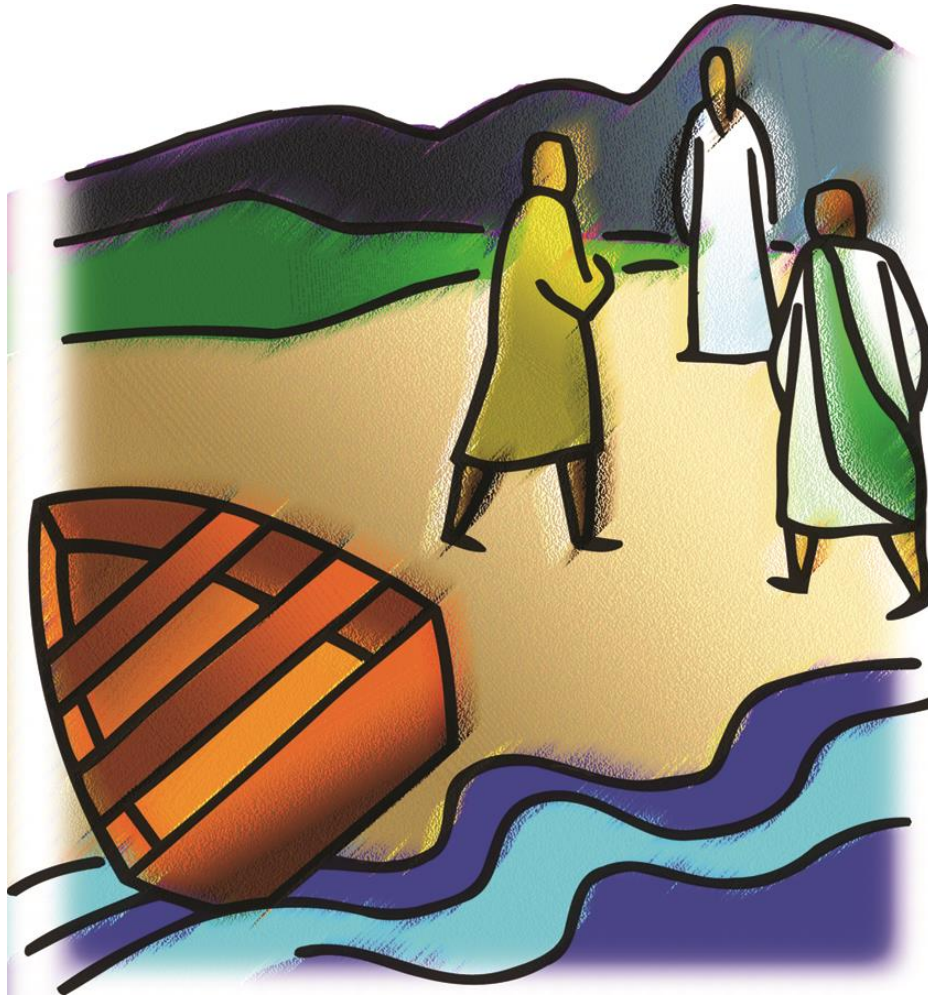


*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany*  
*January 24, 2020*



*St. Matthew's Lutheran Church*  
**Digital Home Worship Edition**

**WELCOME and INTRODUCTION***Gathering**The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as the People of God.*

PM: We gather together – in a new way - to build our relationships.

**C: Our relationship with God. Our relationship with each other. Our relationship with our neighbor.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

PM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**C: Amen.**

PM: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

PM: Holy God,

**C: you search us and know us.  
You are acquainted with all our ways.  
We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—  
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.  
We turn inward, failing to follow  
your outward way of love.  
We distrust those who are not like us.  
We exploit the earth and its resources  
and fail to consider generations to come.  
Forgive us, gracious God,  
for all we have done and left undone.  
Even before the words are on our tongues,  
you know them;  
receive them in your divine mercy.**

PM: How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of ✚ Christ Jesus,  
our sins are washed away  
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.  
Indeed, we are forgiven.  
In the wake of God's forgiveness,  
we are called to be the beloved community  
living out Christ's justice

and the Spirit's reconciling peace.  
**C: Amen.**

### **GREETING**

PM: 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.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

PM: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

## *Word*

*God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching and Song.*

### **READING**

Mary Kay, Lector

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L: Word of God, word of life.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL**

Mark 1:14-20

PM: *The gospel is announced.*  
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother

John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

*The Gospel concludes.*

PM: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Christine Higuera-Street, Pastor

*A brief period of silence follows the sermon for personal reflection.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*While the hymn of the day is played, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (ELW 817), we invite you to email your prayers to [office@stmatthewsut.org](mailto:office@stmatthewsut.org) Amanda monitors the prayers and will record them on the prayer slips and will make sure they are woven into our prayer loom.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The Worship Assistant leads the prayers and assembly responds at the conclusion of each petition.*

WA: ... let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

PM: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen**

## **PEACE**

PM: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also, with you.**

PM: Please take a moment to share a sign of peace with those you are with.

## *Meal*

*God Feeds Us with the Presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Musical offertory is played during the gathering of the offering.*

PM: This is a time where we offer our gifts. You can support the ministry here at St. Matthew's in a couple of ways. To give digitally, it's easy to do so. Go to our website shown below on the screen and scroll down to the "donate button. Click on that and it will take you to Tithe.ly where you can make a one-time donation or set up to give however often you wish. Another way to give is to simply write a check to St. Matthew's and drop it off in the mail after worship today. **We thank**

**you for your continued support of our mission and ministry here in Taylorsville. As the offertory is played, All Who Hunger Gather Gladly (ELW 461) please prepare your hearts and space for communion.**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

WA: O God, receive these gifts as you receive us:  
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.  
Nourish us anew in your tender care,  
and empower us in faithful service  
to tend to others with this same love,  
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE**

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

PM: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

PM: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

PM: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **TABLE PRAYER**

PM: Blessed are you, ... mercy and might.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*The presiding minister continues:*

PM: In the night ...both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### COMMUNION

PM: Please communion one another saying, the body of Christ Given for you and the Blood of Christ shed for you.  
If you are by yourself, you and I will commune each other.

### TABLE BLESSING

PM: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood nourish and strengthen us for his service, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WA: Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

C: **Amen.**

## *Sending*

*God Blesses Us and Sends Us in Mission to the World.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### • GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- *Thank you to Brian, Paul and Mary Kay for bringing worship today into our homes.*
- *The Zoom meetings scheduled for this week are:*
  - *Facilities Ministry will meet on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm*
  - *Faith Formation will meet on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm*
  - *Congregational Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> immediately following worship via Zoom. If you do not have computer access to Zoom, there are several numbers on the Zoom invite that you may call in and be connected to the meeting.*
- *Please check the following for the latest updates on church news: St. Matthew' Facebook page, the website, your personal emails, text messages and voice mails.*

### BLESSING

PM: God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace

C: **Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

WA: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises*

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