

3rd Hymn: 453 Come, Follow me, The Savior Spoke

Closing Hymn: 452 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Ushers: This Week – Russ Schuld & Justin Draeger
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Greeters: This Week – Sharon Waldmann
Next Week – Dave & Andrea Stewart

Alpha Center's Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting will be on Sunday, January 28. **The event venue- St. Mark's Church Parish Center, 615 Jones Street, Watertown.** Fellowship starts at 4:30 p.m. followed by a light supper at 5 p.m., presentation of student life contest winner awards and brief business meeting. All are welcome. ***Reservations would be appreciated to the center at 920-261-9207.***

The Center will once again show its support of God's gift of life with an ad in the Watertown Daily Times newspaper on January 22nd, the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade U.S. Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion. All interested supporters of life should reply to the Center **by Monday, Jan. 15** in order to make the newspaper's deadline. Our office hours are: Monday & Thursday 10:30 am – 4 pm, Tuesday & Friday 9:30 am– noon, Wednesdays noon-3 pm. Due to possible inclement weather or other situations, please call first if stopping in.

We would appreciate your assistance in getting this information to your members via announcements, bulletin inserts and newsletter. Should you prefer copies printed for you please advise by contacting Wanda Fredrick or director Tammy Neumann with any questions or concerns.

Epiphany 3

**January
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We Welcome You!

Jesus shows his glory in the kind of people that he calls to serve him and in using the gospel to make them willing to follow him. This Sunday it is the second lesson that gives unity to the readings, since all of the other readings deal with specific calls to a full-time following that leaves behind secular vocations. Jesus still calls such to the holy ministry. To all however comes the call to follow him with a willingness to abandon everything should faithfulness require it; the calls in these readings bid us have a mindset that has forsaken everything, even when we are not required to do it.

Opening Hymn: 283 Speak, O Savior, I am Listening

Order of Worship: Service of the Word pg. 38

Prayer of the Day:

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.

God's Word for Today:

First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (*On God makes a habit of calling the unfit and the unworthy! He does it to magnify the power of the gospel and show that salvation can only be a gift of God, never a work of man or even a cooperative venture between God and man. No more unfit workman could there have been than Jonah. No city deserved destruction more than Nineveh. But God called both to repentance and showed the power of his Word in giving grace to both according to his good pleasure.*)

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ² “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.” ³ Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city—a visit required three days. ⁴ On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned.” ⁵ The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

Psalm 62: Pg. 88 (*Sung together*)

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (*The general call to discipleship is a call that envelopes the whole of life, not just the Sunday morning part. That God does not always require the sacrifice of everything should not dull our hearts to the reality that we should be*

ready to make just such a sacrifice. The call of Christ to follow him is the call to see him as our all in all; only then are we what these verses say we ought to be. It is only the glorious power of the gospel that will make it possible for us to learn the lesson. These verses contain all three uses of the law.)

²⁹ What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they had none; ³⁰ those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; ³¹ those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 (*Notice the sharp contrast: the first verse makes all the rest of the verses seem foolish. If God could not keep John out of prison, why would anyone want to follow the one whom John proclaimed as the Messiah? The contrast is all the more striking, when we remember that those called in this reading had been disciples of John first. Why haven't they become bitter or cynical? Don't they grasp that this Jesus may well share in John's fate, and they may share in it with him? Why haven't they just given up on religion and set themselves to making the best of it in their occupation? Jesus for his part could have made, humanly speaking, better choices in his disciples than these. Ah, but there it is again: the hidden glory of the Savior is manifest in a call strong enough to overcome despair and cynicism in the ones called, and strong enough to accomplish the work of God on earth through these outwardly frail and inept workmen.)*

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!” ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Hymn of the Day: 85 O God from God, O Light from Light

Sermon: You Can Run, But You Can't Hide!

Offering: (*Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.*)