



## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 22, 2023**

Worship 11:00 A.M.

Minister: Rev. Diana Edis

Musician: Larissa Goruk

Videographer: George Edis

Reader: Carol Hadland

Worship is live streamed on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/princerupertlutheran/>.  
You do not need a Facebook account to access worship.

*Welcome to Worship with St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross – as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God's grace and mercy.*

### Weekly Prayer Petitions

**Local:** Cornerstone Mennonite Brethren

**Synod Parishes:** Faith Lutheran – Kelowna, Gloria Dei Lutheran – North Vancouver

**ACC:** The Most Rev. David Edwards, Metropolitan, people, and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

**ELCIC:** Dean, council and congregations of the Atlantic and Montreal Areas of the Eastern Synod

### Discipleship Opportunities

1. The Pastor is Public, Javadotcup Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:30AM.

2. Our AGM is scheduled for January 29 following worship. Please join us either online or in-person for this important gathering. Per our constitution, and for the health of our congregation, we must have a quorum for voting to take place. We will be discussing what the past year has looked like and what our vision may be for the future of God's ministry in Prince Rupert, as well as voting for leadership. The Zoom link does not require a password: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89200921860> Meeting ID: 892 0092 1860

3. Please send any year-end reports to the church office by January 20<sup>th</sup> for entry into the AGM Packet.

4. Our Movies that Matter series for folks grades 8-12 continues to focus on the theme of oppression. Our next movie will be *Hidden Figures* on Friday, Feb. 10, from 6:30-9:30. Invite folks that you think may appreciate this time to discuss moral issues in a safe, supportive environment.

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Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

No. 520

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from  
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,  
God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -  
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and  
help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and  
all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.  
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.  
earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

L: 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.

Kyrie

*Refrain*



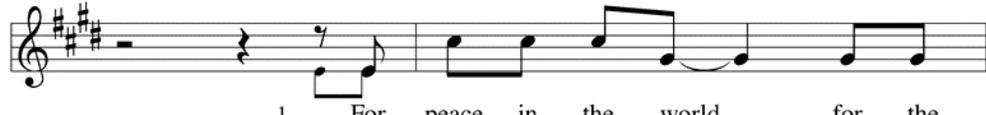
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

*Last time*

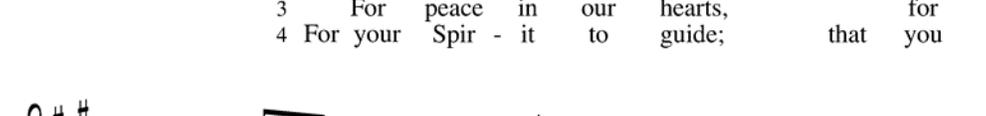


Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the  
2 That we may live out your im -  
3 For peace in our hearts, for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you

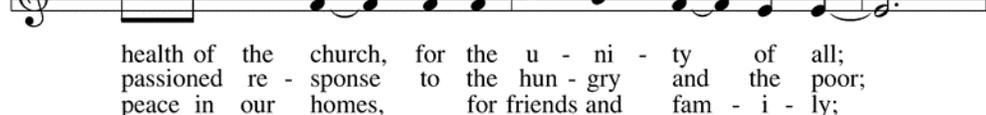


health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;  
passioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;  
peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;  
cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,  
that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,  
that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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*Prayer of the Day*

**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.**

Our first reading is from Isaiah, beginning at the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter

9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea,

the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L: The word of the Lord,

**C: Thanks be to God**

We read Psalm 27: 1, 4-9 responsively: (*leader reads the light print, congregation reads the bold*)

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

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

**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;**

**I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

**My heart speaks your message – “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away – you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

Our second reading is from 1 Corinthians beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter

1:10-18

Now 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. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What 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.” Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For 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.

For 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.

L: The word of the Lord,

**C: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

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Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter

4:12-23

**Glory to you, O Lord**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – 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." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

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 fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 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. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus 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.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

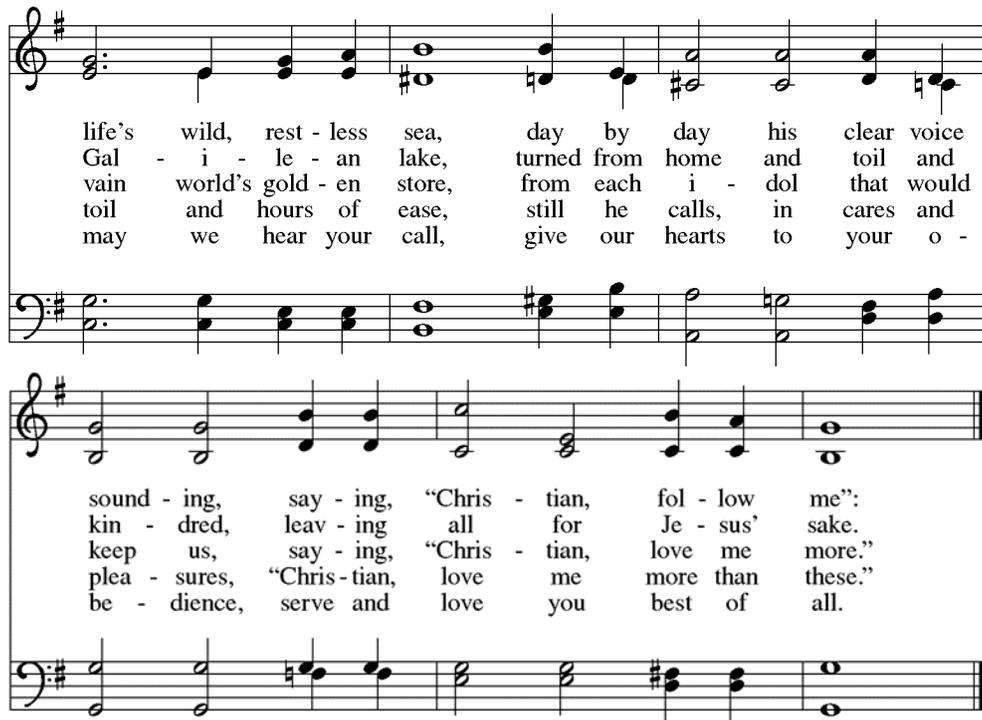
Rev. Diana Edis

Hymn of the Day

*Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult*

No. 696

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest-less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed. We confess:  
**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 power of 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**

*Prayers of Intercession:* (petition end: Merciful God,)  
 (petition response: **Receive our prayer.**)

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Offering*

*Offerings may be mailed to the church, placed in our mailbox, sent by e-transfer to [offering2stpauls@citywest.ca](mailto:offering2stpauls@citywest.ca).. or give through CanadaHelps to St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert.*

*Offering Prayer*

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,  
**Amen.**

L: Gathered into one across time and space by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using whatever version of that prayer comforts you. We pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Blessing*

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

**Amen.**

*Sending Hymn*

*Will You Come and Follow Me?*

No. 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

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 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional  
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### Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✝ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**