

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 am Contemporary Worship
Sunday, January 21, 2024



GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Songs

"Cornerstone" (Hillsong Worship)
"Here Again" (Elevation Worship)

Greeting, Prayer & Peace

WORD

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:14 - 20

Reflection

Song

"Holy Spirit" (Brian & Kate Torwalt)

Prayers of the People

MEAL

Confession & Forgiveness

The Story of the Last Supper

The Lord's Prayer & Invitation to Communion

Song

"How He Loves You" (John Mark McMillan)

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing & Dismissal

Music*

"How He Loves You" (Reprise)

**You are welcome to remain in the worship space & listen to the music, or you are free to depart the sanctuary as you are moved to do so.*

Good morning & welcome to Grace in the time after Epiphany.

*Our mission is to invite and welcome all
to the fellowship of Christ in service to our community.*

In the time after Epiphany, we see the usual bookends of Jesus' baptism on one end and the transfiguration on the other. A primary theme throughout the season is *calling*. God calls Samuel, Jonah, and a prophet to follow Moses. Jesus calls Nathanael, Philip, Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, and Peter's mother-in-law. Beginning with remembering our own baptism as we commemorate Jesus' baptism, we are promised that God is calling us too. And in that baptismal calling, we join the likes of the prophets and apostles in revealing God's love to the world.

We are glad you are with us for worship today, and we offer a special welcome to any guests who may be with us this morning, and to all those who are joining us via Live-Stream.

Children are welcome in worship at Grace! The voices of children only enhance worship, and they are welcome in this space! And, if needed, there is a nursery available for any family to use.

Your bulletin contains an outline of our worship service. Additional portions of the service are projected onto the screens in front.

In thanksgiving to God for the saving grace shown to all of us in the death and resurrection of Christ, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion each week. All are welcome at the Table. We do come forward to the front of the sanctuary for communion. The Pastor stands in the center of the aisle with the bread. Gluten free bread is available – just ask when you come forward. Finally, both **wine (red)** and **juice (white)** are available based on your preference. Please place your empty cup in the bowl on your way back to your seat after you commune.

For those participating from home, please have a small glass of wine or juice and a small piece of bread available for all who are planning to commune. When we come to the Meal portion of the service, and the people who are present in person are coming forward, please eat your bread and drink your cup as you are moved to do so.

If you have questions about our worship service, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you. For more information about Baptism or Communion, about what Lutherans believe, or even about Grace Lutheran Church, please do not hesitate to reach out to our pastor.

Again, welcome to worship! We're glad you're here!