



---

**Sunday, January 21, 2023**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

---

Service Theme  
**COMMITTED TO A LOFTY CHARGE**

To whom does the work of salvation belong? Simple question. There is only one Savior. But this is how good Jesus is. So that our lives might have profound meaning and eternal purpose, he shares some of that work with us. He calls us not just to be followers, but to be follower-makers. Jesus asks some—prophets, apostles, 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.

## Hymn

CW 570 O Christians, haste

**1 O Christians, haste, your mission high fulfilling,  
To tell to all the world that God is light,  
That he who made all nations is not willing  
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.**

*Refrain:*

**Publish glad tidings, Tidings of peace,  
Tidings of Jesus, Redemption and release.**

**2 Behold how many thousands still are lying  
Bound in the dreary prison-house of sin  
With none to tell them of the Savior's dying  
Or of the life he died for them to win.**

*Refrain*

**3 Proclaim to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation  
That God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
Tell how he stooped to save his lost creation  
And died on earth that they might live above.**

*Refrain*

**4 Send heralds forth to bear the message  
glorious;  
Give of your wealth to speed them on their way;  
Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious;  
O Christians, haste to bring the brighter day!**

*Refrain*

## Order of Service

*Service of Word and Sacrament (CW p.26)*

**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:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**
- M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

*(CW p.27)*

- M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C:** *(sing)* **Lord, have mercy.**
- M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.
- C:** *(sing)* **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C:** *(sing)* **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

**C:** *(sing)* **Amen**

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

**C:** *(sing)*

**O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

**Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love.**

**You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit;  
you make us pure and holy in your sight.**

**You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.**

**O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

**O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us;**

**you made your Father known;**

**you washed us from our sins in your own blood.**

**You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!**

**O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

(CW p.29)

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (Sing) Amen.

### **1st Lesson**

Jonah 3:1-5,10 (EHV)

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

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time:  
<sup>2</sup>“Get up. Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.”

<sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh just as the word of the LORD had commanded. Now Nineveh was a great city to God. It required a three-day walk. <sup>4</sup>Jonah walked through the city for a day, and he called out, “Forty more days and Nineveh is going to be overthrown!”

<sup>5</sup>The men of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which he said he would bring on them, and he did not carry it out.

**Psalm**

62 (CW p. 88)

*Refrain:*

***The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our  
fortress.***

**My soul finds rest in God alone;\*  
my salvation comes from him.**

**He alone is my rock and my salvation;\*  
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.**

**Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;\*  
my hope comes from him.**

*Refrain*

**Though your riches increase,\*  
do not set your heart on them.**

**My salvation and my honor depend on God;\*  
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.**

**Trust in him at all times, O people;\*  
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

**Second Lesson**

2 Corinthians 5:14-21 (EHV)

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

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ compels us, because we came to this conclusion: One died for all; therefore, all died.

<sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves but for him, who died in their place and was raised again.

<sup>16</sup>As a result, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we knew Christ according to the flesh, we no longer know him that way. <sup>17</sup>So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. The new has come! <sup>18</sup>And all these things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. <sup>19</sup>That is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. And he has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, inasmuch as God is making an appeal through us. We urge you, on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him, who did not know sin, to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

**Verse of the Day**  
(CW p.30)

Alleluia. Alleluia. I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you. Alleluia. (Psalm 22:22)

**C:** *(sing)* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Gospel Lesson**  
Mark 1:14-20 (EHV)

*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 to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>“The time is fulfilled,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus was going along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>18</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>Going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately Jesus called them. They left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

**C:** *(sing)* **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### Hymn

*CW 560* I Hear the Savior Calling

- 1 I hear the Savior calling! The gospel comes to me.  
My eyes once closed in blindness Are opened now to see  
That I myself was helpless To live eternally,  
But, dying, Christ did save me, And now he calls for me!**
- 2 I hear the Savior calling! He leads a soul to me,  
A soul in bitter anguish, One needing to be free.  
The gift I have to offer Is Christ, my Lord’s decree  
That all have been forgiven—My Savior calls for me!**
- 3 I hear the Savior calling! He gives this charge to me:  
To serve the best I’m able, Whate’er the call may be.  
Thus hand in hand with others Who share the gospel key  
We spread the gospel tidings—My Savior calls for me!**
- 4 I hear the Savior calling! He changes hearts for me.  
From door to door I witness To bring my Savior’s plea;  
Yet nothing can be added, No word on bended knee,  
Beyond the simple gospel—My Savior calls for me!**
- 5 I hear the Savior calling! His call has urgency!  
Each moment souls are dying; Soon comes eternity.  
And so, my precious Savior, This is my humble plea:  
Prepare me for my mission For you are calling me!**



## Sermon Text & Theme

### **Jonah 3:1-5,10 ... God Wants You to Witness His Word**

- 1) Because the people of this place are important to God.
- 2) Because time is short and destruction is near
- 3) Because God forgives all who repent and believe

### Nicene Creed

*(CW p.31)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Offertory Prayer

### Installation of Congregational Officers, Council, and Boards

<b>CHAIRMAN:</b>	Jason Pfothenhauer
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Stone Liu
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Jim Neubauer
<b>EDUCATION:</b>	Paul Reepschlager (Chair)
<b>EVANGELISM:</b>	Jordan Alves (Chair)
<b>STEWARDSHIP:</b>	Jim Neubauer (Chair)
<b>BOARD OF ELDERS:</b>	Jeremy Doherty (Chair) Paul Reepschlager Jason Pfothenhauer Jim Neubauer
<b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES:</b>	Jeremy Doherty (Chair) Ken Winges Doug Morton Adrian VanGalder Karl Mallon Jordan Alves

### Prayer for Evangelism

**M:** Dear Father in heaven, with your gift of a Savior you restored hope for our fallen world and brought glory to your name. We thank you for the good news that you have reconciled the world to yourself through your Son.

**C:** Be with us as you give us opportunities to proclaim your glorious name of salvation in Jesus Christ our Savior.

M: O Jesus, Lamb of God, we praise you for offering yourself as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of all. On the cross you declared the sacrifice for sins completed. At the open tomb, you assured the world that sinners are reconciled to God.

**C: Be with us as you have promised, so that we may be bold and confident witnesses to our family members and friends.**

M: Holy Spirit, blessed Counselor, use your Word of Truth and power to break down the barriers to our witness, including fallen mankind's natural hatred for God and Satan's wicked work among us.

**C: Empower us by your gospel, and encourage us to be faithful, fervent witnesses to the people among whom we live and work.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, send us by the power of your Word into the mission fields beyond the walls of our church. Give us hearing ears and seeing eyes that seize the opportunities you set before us to be your witnesses.

**C: Guide us, strengthen us, and bless us as we declare Christ to our world.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*(CW p.32)*

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

## The Sacrament

(CW p.33)

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** *(sing)* **And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** *(sing)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C:** *(sing)* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. *In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory.* Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

**C:** *(sing)* **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.**

**The whole earth is full of your glory.**

**You are my God, and I will exalt you.**

**I will give you thanks, for you have become  
my salvation.**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.**

**The whole earth is full of your glory.**

## Words of Institution

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** *(sing)* **Amen.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

### Distribution

### Thanksgiving

*(CW p.36)*

**C:** *(sing)* **Thank the Lord and sing his praise.**

**Tell ev'ryone what he has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice  
and proudly bear his name.**

**He renews his promises and leads his people forth  
in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** *(sing)* **Amen.**

**Blessing**  
(CW p.37)

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: (Sing) Amen. Amen. Amen.

**Hymn**

CWS 562 I Love to Tell the Story

**1 I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story Because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.  
I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.**

**2 I love to tell the story, For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long.  
I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.**

**Announcements**

**Church Cleaners:**

January 28 - John // February 4 - Simon

## DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

**Su (21) 9:00 am Sunday School and Bible Class**  
**10:30 am Worship & Communion**

12:00 pm Divine Sisters

**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**

4:00 pm Voters Meeting in Poltimore

Tu (23) 7:00 pm Council Meeting

We (24) 6:30 pm "Test the Spirits" Bible Info. Class

Th (25) 6:00 pm Illuminé (at St. Paul's)

6:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)

Fr (26) 3:00 pm Online Women's Bible Study

4:30 pm Youth Confirmation (D)

6:00 pm Friday Night Fellowship

**Su (28) 9:00 am Sunday School and Bible Class**  
**10:30 am Worship**

Tu (30) 10:00 am Ottawa Pastors' Winkel

We (31) 6:30 pm "Test the Spirits" Bible Info. Class

Th (1) 10:30 am Devotion at Longfield Manor

6:00 pm Illuminé (at St. Paul's)

6:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)

Fr (2) 3:00 pm Online Women's Bible Study

4:30 pm Youth Confirmation (D)

**Su (4) 9:00 am Sunday School and Bible Class**  
**10:30 am Worship & Communion**  
**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**



**Divine Word  
Evangelical Lutheran Church**

---

**1081 Greenbank Rd.,  
Ottawa, ON., K2B 5A8  
613-825-1629**

**[www.divinewordottawa.ca](http://www.divinewordottawa.ca)**