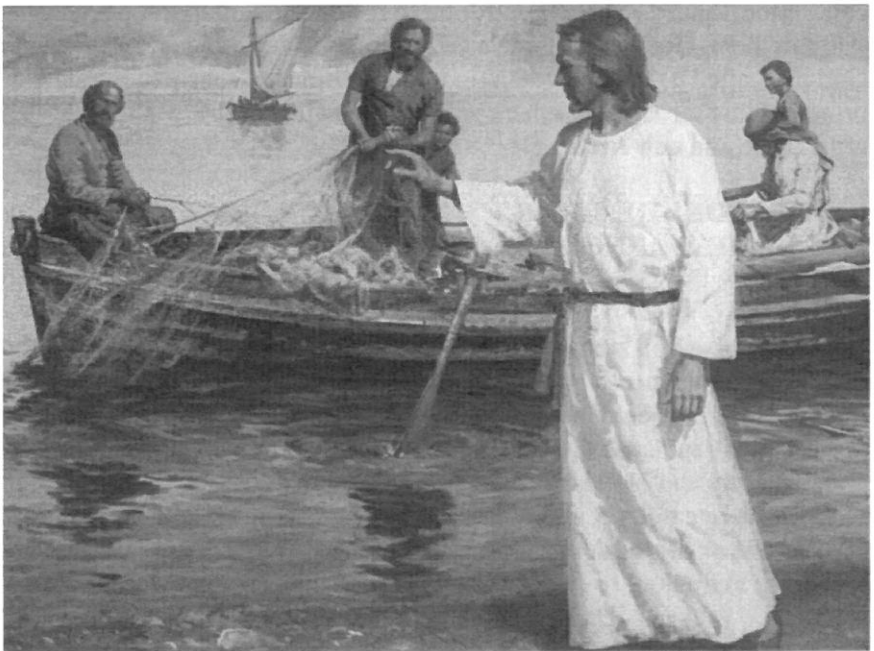


St. Johns Lutheran Church

Follow Me,



I will make you Fishers of Men

AS WE GATHER

When someone calls you on your phone, do you always answer? In our present day with caller identification, many are apt to let the call go to voicemail to wait and see what the message is and who it's from and at times wait to respond depending on the level of importance. How about when God calls? Especially, if that call is one to repentance? Do you answer? We hear in today's Readings of the response of some. Jonah was a reluctant follower. He went to Nineveh begrudgingly, but through him God would issue a call for the Ninevites to repentance. Jesus would call Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow Him, and promised that through them, God would issue a call of repentance to many. In Baptism, God has called us to follow Him in a life of faith and repentance, and He promises that through us, others will also be called to that same repentance and new life.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. *(Please keep your distance though)* Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. . Our service today includes the celebration of God's presence, as He comes in the true body and blood of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri

Synod, are asked to refrain from receiving the sacrament until they have spoken with the pastor.

PREPARATION

HYMN Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus LSB 685

**Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us**

And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living member;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.

**Yet we often do not live as You have called us to live as Your own.
We do not always honor Your name nor Your calling with our
praise.**

We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You as we follow in faith.

Silence for reflection

Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,
**we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures
as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not
loved others as ourselves, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have
not been pleasing to You. We have not always welcomed Your call
for us to follow You and You alone.**

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel. Hear and rejoice in the Good News. Jesus Christ died for you, and for His sake, God has compassion. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in His stead, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen. Thanks be to God!

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!

Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!
**From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD
is to be praised!**

WORD

THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 171

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,**

blessing, and glory are His.
 This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
 Sing with all the people of God,
 and join in the hymn of all creation:
 Blessing, honor, glory, and might
 be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
 This is the feast of victory for our God
 For the Lamb who was slain
 has begun His reign. Alleluia Alleluia

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
 Almighty and everlasting God, as the call to follow You comes to us
 through Your Word, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we trust and serve
 You in repentance and faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
 forever.
 Amen.

MEMORIZED WORD

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in
 Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jonah 3:1–5, 10*

¹Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time,
 saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the
 message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according
 to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city,
 three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a
 day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be
 overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for
 a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.
 . . . ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way,
 God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he
 did not do it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 62; antiphon: v. 8*

⁸Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart be * fore him;
God is a refuge * for us.

**¹For God alone my soul waits in * silence;
from him comes my sal* vation.**

²He only is my rock and my salvation, my * fortress;
I shall not be greatly * shaken.

**⁵For God alone, O my soul, wait in * silence,
for my hope is * from him.**

⁷On God rests my salvation and my * glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge * is God.

**Glory be to the Father and * to the Son
and to the Holy * Spirit;**

**as it was in the be * ginning,
is now, and will be forever. * Amen.**

⁸Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart be * fore him;
God is a refuge * for us.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 7:29–35*

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live 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 goods, 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. ³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Mark 1:15*

Alleluia. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:14–20*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” ¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN O Christ, Our True and Only Light *LSB 839*

**O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your fold with us rejoice.**

**Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.**

O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
In you find peace and heav'nly rest.

Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,

That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

SERMON

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

LSB 176

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord, as You have called us as Your own, gathered us together, and enlightened us by Your Spirit through Your Word, we bring to You our prayers and praise.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all people of the world, that the Epiphany light that shines the radiance of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, shine in the hearts and minds of all people.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are wayward and lost and for those who have rejected Your call to repentance and faith.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer.

We pray You use us in our words and witness to point to You that many more would faithfully follow.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer.

Ever-present Lord, be with Your Church on earth and the congregations in their work to serve and praise You and to be nourished by Your Word and Sacraments.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer.

Continue to raise up called servants and leaders within Your Church for Your work and mission to continue that many more may know You and follow where You lead.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer.

Lord of comfort and peace, be present with those who face various needs in mind, soul, and body, [*especially . . .*]. Grant healing according to Your will. Be with those who grieve that the assured promise of Christ's victory over death and the grave brings hope in times of hopelessness. Lord, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer.

For those who live in doubt, fear, and distress, extend Your call of grace through Your Word and those who proclaim it.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer.

Lord, we praise Your name for You gave Jesus Christ, whose love for us compelled Him to go to the cross that we by faith are saved. That in repentance we faithfully receive the gifts of life and grace He gives to us through His body and blood. Help us to draw our strength, love, compassion, and mercy through You.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for Your call to repentance has been made from the prophets of old, to John the Baptist, to Your own Son, the Holy One who has destroyed the power of the devil and gives the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation by His sacrifice on the cross. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

YOU ARE HOLY (AGNUS DEI) by Michael W. Smith
Alleluia Alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia Alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia Holy, Holy are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the lamb
You are Holy Holy are You Lord God almighty
Worthy is the Lamb worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T BE WITH US

Many Lord, desire to be here at your altar today, but since they cannot at this time receive You sacramentally, Grant them Your Holy Spirit and come into their hearts through your Holy Word and promises so that they are assured of your personal embrace and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Never permit them to doubt being separated from You. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ on the cross.

Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 trespasses as we forgive those

who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

AGNUS DEI *LSB 180*

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace,
grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise	<i>LSB 394</i>
Hail, O Source of Every Blessing	<i>LSB 409</i>

NUNC DIMITTIS...SONG OF SIMEON

LSB 182

**Lord, now You let your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which
You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and
the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the
Son and to the holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

HYMN

O Christ, Who called the Twelve

LSB 856

O Christ, who called the Twelve

To rise and follow You,

Forsaking old, familiar ways

For ventures bold and new:

Grant us to hear Your call

To risk security

And, bound in heart and will to You,

Find perfect liberty.

O Christ, who taught the Twelve

The truth for ages sealed,

Whose words and works awakened faith,

The ways of God revealed:

Instruct us now, we pray,

By Your empow'ring Word.

True teacher, be for all who seek

Their light, their life, their Lord.

O Christ, who led the Twelve

Among the desolate

And broke as bread of life for all

Your love compassionate:

Lead us along the ways

Where hope has nearly died

And help us climb the lonely hills

Where love is crucified.

**O Christ, who sent the Twelve
On roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim
The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith
Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains
Both life and ministry.**

**O Christ, th'apostles' Lord,
The martyrs' strength and song,
The crucified and risen King
To whom the saints belong:
Though generations pass,
Our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
Our lives an offering.**

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Lector	Dan Reh
Elders	Al Bohannon
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	Don Osiek, Ben Thomas, and Roger Schmidt
Children's Message	Pastor Michael Tanney
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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 36

Offering: \$2,207.00

ATTENTION: PLEASE TAKE A HYMNAL from the rack nearest to you and leave it on the pew where you are sitting prior to leaving the sanctuary today. This will enable us to be more efficient when we sanitize the pews this week. Thank you.

JONAH'S OFFICE HOURS are changing for the next four months. He plans on being in the office on Monday 8am-2pm, Wednesday 8am-2pm, and Friday 8am-2pm.

VOTER'S AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DATES here are the dates for Voter's and Executive Council in 2021.

Voter's: February 14th, April 11th, July 11th (budget), September 19th, and November 14th

Executive Council: January 24th(today), March 14th, May 16th, August 8th, and October 17th

NT CLASS is at 6:30pm on Wednesday nights. This week will be about Mark. All are invited to learn the overview of each Gospel and letter of the New Testament with its major themes.

PASTOR WILL BE AWAY this weekend, January 30th & 31st. In the case of an emergency, contact Al Bohannon @ 314-401-0628.

ST. JOHNS SINGS: We have added another song to usher in the new year - Hymn 390 - Let Us All With Gladsome Voice. Although it is in the Christmas section, it is a great reminder of Christ's work of redemption for us. And it is easy to sing!

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions – **Bobbie's** roommate who had a stroke; **Sue Hampel's** parents for quick recovery from heart surgery on Friday; **Carmen** Hobson with back pain and possible surgery; **Ray** as he goes through treatment for stage 4 lung cancer; **St. Johns** for blessings on our virtual learning center; **For** those infected by the corona virus for quick healing and recovery. **Field-workers** and **Vicars** for their class work; **Nepali Congregation** blessings.

Shut Ins – Jeanette Creamer, Carmen Hobson, Bobbie Kepford, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Carol Carr

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

January 24-January 31

Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study 11:30am Executive Council Meeting
Monday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center
Tuesday	(No Secretary) 3:00pm-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center 6:00pm Seminary Class
Wednesday	8am-2pm Office Open 7:30am-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center 6:30pm ESL 6:30pm NT Class
Thursday	(No Secretary) 7:30am-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center
Friday	8am-2pm Office Open 8am Bible Study 7:30am-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry
Next Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study