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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE We rejoice that you have joined us for worship this morning. May the Epiphany Light of the Gospel burn all the more brightly in your heart!

Thank you for joining us as we gather to be fed by Jesus! If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or the pastor.

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 *or* FM 100.7 Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Jesus, your boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare. Dwell in my heart eternally, and reign without a rival there. To you alone, dear Lord, I live; myself to you, dear Lord, I give. In suffering be your love my peace; in weakness be your love my power; and when the storms of life shall cease, O Jesus, in that final hour be then my rod and staff and guide and draw me safely to your side. Amen.

SERVICE THEME

From the River to the Mountain: Committed to a Lofty Charge

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of Word & Prayer | 266-269

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FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The reluctant Jonah had been given the lofty charge of proclaiming a message from the LORD to the people of Nineveh.

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you."

³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh just as the word of the LORD had commanded. Now Nineveh was a great city to God. It required a three-day walk. ⁴Jonah walked through the city for a day, and he called out, "Forty more days and Nineveh is going to be overthrown!"

⁵The men of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least.

¹⁰When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which he said he would bring on them, and he did not carry it out.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Christ has committed to us, as his ambassadors, the message of reconciliation.

For the love of Christ compels us, because we came to this conclusion: One died for all; therefore, all died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves but for him, who died in their place and was raised again.

¹⁶As a result, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we knew Christ according to the flesh, we no longer know him that way. ¹⁷So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. The new has come! ¹⁸And all these things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. ¹⁹That is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. And he has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, inasmuch as God is making an appeal through us. We urge you, on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him, who did not know sin, to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

When Jesus gave Simon and Andrew the lofty charge of fishing for people, they left everything else behind.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. ¹⁵"The time is fulfilled," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel."

¹⁶As Jesus was going along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. ¹⁷Jesus said to them, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ¹⁸Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹Going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately Jesus called them. They left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

GOSPEL (sermon text)

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"The Kingdom of God is Near" Pastor David Haugly

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