

HEARTS @ HOME



A Worship Service for Your Household

Sunday January 24, 2021

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

RCL: Mark 1:14-20

+ GATHERING +

In unity with God + Creator, Savior & Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS +

God of goodness and mercy, help us as we open our hearts and confess our sins.

Jesus finds us, calls out to us in the midst of our everyday, ordinary lives, asking us to follow him, yet, too often we feel inadequate in our ability to follow;

We are called to fish for people, to share and live out the gospel, but we allow our eagerness to wane when this work creates tension or disagreement;

Like Jesus, we are called, both individually and communally, to do this work, yet we often struggle to ask for help or support;

Sometimes we avoid areas of ministry that make us uncomfortable;

Other times we talk in ways that are unhelpful or unnecessary, instead of leaving space for others to speak up and share their story;

We are truly sorry and ask for your forgiveness.

Help us to do what's right in the days to come;

Surround us and renew us with your grace.

AMEN

God is good, and loves us unconditionally, at all times and in all places. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus our sins are forgiven.

AMEN.

+ PRAYER +

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ SCRIPTURE +

+ **Mark 1:14-20**

+ **Spark Story Bible:** The Disciples (Pages 258-263)

+ **Jesus Storybook Bible:** Let's Go! (Pages 208-213)

+ **Northwest Synod of Wisconsin App:** Click the 'Bible' tab at the bottom.

+ REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD +

Option 1: Click on your congregation's sermon video or live worship link

Option 2: Use the following questions for in-home conversation or personal reflection

Option 3: Use questions for reflection + **Coloring Sheet** (page 4)

Questions:

+ What questions do you have about today's gospel?

+ Jesus asks us to fish for people – what do you believe is the most difficult part of this call to action? What is the easiest?

+ What changes when we leave our comfort zones? What happens when we stay?

+ APOSTLES' CREED +

I believe in God, the Father Almighty
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

+ PRAYERS +

With all the people of God, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

- + We give thanks for our elected leaders, for their work as public servants making decisions intended to benefit, equip, and unify the people – by your Spirit, fill them with the wisdom and compassion needed to create systems and policies that are just, equitable, and sustainable. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
- + The world is weary, gracious God, and is longing for peace and wholeness – we weep with those who are struggling with addiction, illness, loneliness, unemployment, and food security, and we grieve with victims of abuse, war, or violence of any kind, and for the 400,000 people who have died in the US from Covid-19. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
- + We give thanks for your incredible universe, dear Creator, and we pray that you will grant us the knowledge and understanding that is needed to care for this beautiful planet. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
- + Your global church is rich in relationships, varied cultures and music, languages, and traditions; we pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Malawi, that we can continue to collaborate, build relationships, and accompany one another as we share the good news of Jesus Christ and work together for justice and peace in the world. Lord in your mercy, **AMEN.**
- + *Add your own prayers here...*

Loving God, we give all these prayers to you, trusting in your mercy and grace. **AMEN.**

+ OFFERING +

As people of faith we are called to continue strengthening the ministry of the church, even when we are physically distant. We invite you to prayerfully consider a gift to your congregation or the synod – as the body of Christ we work together to serve our neighbors.

+ LORD'S PRAYER +

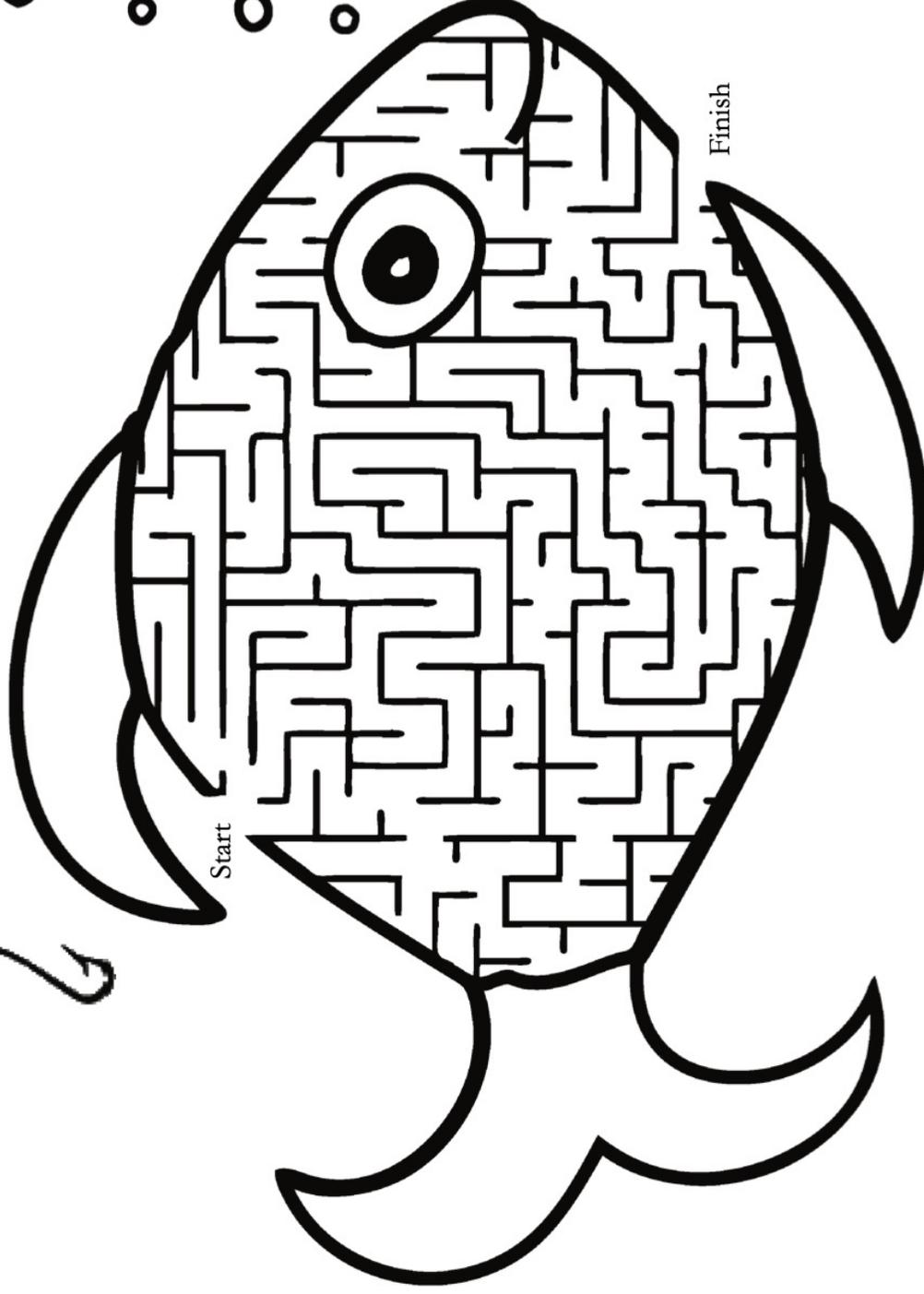
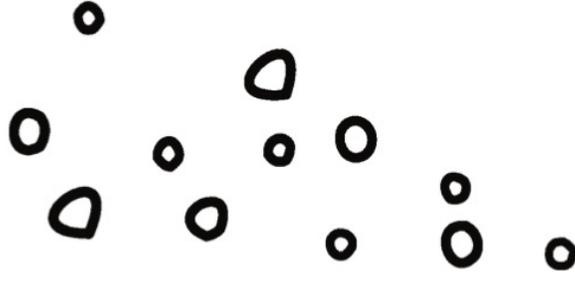
Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth, as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. **AMEN.**

+ BLESSING EACH OTHER +

Using your pointer finger, dip it in the bowl of water and make the sign of the cross on another's forehead or the back of their hand saying, **"You are a beloved child of God."**
Take turns until all in the household have been blessed.

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And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” **Mark 1:17**