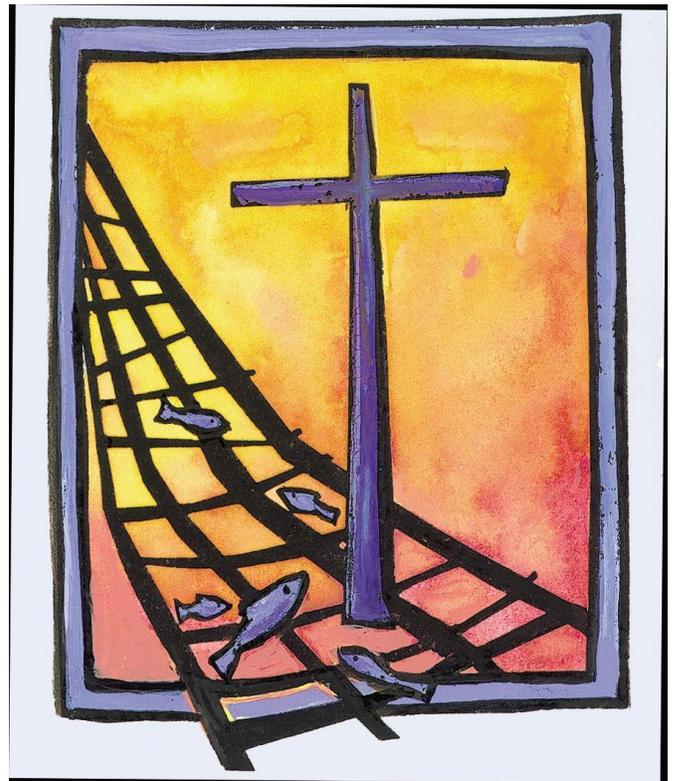


Third Sunday after Epiphany

Mark 1: 14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.



January 24, 2021

9:30 a.m.

HOLY NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

New Hope, Minnesota

www.holynativity.net



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God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to WORSHIP at Holy Nativity!

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Our Mission & Ministry: "Grounded in Christ's love, Holy Nativity Lutheran Church is a welcoming community dedicated to helping all know God's love through worship, service, and fellowship."

**Join us for Sunday worship at 9:30am
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Staff Members:

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Kristen Chamberlain, Sunday School Director
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ORDER FOR WORSHIP

*Quote: "But one thing is certain, if we merge mercy with might and might with right, then love becomes our legacy and change our children's birthright."
—Amanda Gorman*

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

This is a time to quietly listen, pause to pray, and reflect on why we are here.

GATHERING MUSIC *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* Wayne L. Wold

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (P-Pastor, C-Congregation)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

(silence is kept for reflection)

P: Holy God,

C: you search and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin – our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of †Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C: Amen.

WE PRAISE GOD

GATHERING HYMN

“Will You Come and Follow Me”
(verses 1, 3 & 5)

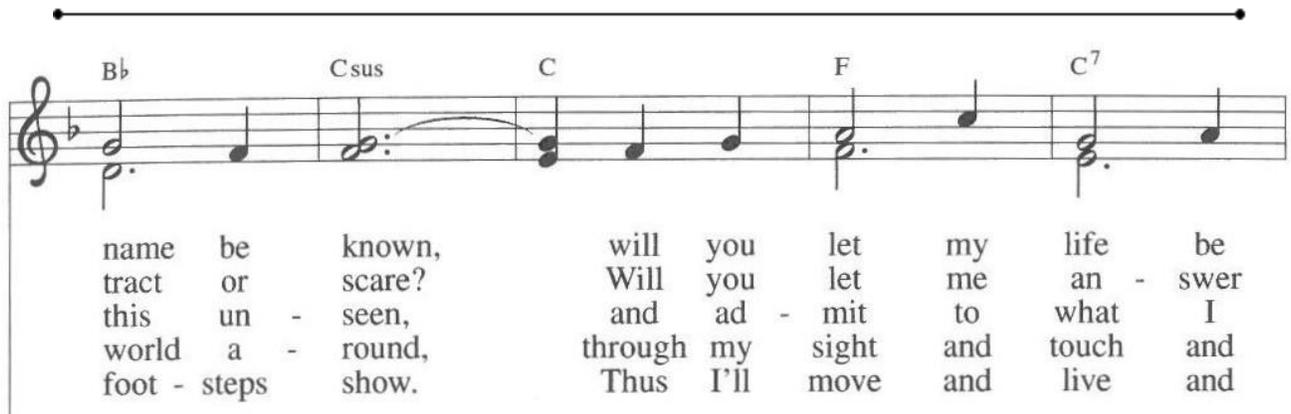
Hymnal #798

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

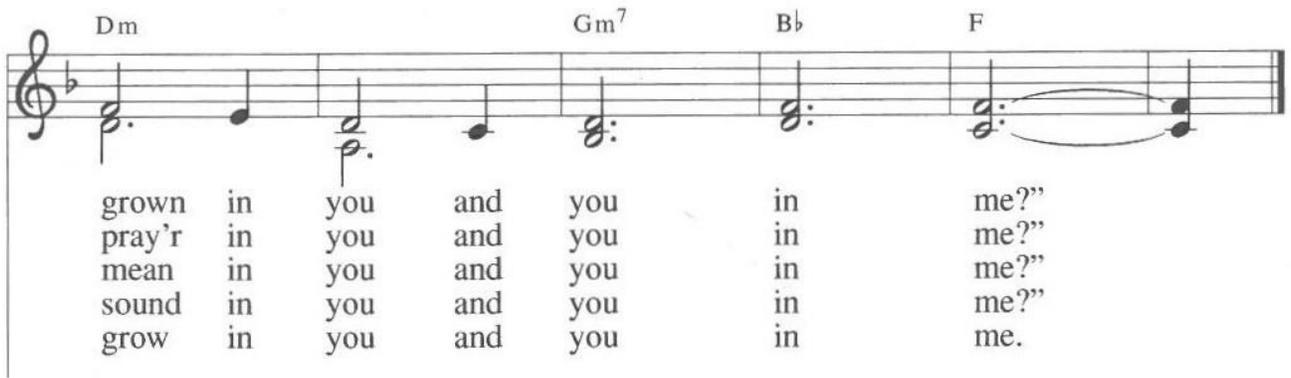
your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

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.

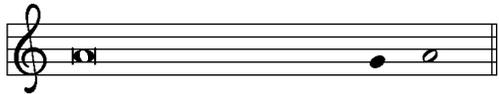
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



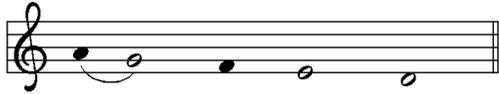
name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



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.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



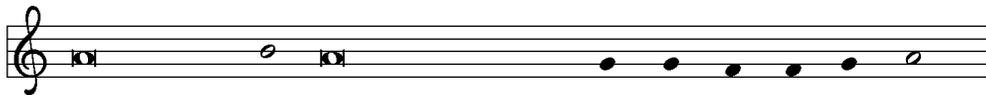
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together:

(unison) **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.**

ANTHEM

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Arr. David S. Winkler

Bruce Holt, trombone

GOD’S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah’s dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question “On whom should God have mercy?”

³ The 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.” ³ So 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. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰ When 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.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words... Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

1st Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God’s future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

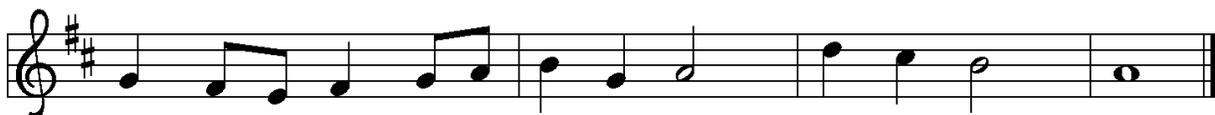
²⁹ I mean, brothers and sisters the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions,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

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words... Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE

“Alleluia ”

Hymnal Pg. 151



GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14-20

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Mark... **Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord... **Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“*Mercy to Change*”

Rev. Ashley Updegraff

MOMENT TO REFLECT (*We pause in silence.*)

WE RESPOND

APOSTLES' CREED

Hymnal Pg. 105

C: 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 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.

OFFERING/CHILDREN'S TIME

(You are invited to mail or drop off your offering, or donate online – go to our website at holynativity.net and click on “Make Donation.” Thank you!)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(After each prayer petition... P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

LORD'S PRAYER (unison) **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 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**

BENEDICTION

P: Now may the light of God surround us, the love of God enfold us, and the presence of God watch over and protect us. For wherever we are, our God is also there. We close as we began, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**



1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my
2 Je-sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can



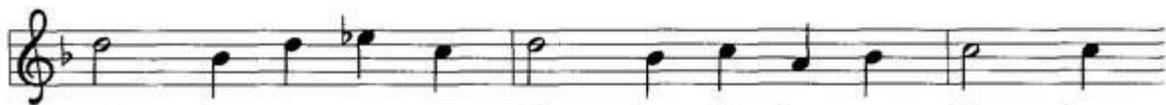
true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his



break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly
glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es



and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are
in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for



pin-ing to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,
glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!
and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Flowers by the altar are given by Scott Hennessy in memory of his wife Shari.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Sunday, January 24 Third Sunday after Epiphany 9:30am Worship (online) 10:30am Special Sunday Forum (online) – “Holy Nativity Spending Plan 2021 Discussion” 12:00pm Word of Life worship 6:00pm Word of Life Youth	Thursday, January 28 Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 7:00pm Word of Life Worship
Monday, January 25 Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 5:30pm – 6:30pm Centering Prayer (on Zoom) 6:30pm New Hope Women of Today	Friday, January 29 Office Hours 9:00am – 1:00pm 7:00pm Word of Life Choir
Tuesday, January 26 Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 2:30pm Staff Meeting (on Zoom)	Saturday, January 30
Wednesday, January 27 Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 11:15am HNCCCC Chapel 7:00pm Confirmation (hybrid)	Sunday, January 31 Second Sunday after Epiphany 9:30am Worship (Online) 6:00pm Word of Life Youth
PRISM is accepting food donations Monday to Thursday, 9-3. Items in short supply are ramen noodles, pasta, pancake mix and breakfast cereal. January’s Mission Offering is designated to Lutheran Disaster Response.	

TODAY...**Education Hour is at 10:30am:**

- **Sunday School** returns! Video lessons are being posted on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mv4IANtS9Rs>.
- **Join us for a Special Sunday Forum today!** See below for information.
- **No Youth or High School Forums today.**

Special Sunday Forum today! Join us via Zoom at 10:30am to discuss the Holy Nativity spending plan for 2021. This is not a congregational meeting and no voting will take place at the forum. It is informational only. Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81045092069?pwd=czNKYitxMmd2ZnEzaUZMd003OVNOdz09>.

(If you don't have a device, you can listen to the forum by phone by calling 1-312-626-6799. The Meeting ID is 810 4509 2069 and the passcode is 569208.)

The Annual Congregational Report for 2020 is also available to view here: <https://holynativity.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/AnnualCongregationalReport2020.pdf>.

Members will receive information and a paper ballot in the mail to return. The ballot will ask if you approve the spending plan for 2021: yes or no.

MORE INFORMATION...

Holy Nativity Book Club is back! You are invited to participate in an online discussion of the book, “How to Be an Antiracist,” by Ibram X. Kendi. Pastor Jason is leading the discussion on Google Meet. We will continue to meet on three Wednesdays, from 7-8pm: January 20, 27, and February 3. The book is available on Amazon or at your favorite local bookseller. The Google Meet link for all three sessions is: <https://meet.google.com/vtp-vrog-pre>. If the link doesn’t work, open Google Meet and enter: vtp-vrog-pre.

Scripture readers needed for Sunday morning worship! Readers come to church in-person. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b48afad2fa4fb6-scripture1>.

Thank you for your continued financial support! During this time of online worship, there are still many ways you can financially support Holy Nativity!

1. **Mail your offering** (you may use your offering envelopes or mail checks to us at Holy Nativity, 3900 Winnetka Avenue N, New Hope, MN 55427).
2. **Give online** via [our link](#). Or just go to our website at holynativity.net and click on “Make Donation.”
3. **Ask the office to send you a Simply Giving form** for automatic withdrawals.

Today’s cantor: Kari Johnson

Today’s scripture reader: Kari Johnson

People & needs to keep in your prayers this week:

Geri Lingen, Michelle Hanson, family of Clarence Domke.

If you have a prayer request or update, or wish to be added to our prayer group, please contact the church office at 763-545-1647 or office@holynativity.net.