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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross-as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.

Welcome all visitors! We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

Welcome to the Eucharist! All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion. *Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.*

Prayer As You Enter: *Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Come, all who have known gloom and anguish.

Come, all who have walked amid terrors of the night.

Sometimes we have felt oppressed and forsaken.

Our losses seem greater than we can bear.

God is our light and our salvation.

God is our stronghold; we need not fear.

Enemies lose their power when we look up to God.

We come now, seeking God's face.

Come, behold the beauty of our God.

Come to find shelter in a day of trouble.

We will sing and make melody to God.

We will dare to lift up shouts of joy.

Come and taste the joy of God!

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has come to us in Christ, but we often live as if it made no difference.

Let us now confess our sins in silent prayer.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Holy One, source of our renewal, we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

ADORATION AND PRAISE

ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Let us pray the collect together.

God of the people, who sent Jesus to dispel the gloom in which we choose to live and bring us closer to your realm, teach us again today, uniting our hearts and minds around the purpose of serving you, for the sake of all humankind; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!
“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, I do seek.

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God’s salvation.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God’s reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

“Our Calling is Rooted in Relationships”

Pastor Rankin

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Let these gifts follow Christ's lead into the lives of people who live in poverty or despair. O God, use them to heal divisions among your children. Show us how to be instruments of peace. Ready us to follow Jesus, to make an offering of ourselves, not just our money. Teach us so we may teach others. Heal us so we can become instruments of healing. To these purposes we dedicate this offering and our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care. We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history. We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and grace. With the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you.

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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 us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

The Bread of Life, broken for us.

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.

*(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. **Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.**)*

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the Church, the world, and all in need.

Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We rejoice at the bounty of your creation. Fill the land and sea with your abundance. Bless harvests in the southern hemisphere and fallow fields in the northern hemisphere. Equip farmers to till and keep the earth sustainably. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In Christ your reign comes near and calls all to repentance. Break the rod of the oppressor in every nation. Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution. Grant us leaders who lift the yokes that burden those in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. Rouse communities to care for neighbors who need shelter, are facing maltreatment, or are isolated and lonely. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sustain the ministry of this congregation and all churches in this community. Nurture each congregation's unique witness to your presence; foster mutual respect; inspire our cooperation in loving our neighbors. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Arise, and go forth to shine for all the world to see.

We go to spread the good news of light and love, righteousness and justice.

May the blessing of the God of light rest upon you and fill you with light. Amen.



CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers & The Worship Aids are given by **Harry & Brenda Himelwright** in honor of their January birthdays, Harry on the 7th & Brenda on the 15th, and in honor of their anniversary on January 17th.

Pastor/Celebrant	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
Lector/Assistant	Diane Rice
Money Counters	Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller, Denise Pfeiffer
Altar Guild	Karen Olley, Hedwig Hunsicker
Koinonia:	Rankin Family
Building Trustee	Mike Wagner
Ministries	Card Christian Education Com.(Cherie Cataldi) Called to Care Anne Rankin Visitation Janice Jenkins

Attendance for Sun., Jan. 15
Sunday School Attendance

7:45-19 9:30-84 TOTAL - 103
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Happy Birthday!

Today – Sandra Garrett

Tuesday – Chad DeLong

Friday – Doug Shaab

This Week at Trinity Church

(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Monday 7:00 PM – SOT Choir/8:15 PM-Bells

Wednesday 7:00 PM – Christian Ed.

Thursday 6:30 PM – Cub Scouts

Saturday 10 AM-3 PM – Pinewood Derby

7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA

Sunday 7:45 AM – Eucharist

9:00 AM – Sunday School

10:00 AM - Koinonia

10:30 AM – Worship

THE JANUARY PARISH POST is available on both floors of the church building. **There is one correction to the Parish Post....**Shelley Wagner's birthday (January 31) is missing from the birthday list.

DEVOTIONALS: The January-March edition of *These Days* are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

KNIT IN GOD'S LOVE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl will meet **Tuesday, February 21 from 1:00-3:00 PM.** They will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

CALLED TO CARE MINISTRY: The Evangelism Committee is revitalizing the Called to Care ministry this month. Meals will be provided for members after they have returned home from the hospital or during other critical moments. Transportation to medical appointments is also available. Anne Rankin will be the coordinator for January and February.

2023 CONCERT SPONSORS: Forms are available on the table across from the church office for you to sponsor this year's concert series. The first concert is the Celtic Martins on April 16 at 4 p.m. More information will be forthcoming.

PRAYER CONCERNS: The family of Rev. Dr. Russ Mitman (longtime friend of Pastor Royer & colleague to many clergy), Rev. Tom Busted & family, the family of Sharon Weible (wife of Rev. Dr. Lyle Weible, Conference Minister Emeritus), Scott Owens, Ron Denlinger, James & Rita Malone, Dawn Garvin, Mark Shenk, Dr. Janet Harriger, the Lehman family, Deb Lichtenwalner, Jodi Keller, George DeLong, Dave Trostle, Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner), Summerlyn Burger (granddaughter of Marge Burger), Danielle Huggins Holbein, Janet Owens (sister-in-law of Scott & Jane Owens), Joann Peck, Mary Lou Shaab, Stan & Pat Seachrist, Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley, Donna Nesbitt (neighbor of John & Sarah Paulukow), Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel), Judie Bistline, Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), David and Brenda Haverstick (friends of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Jeannie & Bill Toy (sister & brother-in-law of Lainie Christensen) Carmen Richards, Donna Zirkel, Don & Pat Miller, Sam Minder III, Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Dick & Tillie King (friends of Stan & Pat Seachrist), Robin McComsey (neighbor of Himelwrights), Rylan Brent (relative of Chuck & Sue Husted), Hank Fox, Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Don Pfeifer (husband of Denise Pfeifer), Bob Kilgore, Judy Barr (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Joann Garvin, Rev. Phyllis Baum, Jake & Jean Otthofer (parents of Dan Otthofer), Rev. Paul Eyer (former pastor of St. Luke's), Mary Witmer, the Martin family, Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards), Monica Williams (friend of Sandy DeLong), Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards), Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio), Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Nancy Patton, Mike & Judy Barr (friends of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Phyllis Zimmerman, Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach's brother), Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall), Charles & Betty Booraem, Betty Tyndall and family, Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law), Bob & Marlyn Wible, Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church)

2022 CELEBRATION: Join us after the 10:30 service on January 29 for a luncheon and celebration of our ministry in 2022. The Parish Life Committee is planning a short program as we look back over the past year in our annual reports and through a video slideshow. Look for more details about the luncheon in the bulletins. A sign-up sheet will soon be available on the table across from the church office.



KOINONIA: We have resumed koinonia (community fellowship) every Sunday at 10 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments and drinks/coffee. The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen coordinator. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes.

PEANUT FELLOWSHIP

from 7 AM to 2 PM with a Pot Luck lunch.
The peanuts will cost \$6 a pound.

We need help with this project. Futures
dates for the Peanut Fellowship are:

January 31, February 14 & 28

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for worship volunteers on Sunday mornings. Contact the church office to sign-up!

Greeters: To welcome worshippers at the door for the second service.

Ushers: We have returned to passing the offering plate during the second service. We especially need ushers because some people have stepped down!

Lectors: Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. services.

WOODEN CHURCH SCENES FOR SALE: Mike Wagner recently made church scenes to benefit the Trinity Preschool. They are available on the table across from the church office. The cost is \$15 and you can place it in the red box.



News from the Parish Life Committee
Dutch Apple Dinner Theater
Saturday, March 11
11:30 AM Lunch/1 PM Show

Trinity is going to Dutch Apple Dinner Theater to see “Sister Act”. The Dinner and show, which includes all tips and fees is \$66.93. Children ages 3-12 are \$23.28 per child; students ages 13-18 are \$28.13 per student. Youth ministry funds will be used to pay for children & youth! Don't miss out on this exciting production.

We have ordered 32 tickets. Look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office. **The deadline to order tickets is February 9th.** Speak to a member of the Parish Life Committee for more information (Kayla Brennan, Anne Rankin, Cherie Cataldi, Denise Pfeiffer, Jeff Hackenberger, and Rachel Baynard).

2023 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS:

Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: February 5, & 26.

Upcoming dates for worship aids are: February 5, 12, 19 & 26. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Contact Carol and look for charts for 2023 dates.

A flyer for a Pinochle event. The background is teal with a pattern of playing cards. The text is white and yellow. A central white box with a black border contains the word 'PINOCHLE' in large blue letters and '1:30 PM' in smaller blue letters. Below this, a yellow box contains the dates and sign-up information.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

PINOCHLE
1:30 PM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Dates: Thursday, Feb. 9/Friday, March 17/
Thursday, April 13/ Thursday, May 11

All you have to do is sign up in the hallway near church office and bring a snack or drink to share. We're happy to teach players new to Pinochle.

MEN OF TRINITY BREAKFAST: The monthly breakfast will be held at the Family Fare Restaurant on February 11 at 8:00 a.m. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.


LOVE SUNDAY/SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: Trinity will celebrate “Love Sunday” and the “Souper Bowl of Caring” on February 12, 2023. We will collect canned goods and money for the Hempfield Power Packs. The following five items are greatly needed for the Power Packs: Peanut butter, Soups, Canned pasta, Pasta or rice side dishes (Rice-a-Roni type things), Canned veggies, Canned fruit.



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Deux Voix
 Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 7:00 pm

Formed in 2014, Deux Voix (“two voices”) has amassed a sterling reputation with national and international acclaim. In their mission to expand the world of trumpet and organ, musicians Stephen Langham and Justin Distad are constantly adapting works from other genres and instrumentations.



WORKSHOPS

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<p>Becoming Your Best Self: Introduction to the Enneagram</p> <p>HYBRID CONTEMPLATIVE</p> <p>February 25, 2023 9:00 am - 4:00 pm</p>  <p>BECOMING YOUR BEST SELF: INTRO TO THE ENNEAGRAM</p>  	<p>Resiliency for Volunteers</p> <p>ZOOM ONLY VOLUNTEER</p> <p>February 27, 2023 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm</p>  <p>RESILIENCY FOR VOLUNTEERS</p>   
<p>Using Volunteer Skills in the Real World</p> <p>ZOOM ONLY VOLUNTEER</p> <p>February 9, 2023 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm</p>  <p>USING VOLUNTEER SKILLS IN THE REAL WORLD</p>   	<p>The Path Between Us: Enneagram Conference with Suzanne Stabile</p> <p>IN PERSON ONLY CONTEMPLATIVE</p> <p>March 24, 2023 - March 25, 2023 6:00 pm - 5:00 pm</p>  <p>The Path Between Us Conference The Enneagram and Healthy Relationships</p> <p>Sponsored by WORK with a purpose</p> <p>March 24 6-9 pm March 25 9am - 5pm</p> <p>Suzanne Stabile Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA</p>

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available on the table across from the church office. Please help us by delivering envelopes to some of our homebound members!



The Lancaster Association Mission and Ministry Team presents:

Mission & *Ministry Fair*

Sunday, February 5, 2023 2-4pm
at Salem UCC, Rohrerstown

Have you ever wondered how other churches serve their communities? Are you interested in new ways your church could get involved in local ministries? Are you proud of the work your congregation is doing with a particular ministry? Here is your chance to learn and share about the ministries in our association!

2-3:15pm-Each church is asked to have a table at our fair with information about a ministry or mission in which your church is engaged. Please have someone there to answer questions.
Doors open at 1 pm for display set up.

3:15pm-Keynote presentation by representatives of the Church World Service Refugee Resettlement ministry

Questions? Want to RSVP? Please contact Rev. Brad Haws at revhaws@ptd.net or 717-587-3424

JANUARY 22, 2023

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FIRST LESSON. Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

SECOND LESSON. 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

GOSPEL. Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked 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 fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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