

Beaver Valley Lutheran Church

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!

“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office.”

Sunday, January 21st, 2024; 9:30 am

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements/Sharing of the Peace

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins,

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW# 815

Prayer of the Day (All)

**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.
Amen.**

First Lesson

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Lynn Haak

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

¹⁰When 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.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Lynn Haak

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Alleluia Verse

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

ELW #314 (vs. 3)

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

*(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*

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

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Greg Johnson

Sermon

Guest Pastor Chris Matson

Hymn of the Day

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW #773

Prayers of the Church

Offering

(The children’s offering basket will be on the front steps of the church, so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)



Offertory Hymn

Build a Longer Table

Insert

Offertory Prayer

L: Blessed are you, Holy One,

C: for all good things come from you.

In bread and cup you open heaven to us.

Meet us at this table,

that we receive what we seek

and follow your Son, Jesus,

in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Holy Communion

+Words of Institution

+Lord’s Prayer

+Distribution Hymn

+Blessing

Lord of Light

ELW #688

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Closing Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW #661

Sending:

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**