

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 7:00 PM &  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**  
***Third Sunday after the Epiphany***  
***DIVINE SERVICE 1 LSB 151***

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**“Your Attention, Please!”**

**Text:** Mark 1:14-20: “Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.”

**Introduction:** It isn’t easy to get people’s immediate and undivided attention. But if we are in a store and hear, “Your attention, please,” we stop and listen.

**A – There is a sense of immediacy in many of God’s messages in the Bible.**

**B – In today’s Gospel there is a sense of immediacy about three things:**

- 1. Jesus’ mission: “The Kingdom of God is at hand**
- 2. Jesus’ message: “Repent and believe in the Gospel”**
- 3. Jesus’ call to discipleship: “Follow me.”**

**C. Christ’s call to discipleship is urgent and asks for total commitment.**

**D. The response of people to Christ’s call is often like the speed of a turtle.**

**E. God’s solution to the problems and roadblocks that may hold us back.**

**F. The Holy Spirit helps us use our gifts and abilities in God’s service.**

**G. Christ’s mission is urgent. But what can one person do?**

**H. You can’t help everyone, but you can make a difference for someone.**

**Conclusion:** Will there be someone in heaven who will point to you and say with everlasting gratitude, “\_\_\_\_\_”

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

### *The Lord Calls Us to Himself by the Preaching of Repentance in His Name*

When “*the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time,*” sending him to preach judgment against the great city of Nineveh, “*Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD*” (Jonah 3:1, 3). By this preaching, the people were brought to repentance. Because they “*believed God,*” as He spoke to them through His prophet, “*they turned from their evil way*” and were spared “*the disaster that he had said he would do to them*” (Jonah 3:5, 10). St. Paul also warns that “*the appointed time has grown very short*” (1 Cor. 7:29). Therefore, while we live in this world and deal with it, we are not to cling to it, nor put our trust in it, for “*the present form of this world is passing away*” (1 Cor. 7:31). Rather, give “*your undivided devotion to the Lord*” (1 Cor. 7:35). When our Lord Jesus Christ comes and is proclaimed in the Gospel, “*the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand*” (Mark 1:14–15). Therefore, He still calls men and sends them to become “*fishers of men*” with the net of that Gospel (Mark 1:17).

### **CHARITABLE INFORMATION**

**SPECIAL MISSIONS:** We begin a New Year of Special Missions supporting upcoming publications of Editora Concordia Porto Alegre (Concordia Publishing House), Brazil. For the past 15 years Blessed Savior has sponsored the publications of theological books, children’s Bible Story books and daily devotional books in Portuguese. These are distributed not only in Brazil but anywhere in the world where Portuguese is spoken. The Lord bless our joint efforts to His glory and the benefit of the church!

### **BIBLE STUDY**

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY** It's not too late to join our Tuesday Bible Study! Classes are held online via Zoom on Tuesdays at 9am and 7pm. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jaime Greene at [jaimelynn581@gmail.com](mailto:jaimelynn581@gmail.com). Please indicate if you are interested in the morning or evening class.

### **CHURCH INFORMATION**

**YOUTH GROUP** YOUTH GROUP All 6th-12th grade Disney buffs are invited to join us for Sunday Night Fellowship-Disney style on Sunday, January 31st from 6-8pm. Put on your mouse ears, dress up as your favorite character, and get ready to test your Disney knowledge as we battle each other in trivia! You'll need one device to Zoom on, and another device with the Kahoot! app downloaded. The Zoom link and more

information on Kahoot! will be coming in an email. If you are not part of the youth group, but would still like to participate in Disney Trivia, please contact Jaime Greene.

**NEW PHONE SYSTEM** The office has recently upgraded their phone system, resulting in new extension numbers for the staff. Please note that our new extensions are as follows:

- Terri Alioto, Office Manager: 201
- Jaime Greene, DCE: 202
- Jennifer Leinss, Preschool Director: 203
- Kim Woller, Music Director: 204
- Pastor Sander: 205

We also appreciate your patience as we learn our new system!

**LWML GRANTS** Thanks to your generous giving of mites, the South Wisconsin District LWML was able to award two grants at the end of 2020. The first grant is for Church Worker Scholarships, in the amount of \$15,000. A remaining grant of \$15,000 will be paid in the middle of 2021, bringing the total to \$30,000 given to those who are attending school in pursuit of a full time career in church work. The second grant is for Bethany Lutheran Church Ministry Outreach, in the amount of \$12,000. This inner-city church provides for the spiritual and physical needs of adults and children with their food and clothing pantries, soup lunches and ministry to the homeless. Please continue to bring in your mites (coins and bills), and place them in the purple and white LWML box in the narthex.

**MILITARY DONATIONS** Thank you for your continued support of our military families! We are still collecting coupons, cancelled stamps, and items for care packages. If you would like to donate any of these items, they may be placed in the bins in the Fellowship Hall, or in the bin outside the front doors of church.

**FLOWERS, BULLETINS, & SPECIAL MISSIONS SIGN-UP** If you would like to sign up for flowers, bulletins, or special mission contact the church office by email [blessedsavior.nb.lcms@gmail.com](mailto:blessedsavior.nb.lcms@gmail.com), or call 262-786-6465.

**NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK:** Even though it looks different this year, we will still celebrate being a Lutheran school! January 24th-29th is National Lutheran Schools week, with over 1,900 Lutheran schools and over 21,000 Lutheran

school teachers, we are truly blessed to be a part of these numbers! Blessed Savior has been a staple in this community for the past 31 years not only educating children academically, but growing their faith and relationship with Jesus, which lasts forever! Thank you for the part you play in helping us to continue to serve others in this way and for bringing the Gospel to the next generation. May God continue to bless our efforts and richly bless the students and families we serve!

**PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT:** Preschool will start open enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year on Monday, January 25th. If you have or know of anyone looking for 2K, 3K, 4K, or childcare and would like more information or to register please contact Jennifer Leinss 262-786-6465 or [jleinss82@gmail.com](mailto:jleinss82@gmail.com).

### **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS**

We pray for those undergoing medical treatment:

Arliss Judy Adeline Carol Laverne

Bulletins are sponsored by Jennifer Leinss in thanksgiving to God for His many blessings through Lutheran education and for the opportunity to share Jesus daily with the students here at Blessed Savior.

Alter Flowers are donated by James Reigles & sons in celebration of Karen's birthday.

Rick and Bev Krause support special missions in celebration of their grandson, Joseph, 19<sup>th</sup> birthday and by Pat & Marianne Mundstock in memory of their dad's birthday.

Special intercessions: we pray for all health care workers in America and the world, for all first responders, truck drivers and essential workers.

We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military.

**Last Week's Attendance:** 105

**Last Week's Offerings:** \$7,303.00

**YouTube Attendance:** 90

**Needed Weekly:** \$11,800.00