## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

#### From Jordan's Shore to Mountain's Glory: Committed to a Lofty Charge

To whom does the work of salvation belong? Simple question. There is only one Savior. Yet he gives our lives a profound meaning and eternal purpose, by sharing his work with us. He calls us not just to be followers, but to be follower-makers. Jesus asks some pastors, missionaries, teachers—to do this full time. But ultimately Jesus asks all believers to serve as his ambassadors, sharing the gospel with whomever he brings into our sphere of influence. This lofty charge requires commitment—a willingness to abandon everything else should faithfulness require it. This is the life-changing revelation for this week. Jesus has committed us to a lofty charge: the privilege to play a role in his saving work.

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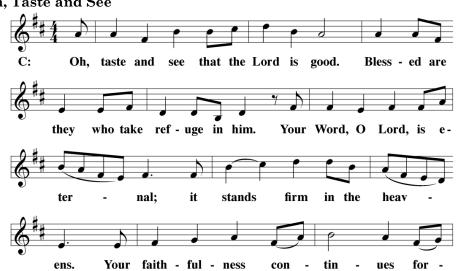
- M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

# **CONFESSION OF SINS**

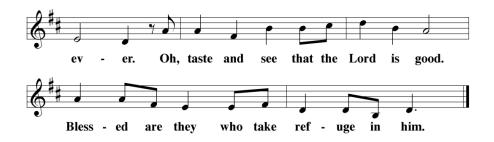
- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: Amen.

# **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



# Oh, Taste and See



# Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## C: Amen

Be Seated

## **First Lesson**

## Jonah 3:1-5,10

The reluctant Jonah had been given the lofty charge of proclaiming a message from the LORD to the people of Nineveh.

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

<sup>3</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." <sup>5</sup> The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened. (NIV)

## Psalm of the Day



is now, and will be forever. Amen.

#### Refrain

#### Second Lesson

#### 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Christ has committed to us, as his ambassadors, the message of reconciliation.

<sup>14</sup> For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

<sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:<sup>[a]</sup> The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin<sup>[b]</sup> for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (EHV)

#### Verse of the Day (Thursday & Sunday 10:30 am)

M: Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia. (Matthew 4:23 cf. NIV)

#### Choir (Sunday 8:00 am)

(Refrain) Follow me, follow me. Come and follow. You will see.I will make you fishers, fishers of men.

1 We stand and we watch on the bank, wideeyed.

# Follow Me

- Water runs and all heaven opens wide, and a voice like thunder replies. (*Refrain*)
- 2 Jesus comes to us in this place with good news our hearts should embrace.
- He calls to you, he calls to me, "Will you drop

## Stand

#### Gospel

## Mark 1:14-20

When Jesus gave Simon and Andrew the lofty charge of fishing for people, they left everything else behind.

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." <sup>18</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>19</sup> When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup> Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him. (NIV) M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

#### C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

Hymn of the Day gos - pel comes to 1 hear the Sav - ior call - ing! The I 2 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He leads a soul to 3 Ι hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He gives this charge to 4 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He chang - es hearts for 5 I hear the His Sav - ior call - ing! call has ur - gen -My eyes closed in blind - ness Are o - pened once me. me, Α soul in bit ter an - guish, One need - ing What-e'er the То serve the best I'm a - ble, me: То me. From door to door Ι wit - ness share my Each dy - ing; Soon comes e cy! mo - ment souls are now to see That I my - self was help - less То be free. The gift I have of - fer to Is to call may be. Thus hand in hand with oth - ers Who Sav - ior's Yet be add - ed. No plea; noth - ing can ter - ni - ty. And so, my pre - cious Sav - ior, This live ter - nal But, Christ did e -ly, dy - ing, Christ, my Lord's de \_ cree That all have been for share the gos - pel key We spread the gos pel word on bend - ed knee, Be yond the sim \_ ple hum - ble is my plea: Pre pare me for my д. save me. And now he calls for me! Sav giv My calls for me! enior tid My Sav ior calls for me! ings-Sav calls for me! gos pel-My ior mis sion For you are call ing me! -

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#### Sermon

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2 Corinthians 5:14-21 Pastor David Ruddat

I Hear the Savior Calling CW 560

**Apostles'** Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body. and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be Seated

### Offering

Stand

# **Prayer of the Church**

#### 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.

giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew. Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to

give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## C: Amen

# Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

#### C: Amen

Be Seated

**Closing Hymn** "Come, fol low me," "All in 1 the Sav - ior spoke, my 2 "I am the light; Ι light the way, А god - ly 3 "My heart a - bounds low - li - ness, My in soul with 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your 5 Then let fol low Christ our Lord And take the us 0 bid ing. De your - selves; the way ny а \_ life dis play ing. I bid you walk as love glow - ing, And words is gra cious my souls' sal - va tion, Your hearts from ev 'ry cross ap - point - ed And, firm ly cling ing world for - sake: 0 bev my call and guid ing. I in the day; keep your feet from stray ing. With meek - ness ver - flow lips ex - press, 0 ing. free. From sin and its temp - ta guile to tion. his Word, In suf - f'ring be un - daunt to ed. Oh, bear the cross, what - e'er be tide; Take \_ Ι am the way, and well Ι show How My heart, my mind, my strength, my all То And I am the ref uge of the soul For those who bear the bat - tle's strain The ο guide. my ex am ple for your \_ here be you should jour ney low. God Ι vield; on him I call. ly goal." lead heav'n you to your crown of heav'n ly life ob tain. -Johann Scheffler, 1624-77, abr., st. 1-3, 5; Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge, 1695, st. 4; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, Text: 1813-96, alt. Tune: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT (87 87 88) Bartholomäus Gesius, c. 1555-1613, adapt.

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