<div align="center">3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time A</div>

- Are there any fishermen here?
    - o 3 sons – youngest and I are fishing partners
        - ▪ Stories - 2 fish on the torpedo at Stone Reservoir
        - ▪ Ocean flyfishing
        - ▪ Always better to fish with a friend – Jim Johnson
        - ▪ Well, Our friend Jesus has invited US to go fishing
        - ▪ JC wants US to go fishing for PEOPLE

- When you go fishing there are some things you need to know
    - o Currents – tides – watch the sea birds – you need the right bait
    - o **How do you know all this, when you're fishing for people?**
        - ▪ Apostles learned this early
            - • They learned <u>to fish for people, you better be with Jesus</u>
            - • *(JC would tell them where to throw their nets)*
                - o *<u>Even</u> knowing currents, tides, birds, bait*
                - o *<u>You need to know where the fish are</u>*
                - o *It's the same fishing for people*
                    1. Who do you know that needs Jesus?
                    2. What oppty do you have to reel them in?
                    3. What's the best bait to catch them?
                        - • YOUR FAITH
                        - • <u>You</u> should be the best bait for others who want to be Christians

<u>Listen</u>
- o When you Evangelize, you use the same skills as when you're fishing
    1. Right bait – forgiveness, so JC begins "Repent", <u>same as J the B</u>
    2. Patience – sharing faith takes time (seeds become plants slowly)
    3. Courage – fishermen are lost at sea – fishing for people is risky
        a. Certain boldness to go to sea – certain boldness to witness
    4. Stay hidden – Its not about me – always about Jesus

- o God wants us to share our faith
    - ▪ He wants to be known by all His children
    - ▪ He uses men, women, boys, girls to spread Good News
        - • Tom B driving in NH

- o When the Good News is heard and takes root the 1st reading is fulfilled
    "People who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Upon those who dwell in land of gloom a light has shown. For you have brought them abundant joy & great rejoicing"

- o This blessing can be ours – WE can go from darkness to light of KOG
    We can leave behind a life of gloom and come to light of Christ
    AND <u>we can bring that light to others</u>

- o Jesus says the KOG is at hand – and it is.

- *Let's go fishing – **for people!***