

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:18-22

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Apostles' Creed (p. 192)

Homily: "Follow Me" (Matt. 4:18-22)

Offerings are not gathered this morning. While the pastor prepares the Table for the Holy Supper, you may spend time prayerfully preparing to receive the Blessed Sacrament (you may wish to read through Luther's "Christian Questions . . ." on pp. 329-330).

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy, C: **hear our prayer.**

The Service of the Sacrament

(Communicants are to be in full confessional fellowship with the LCMS)

Preface - Agnus Dei (pp. 194-199)

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Nunc Dimittis - Benediction (pp. 199-202)

The Congregation Departs to Serve Lord and Neighbor

Soli Deo Gloria!



St. Andrew, Apostle

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The Service of Preparation

(Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)

Note: All elements of the Divine Liturgy are spoken, not chanted or sung, during Divine Service today.

Preparatory Prayers

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Confession and Absolution (pp. 184-185)

The Service of the Word

The Introit

Ps. 89:1, 5, 15-16; antiphon: John 15:27

You also will bear witness,*

because you have been with me from the beginning.

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;*

with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,*

your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,*

who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,

who exult in your name all the day*

and in your righteousness are exalted.

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.

You also will bear witness,*

because you have been with me from the beginning.

Kyrie (p. 186)

Gloria in Excelsis (pp. 187-189)

Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 189)

Almighty God, by Your grace the apostle Andrew obeyed the call of Your Son to be a disciple. Grant us also to follow the same Lord Jesus Christ in heart and life, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 3:16-21

And at the end of seven days, the word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.

If I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

Again, if a righteous person turns from his righteousness and commits injustice, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die. Because you have not warned him, he shall die for his sin, and his righteous deeds that he has done shall not be remembered, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the righteous person not to sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning, and you will have delivered your soul."

Gradual

Rom. 10:15b, 18b; Is. 52:7b, alt.

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,*

who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

Their voice has gone out to all the earth,*

and their words to the ends of the world.

Epistle

Romans 10:8b-18

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?"

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world."

Triple Alleluia