

“Follow me,
and I will
make you fish
for people.”

Matthew 4:19, NRSV





“Follow Jesus as He Leads Us into the Light, and by the Light!”

January 22, 2023

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

Christian Education: 11:00 am

OUR REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

James N. Proeber, Pastor
Wisconsin Synod

To all our Worshippers

Today, those who have previously confessed their oneness of faith in Christ will have the opportunity to gather at the Lord’s Communion Table. If you have not communed with our congregation before, please do not come today, but speak with the pastor after the service about the necessary preparations to receive Jesus body and blood. We would like to encourage you in this, so that we can welcome you to share the blessings of our Lord’s true body and blood in a future service.



For Parents with Small Children

There are children’s activity folders available in the basket by the front door. Please pick one up, if needed. There are restrooms and a video monitor in the fellowship hall. As you leave the church, go through the double doors.

The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music

Call to Worship

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD is dawning upon you. Look, darkness covers the earth, and deep darkness covers the peoples, but the LORD will dawn upon you, and his glory will be seen over you.

Opening Hymn

“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke”
Christian Worship 453 st. 1-4

The Invocation

P: Jesus said, “I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” We praise you, O Christ, because you have brought light and life into our sin-darkened hearts, and have given us faith to confess you as the one, true and Triune God—who lives and rules together with the Father and the Spirit.



C: A — men!

The Confession of Sins

P: Dearly loved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness;

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, Have Mercy



C: Lord, have mer—cy on us. Christ, have mer—cy



on us. Lord, have mer — cy on us.

Absolution

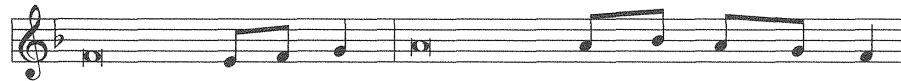
God's Forgiveness Proclaimed

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A — men!

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



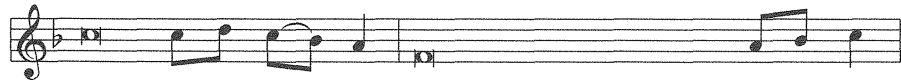
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



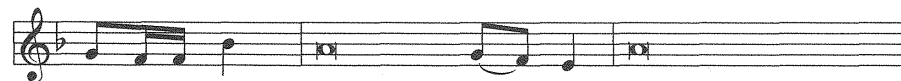
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King,



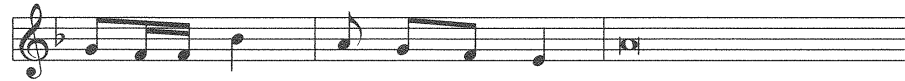
God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



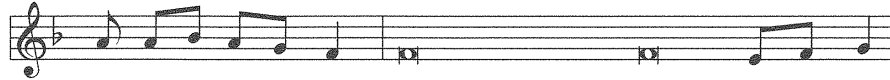
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al— so with you.

P: O loving Lord and Savior, you have given us the invitation to follow you, learn of you, and serve you. We rejoice because through your undeserved love we have received that invitation, and by faith, accepted it. Give us the willingness you gave the disciples. Give us the perseverance with which you sustained them. Give us the courage to leave all and follow you alone. Although we face many challenges, distractions, and temptations, you have given us every means whereby we can overcome them. Bless us and bless all we do in your service—all to the glory of your name, our only true, triune and gracious God—Father, Son and Spirit.



C: A — men!

The Lessons from God's Word
"The Lord Calls Us, Purifies Us, and Equips Us!"

Old Testament

Isaiah 8:19–9:4

¹⁹When they tell you, "Consult the mediums and the spiritists, who whisper and mutter," shouldn't a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰To the law and to the testimony! If people do not speak according to this word, there will be no dawn for them. ²¹They will pass through the land, distressed and starving, but when this takes place and they are starving, they will be frustrated, and they will curse their king and their God. They will turn their faces upward, ²²and then they will look down to the ground, but I tell you, they will see only distress, darkness, and the gloom that brings anguish. They will be banished into thick darkness.

^{9:1}Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for the land that was in anguish. In former times, he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will cause it to be glorious, along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles.

²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.
For those living in the land of the shadow of death,
the light has dawned.

³You have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy.
They rejoice before you like the joy at harvest time,
like the celebration when people divide the plunder.

⁴For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them.
You have broken the bar on their shoulders and
the rod of their oppressor,
as you did in the day of Midian.

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 25

P: 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 from the LORD. This is what I seek: that I live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD, and to see him in his temple. LORD, teach me your way, and lead me in a straight path.

Congregation sings

“Though Thoughtless Thousands”
Christian Worship 466 st. 1-2

Though thoughtless thousands choose the road
That leads the soul away from God,
This happiness, dear Lord, be mine
To live and die entirely thine.

In Christ, by faith, I wish to live,
From him my life, my all, receive,
To him devote my fleeting hours,
Serve him alone with all my pow’rs.

Epistle

1 John 2:3–11

³This is how we know that we have known him: if we keep his commands. ⁴The one who says, “I know him,” but does not keep his commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵If anyone keeps God’s word, the love of God is truly made complete in him. This is how we know that we are in him: ⁶The one who says he remains in him should walk as Jesus walked.

⁷Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one that you have had since the beginning. The old command is the message you heard. ⁸At the same time, the command I am writing is new—it is true in Jesus and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. ⁹The one who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is still in the darkness. ¹⁰The one who loves his brother remains in

the light, and nothing causes him to stumble. ¹¹The one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Verse of the Day

P: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes. Then I will guard it to the end. Give me understanding, and I will guard your law. I will keep it with all my heart. Make me walk on the path of your commandments, for I take pleasure in it. Direct my heart toward your testimonies. Keep my eyes from looking at worthless things. How I long for your precepts! Give me life in your righteousness.

Congregation sings

“Though Thoughtless Thousands”
Christian Worship 466 st. 3-4

Christ is my everlasting all.
To him I look; on him I call.
He will my ev’ry want supply
In time and through eternity.

Soon will the Lord, my life, appear;
Soon shall I end my trials here,
Leave sin and sorrow, death and pain.
To live is Christ; to die is gain.

Gospel

P: The Gospel is recorded in the fourth chapter of Matthew, reading from the twelfth verse.



C: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

¹²When Jesus heard that John was put in prison, he withdrew

into Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. ¹⁴He did this to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles,

¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light,
and on those dwelling in the region and the
shadow of death a light has dawned.

¹⁷From that time, Jesus began to preach: “Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near.”

¹⁸As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen.

¹⁹He said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

²⁰They immediately left their nets and followed him. ²¹Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. Jesus called them.

²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: This is the Word of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Confession of Faith

(we unite in the words of the Nicene Creed)

C: 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
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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!**

Hymn of the Day

“Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

Christian Worship 463

“Come, Follow Me!”

An invitation graciously offered
An invitation graciously accepted

Create in Me

Psalm 51

C: Cre- ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-
new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir- it
from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of your sal-va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A-men.

The musical score is written in a single system with five staves. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

Prayer for the Lord’s Blessing

Special Prayers and Exhortations

Prater for those receiving the Lord’s Supper

The Lord's Prayer: *(spoken with the pastor)*

**C: 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn of Preparation

“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

Christian Worship 312 st. 1 & 7

Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is your body and your blood,
And at your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to you for needed rest,
For comfort and for pardon.

Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.



C: **And al - so with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: **We lift them up un - to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

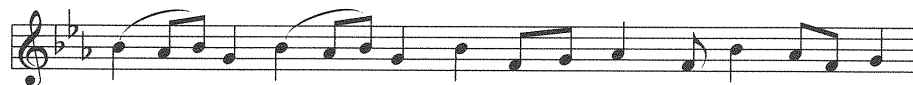


C: **It is good and right so to do.**

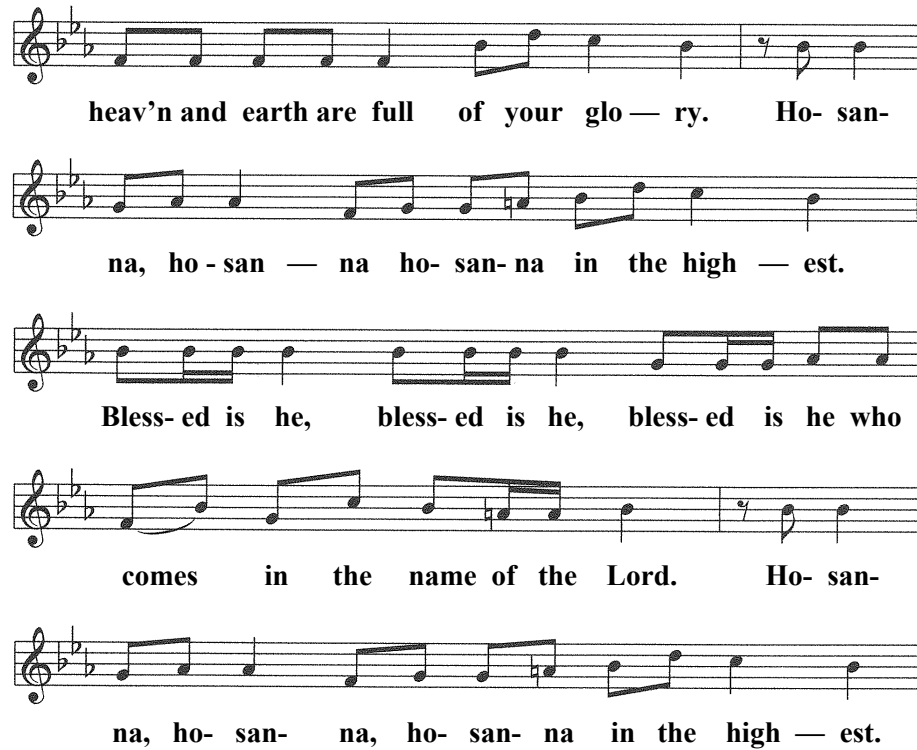
P: It is truly good and right that we should at times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Savior, and we especially praise you for the gift of your undeserved love through your faithful Son who set us free us from our sin and guilt, and gives us his grace to live according to your holy will. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song.

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Sanctus



C: **Ho — ly, ho — ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav- en- ly hosts;**



heav'n and earth are full of your glo — ry. Ho- san-
na, ho- san — na ho- san- na in the high — est.
Bless- ed is he, bless- ed is he, bless- ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san-
na, ho- san- na, ho- san- na in the high — est.

Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A — — — men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



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



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A ————— men.

(The congregation may be seated)

The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament through which Christ our Savior strengthens our faith and forgives our sins. In it we receive His actual body and blood, as we receive the bread and the wine. *If you have not communed with us before, or if you are not familiar with our procedure, please do not come to the Lord's Table today.* We also encourage you to speak with our pastor following the service. He will be happy to share with you the necessary preparations to receive our Savior's body and blood in a future service.

Our request comes out of love for you and concern for your spiritual well-being, so that you can receive the blessing our Lord wants you to receive.

Thanksgiving

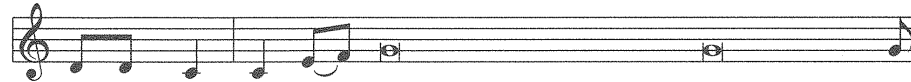
Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittus

(the congregation will rise and sing)



C: Lord, now you let you servant de- part in peace ac- cord- ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

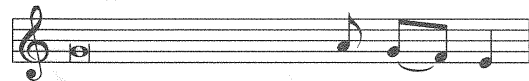


pared be — fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen-tiles and the glo — ry of your peo- ple Is — ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

Closing Prayer

P: O God our Father, you are the source of all that is good. In your loving kindness you sent Jesus to be the faithful servant of all. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us, but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit to willingly, faithfully, and joyfully live to your glory day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and

the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A ——— men!

The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, aim for perfection, listen to God's Word, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and compassion will be with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A—men. A—men. A — men.

Closing Hymn

“Savior, I Follow On”
Christian Worship 473 st. 1 & 4

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today—*Welcome in our gracious Savior's Name!* As we live in Jesus' undeserved love, we rejoice to hear and accept his invitation to follow him. If you are visiting us this morning, please sign our guest book, and visit us again—soon!

- Everyone is invited to stay after the service to enjoy a cup of coffee and the gift of fellowship.
- Bible Study will follow the service and will focus on the epistle lesson from 1 John, and what it means to walk in the light of Jesus Christ.

Wednesday—Bible Class is at 7:00 pm. We will continue with the miracles of Jesus. This evening we will review the healing of

the man born blind, as well as the consequences and condemnation of sin in a person's life.

Thursday—God-willing, Pastor Proeber will make a trip to Rancho Cucamonga to visit Matt Bennett. He will be back in the early evening.

Friday—Office hours from 10:30—2:30 pm

Saturday—Clean: C. Schueler

- Mowing starting the week of January 22nd—Todd

Sunday, January 29th—In-person Worship and Live-streaming at 9:30 am. When we hear the word, “blessed,” we have certain presuppositions. With the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus shows us what a blessed life actually is. There is no comparison between the world's perspective, and the Lord's.

- Christian Education will follow the service and will consider Paul's conclusion concerning the powerful working of the grace of God. He accomplishes this by making us consider what we once were, and what we now are because of faith.

Thank You

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