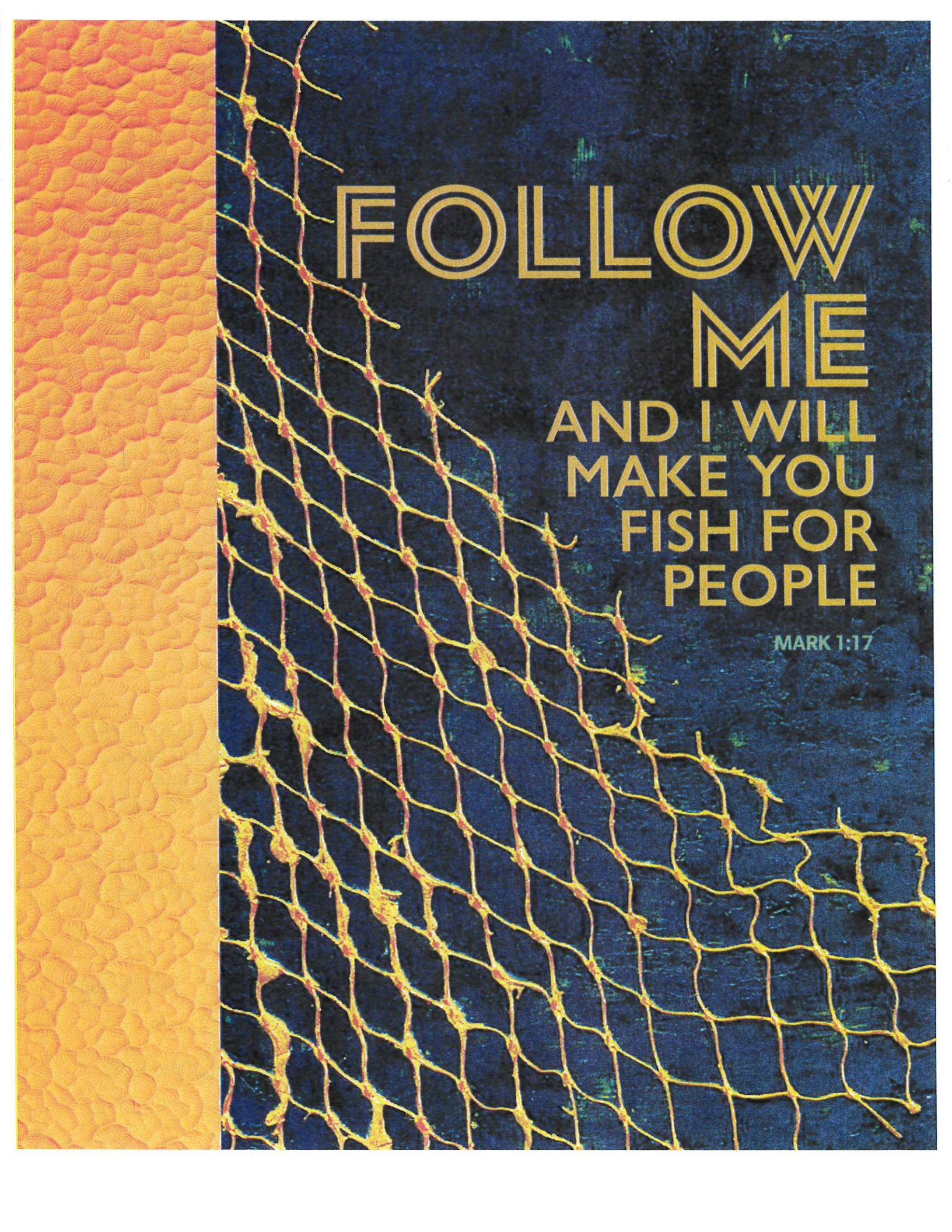




FOLLOW ME

AND I WILL
MAKE YOU
FISH FOR
PEOPLE

MARK 1:17



The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday, January 20, 2024-5:00 pm

Sunday, January 21, 2024-9:00 am

As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"I Love to Tell the Story"

ELW #661

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

ANTHEM (9:00 am)

"Arise and Shine"

People of Praise

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A reading from Jonah.

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.
¹²**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

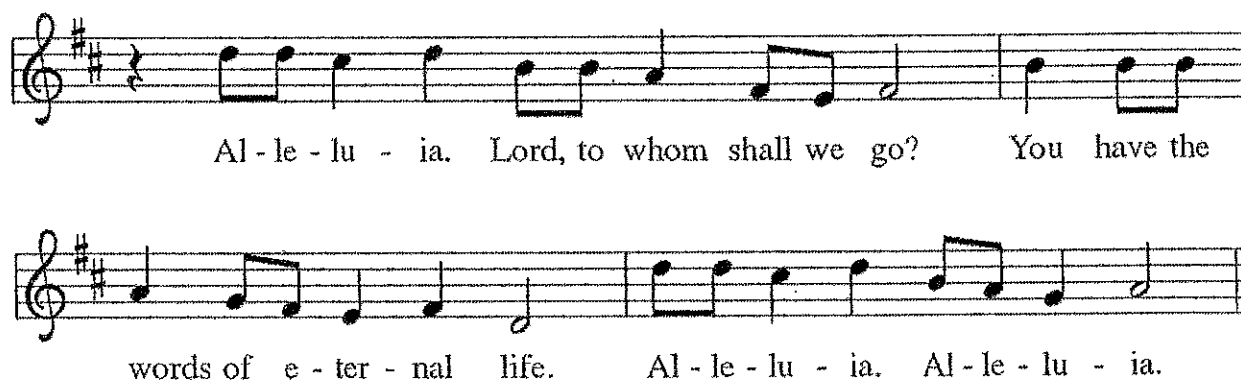
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

A reading from First Corinthians.

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

The holy gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called

them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" ELW #817

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 OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG "Let the Vineyards"



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

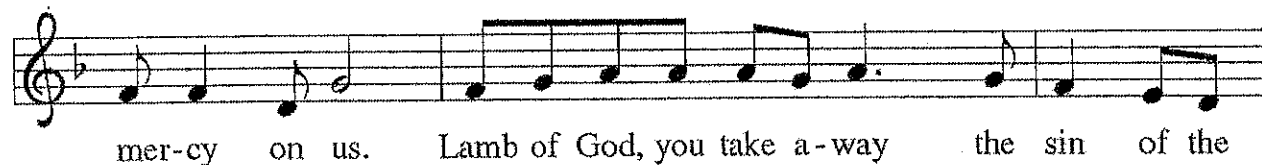


WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

COMMUNION SONG



THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. Please follow the directions of the pastors to receive communion. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion will receive a blessing. Those who are worshipping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" ELW #815

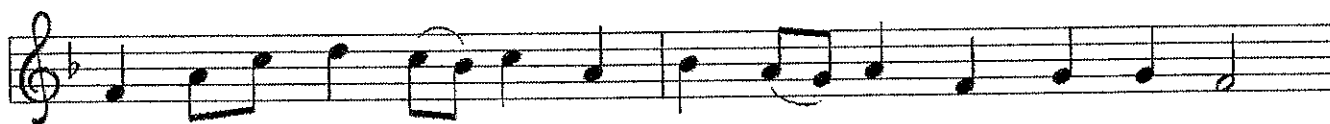
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.
C. Amen.

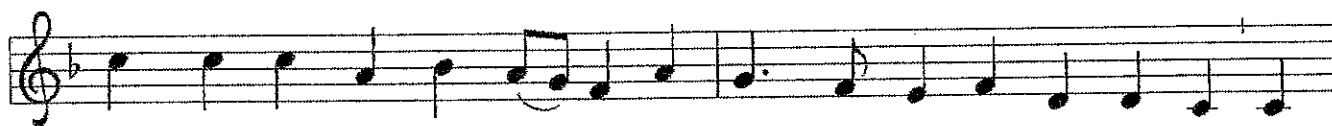
SONG AFTER COMMUNION



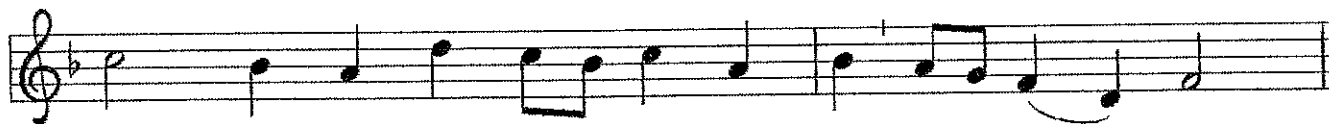
Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev'-ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

“Sent Forth by God's Blessing ”

ELW #547

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARE IN OUR WORSHIP

SATURDAY	5:00 pm Worship Service
Ushers	Dennis Kelly & Garry Mueller
Reader	Joan Hennigan
Communion Assistant	Dennis Kelly
Counters	Denny & Joan Hennigan

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship Service
Ushers	Carol Roe
Reader	Mike Strom
Communion Assistant	Mike Strom
Counters	Chelsey Dingbaum & Kristy Looney

Choir Director	Susan Becker
Organists	Susan Becker & Teri Wittkowski
Jubilation Leader	Neal Becker
Online Streaming Crew	Lucas Golinghorst, Kevin Zidarich & Scott LaPlante



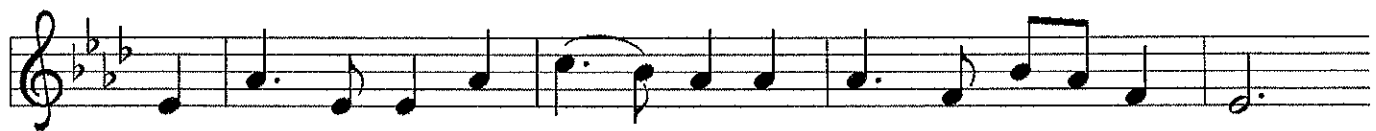
Each Call Unique

Aside from the proclamation that “the kingdom of God has come near,” Mark records no introduction on Jesus’ part about who he is or what he is about. He simply invites people, “Follow me.” Simon and Andrew, James and John make it look so easy: they just follow—no questions asked! If this is what true discipleship looks like, how can *we* ever measure up? But that’s not the point.

Jesus calls people in countless ways. Even these four fishers were likely not all moved by the same things. Perhaps Simon was frustrated by Roman dominance over his country, and the news of a new kingdom caught his ear; maybe Andrew was itching to do something different and inspiring. Did James and John sense a call other than inheriting their father’s business? Jesus would go on to invite dozens of others to join him—surely each discerning the call in a unique way. Their responses were also likely not as fast and easy as it appears from the outside. The four fishers might have been wrestling with matters of spirituality for months before Jesus showed up. Others who joined Jesus may have long prayed for solutions to injustice in society. The Gospel of Mark gives a summary, a tightened-up version, of Jesus’ earthly ministry. Many details are lost to time; others were only ever known by an individual and the one they came to call Messiah.

What we learn from these brief call narratives—and others in scripture—is that God reaches out in as many ways as there are people. God may get your attention in worship on a Sunday morning, at your work on a weekday, or in the night as you comfort a child in your care. Or—one never knows—God might just call from the shore when you are out in a fishing boat. Jesus’ “Follow me” might lead you somewhere you’ve never been, maybe away from friends and family and the career you planned. Or his invitation might nudge you right back home, taking up familiar routines in a new way, seeing loved ones with fresh vision.

I Love to Tell the Story



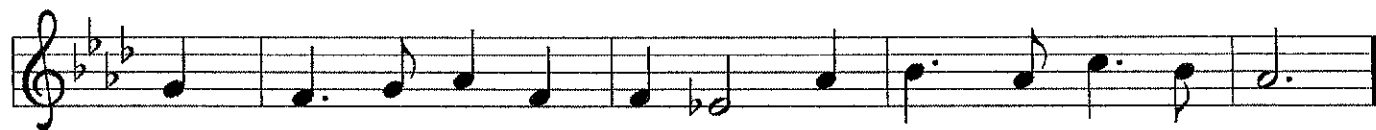
1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



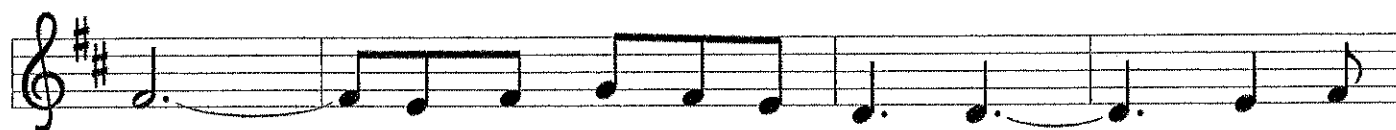
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla



1	<i>Tú</i>	<i>has</i>	<i>ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla,</i>	<i>no has bus -</i>
1	You	have come down to the lake - shore	seek - ing	
2	You	know full well what I have, Lord:	nei - ther	
3	You	need my hands, my ex - haus - tion,	work - ing	
4	You	who have fished oth - er wa - ters;	you, the	



<i>ca - do</i>	<i>ni a sa - bios ni a</i>	<i>ri - cos;</i>	<i>tan só - lo</i>
nei - ther	the wise nor the	wealth - y,	but on - ly
trea - sure	nor wea - pons for	con - quest,	just these my
love for	the rest of the	wea - ry -	a love that's
long - ing	of souls that are	yearn - ing:	O lov - ing



<i>quie - res</i>	<i>que yo</i>	<i>te si - ga.</i>
ask - ing	for me	to fol - low.
fish nets	and will	for work - ing.
will - ing	to go	on lov - ing.
Friend, you	have come	to call me.

Refrain / Estribillo



<i>Se - ñor,</i>	<i>me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos;</i>	<i>son - ri - en - do,</i>
Sweet Lord,	you have looked in - to my eyes;	kind - ly smil - ing,



<i>has di - cho mi nom - bre.</i>	<i>En la a - re - na</i>	<i>he de - ja - do mi</i>
you've called out my name. . . .	On the sand I	have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun-to a ti bus-ca - ré o - tro mar.
small boat; now with you, I will seek oth-er seas.

2 *Tú sabes bien lo que tengo:
en mi barca no hay oro no espadas;
tan sólo redes y mi trabajo.*
Estribillo

3 *Tú necesitas mis manos,
mi cansancio que a otros descansa,
amor que quiera seguir amando.*
Estribillo

4 *Tú, Pescador de otros mares;
ansia eterna de almas que esperan.
Amigo bueno, que así me llamas.*
Estribillo

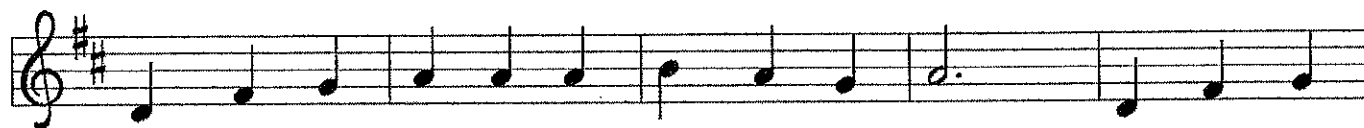
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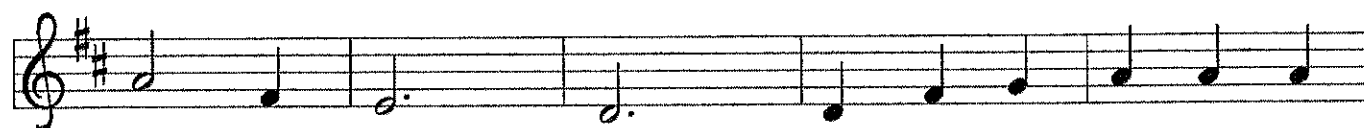
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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

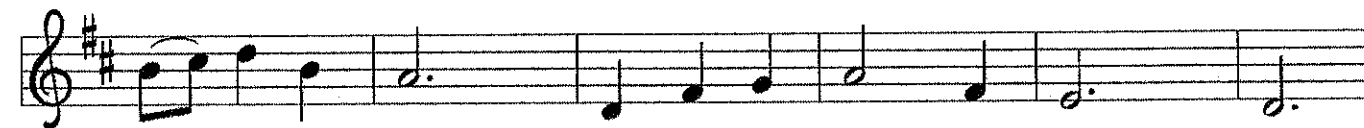
Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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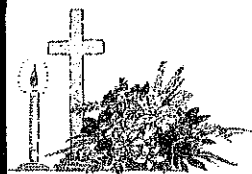
GRACE - GIFTED FAITH - LIFTED
CALLED TO SHARE, SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST.

The Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 20 & 21, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at faithlutheranelldridge.com.

CHILDREN are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and pass the card to the outer aisle during announcements and an usher will pick them up during the call to worship.



Altar Flowers

*If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or by using the link on our web site,
www.faithlutheranelldridge.com*



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these
people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Ron McFate	Dan Anderson	Andrew Arp	Kelly
Sally Puls	Pam White	Kim Pierce	Vaughn
Jensen Spencer	Jim St. John	Jeanette Myers	Shawn
Ann Kuehl	Carolyn Scheibe	Bill Lind	Don
Madison Russo	Maisie Knutsen	Pam Lueder	Tim
Janet Bowman	Carol Marten	Barb Conklen	Craig
Kathy Stoltz	Ed Stoltz	Jacki Caugherty	Joyce
Steve Mixdorf	Judy Knoer	Jim Peters	
Duane Miller	Melissa Alden	Kathy Schultz	
Henry Storjohann	Sue Vogel	Glen	



FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTIFICATION

January 21, 2024

10:15 am Budget Meeting

January 28, 2024

9:00 am Annual Congregational Meeting , following a brief worship service (Review of Reports, Election of Congregational Leaders, 2024 Budget Approval)

January 29, 2024

Immediately following the annual meeting Special Meeting for new Council (Election of Officers)

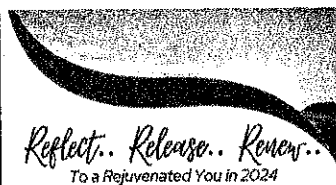
Budgets will be available by January 21 for pick up at church.



JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH IGNITE EVENT - The Junior High Youth will be headed to St. Mark church on **Wednesday, January 24th** for an **IGNITE event**. This is an event with several other Lutheran Churches in the Quad Cities where we will play some games and do learning activities together. We will meet at the church at 5 pm for supper then head down to Davenport. We will be returning to the church around 8:15 pm. Parent drivers will be needed for this event.



The Faith Nomination Committee is looking for Members to serve as Team Leaders. Please Prayerfully Consider joining the Church Council. Please contact Tom Bauer 563-505-5776 or tebauer33@gmail.com for information.



Grace Lutheran Church in Davenport is hosting a "Renewal" retreat on Saturday, January 27th. There is no cost to attend. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space.

Bread Bakers are needed for table communion. Please signup on the bulletin board if you are willing to help with this ministry. Recipes are available. Please deliver on Friday before noon or by 8:30 the morning of worship.





Come see a classic tale of friendship on the NSHS stage with your friends from Faith. Several of our high school youth will be acting in Lancer Productions Charlotte's Web. We have a block of tickets for the matinee on Sunday, January 28th at 2 pm. More information will be posted in the coming weeks. See Deanna Nielsen or Pastor Carrie for tickets.



Mark Your Calendars
Cheeseburger In Paradise Party
February 3 at 6:15 PM



The **2024 Offering Envelopes** are now available. They are on the Welcome Center counter for you to pick up. Please contact Rhonda Webber if you have not had envelopes before, but would like some for the new year.



It is time for snow removal volunteers! If you are able to help clear sidewalks after a snowfall, please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area or online using the link on our web site: www.faithlutheraneldridge.com. **Thank you for your help!**



Ash Wednesday Wednesday, February 14

It is hard to believe that Lent is just around the corner, but Ash Wednesday is on February 14. Please join us for a soup supper at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall served by our Confirmation Students. We then gather for worship, including imposition of ashes and Holy Communion at 7:00 pm.

If you would like to provide food items for the soup supper, keep your eyes open for a sign-up sheet coming soon.



5pm: 19, 9am:9, Online: 116, Total:144

THIS WEEK ^{AT} GLANCE



Saturday, January 20	5:00 pm	Worship In Sanctuary & Online
Sunday, January 21	9:00 am	Worship In Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	10:15 AM	Budget Review Meeting
	10:15 am	Sunday School
Monday, January 22	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday, January 23	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday, January 24	5:00 pm	Confirmation Dinner
	5:30 pm	IGNITE Event
	6:00 pm	People of Praise
	7:00 pm	High School Youth
	7:00 pm	Resounding Joy
Thursday, January 25	6:30 pm	Women of Faith Bible Study
Friday, January 26	9:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, January 27	5:00 pm	Worship In Sanctuary & Online
Sunday, January 28	9:00 am	Worship In Sanctuary with Annual Meeting
	10:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday School



Pastor Carrie and Pastor Heather are available for Pastoral Care, but we need your help to know when and where that is needed. Please contact us at the church office **Tuesday thru Friday, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at (563) 285-4501. For after-hour emergencies**, please contact **Pastor Carrie at (641) 275-1326 or Pastor Heather at (563) 639-9606.**