

January 29, 2023



JESUS SAID,  
"COME, FOLLOW ME,  
AND I WILL SEND  
YOU OUT TO FISH  
FOR PEOPLE."

MATTHEW 4:19, NIV



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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Epiphany

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *Lord God, heavenly Father, make us diligent in the use of Your Word, and enable us by the grace of Your Holy Spirit to walk before You in fervent faith and all holy obedience. Through the Word made flesh, Your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ, work Your blessings in us for now and eternity. In His saving name, Amen.*

### Today's Worship!

#### Greeting and Prayer

**Opening Hymn 270 (TLH):** *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*

*1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult Of our life's wild, restless sea,  
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, Saying, "Christian, follow Me."*

*2. As of old Saint Andrew heard it By the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kindred. Leaving all for His dear sake.*

*3. Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden stole.  
From each idol that would keep us, Saying, "Christian, love Me more."*

*4. In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toll and hours of ease,  
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love Me more than these."*

*5. Jesus calls us; by Thy mercies, Savior, make us hear Thy call,  
Give our hearts to Thine obedience, Serve and love Thee best of all.*

#### The Invocation

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen!

#### The Confession and Absolution of Sins

*We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.*

**P** Beloved of God: 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 forgiveness:

**C** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all

things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

- 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** Amen.

## Lord, Have Mercy

*Kyrie – Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.*

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in a single system. The top staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The bottom staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

## Glory to God in the Highest

*Gloria in Excelsis – Latin for “Glory in the Highest (to God).” A hymn glorifying and praising our God.*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to all peo-ple on  
earth. 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

The image shows seven staves of musical notation in a single system. The top staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody consists of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes. The bottom staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The key signature changes to three flats (B-flat, E-flat, and A-flat) in the final two staves.

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.

## The Prayer for the Day

*The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.*

**P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 9:1-4*

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

## The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 27 Selected Verses*

**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?

**C** When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

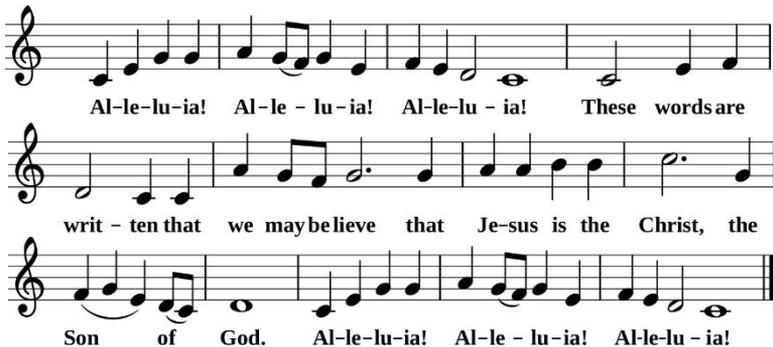
- P** Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
- C** **One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**
- P** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.
- C** **Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!**
- P** I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!
- C** **Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**



**The Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17**

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup> For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." <sup>13</sup> Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

- P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



## The Apostle's Creed

*We boldly confess what we believe.*

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven; And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## From Luther's Small Catechism

*A weekly refresher in the six chief parts of Christian doctrine.*

- P** What is the first commandment?  
**C** You shall have no other gods.  
**P** What does this mean?  
**C** We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

## Hymn 773 (WS2000): *Rise, Shine, You People!*

- 1. Rise, Shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
Our human story; God in Him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, With grace unbounded.*
- 2. See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
He brings us freedom, Light, and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, Now are forgiven.*
- 3. Come, celebrate; You banners high unfurling,  
Your songs and prayers Against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world Go out and tell the story Of Jesus' glory.*
- 4. Tell how the Father Sent His Son to save us.  
Till of the Son, who life And freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit Calls from ev'ry nation His new creation.*

## The Sermon: Matthew 4:18-23

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

### Theme: GONE FISHING: JESUS AND ME

*Fishing with Jesus is a special calling which...*

I. Orders all hands on deck

II. Demands all you can give

III. Rewards more than you can imagine



## The Offertory

*Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O  
God. Re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me  
not a - way from Your pres-ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-  
va - tion. Up - hold me with Your free Spir - it.

## Hymn 770:1-4 (WS2000): *I Hear the Savior Calling*

**1. I hear the Savior calling! The Gospel comes to me.  
My eyes once closed in blindness Are opened now to see  
That I myself was helpless To live eternally,  
But, dying, Christ did save me, And now He calls for me!**

**2. I hear the Savior calling! He leads a soul to me,  
A soul in bitter anguish, One needing to be free.  
The gift I have to offer Is Christ, my Lord's decree  
That all have been forgiven—My Savior calls for me!**

**3. I hear the Savior calling! He gives this charge to me:  
To serve the best I'm able, Whate'er the call may be.  
Thus hand in hand with others Who share the gospel key  
We spread the gospel tiding—My Savior calls for me!**

**4. I hear the Savior calling! He changes hearts for me.  
From door to door I witness To share my Savior's plea;  
Yet nothing can be added, No word on bended knee,  
Beyond the simple gospel—My Savior calls for me!**

## The Offering of Thankful Hearts

*In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by using the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's \$cashtag is "Sclcmzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse*

**(788:1): Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand  
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.**

**Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true  
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.**

## Prayer of the Church – The Lord's Prayer

## The Benediction

*The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)*

## Closing Hymn 401:1 (TLH): *Praise the Thee and Adoration*

**1. Praise to Thee and adoration, Blessed Jesus, Son of God,  
Who, to serve Thine own creation, Didst partake of flesh and blood.  
Teach me that I never may From Thy fold or pastures stray,  
But with zeal and joy exceeding Follow where Thy steps are leading.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*If the LORD wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15*

**WELCOME EVERYONE!** We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain our beliefs and teachings. Where & when? Your convenience.

**A CLEVELAND AREA WORSHIP SERVICE** is today at 4pm in North Olmsted. This was rescheduled from last Sunday due to the snow.

**A CONGREGATIONAL FUTURE PLANNING MEETING** is next Sunday, February 5, following the service. The Board of Education and Board of Trustees will present plans for selling our current property, securing a new property, and opening a Christian Day School at Mt. Zion. Please bring any questions and/or comments that you might have.

**JAY SANDEEN CARE PACKAGE:** We are collecting items for a care package to send to Mt. Zion member Jay Sandeen who is currently deployed in Iraq. Jay resides in Columbus, OH and is a faithful attendee of our monthly services in Cleveland. A box has been designated in the back of church for donated items. Here are some ideas: lightweight non-perishable snacks or homemade foods, single-serve drink mixes, crosswords or puzzle books, a favorite novel (not too thick), family photos, encouraging letters, Bible verse calendar/bookmark/card deck. Collection ends January 31.

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION**

<b>Today</b>	4pm	Rescheduled Cleveland Area Worship Service
<b>Thu. 2/2</b>	7pm	Joint Board of Education and Trustees Meeting
<b>Fri. 2/3</b>	2pm	UM Ann Arbor Bible Study
<b>Sun. 2/5</b>	9am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10am	Worship Service (w/ Communion)
	11am	Congregational Future Planning Meeting
<b>Tue. 2/7</b>	7-9pm	Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach Meetings
<b>Wed. 2/22</b>	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service

### **SERVING US THIS WEEK:**

January Usher: Dave Troyan   Church Cleaning: Ryans

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Attendance Last Sunday: Worship = 26; Bible Class/Sunday School = 18

Bi-Weekly Offerings Budgeted:	\$3961.54	Total Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$7923.08
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$5349.05	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$9094.05
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$909.41
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$67,702.99

### IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

*Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18*

**Jackie McGruder** remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus. **Jay Sandeen** is deployed with his army unit in Iraq. **The Wittorps** are expecting a baby girl in April. **CLC Pastor John Hein** (Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN) is receiving treatment for stage 4 thymic carcinoma cancer.

## CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION SYNODWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1*

**CLC CALL NEWS:** Pastor Andrew Schaller of Calvary Church, Marquette, MI, **has accepted** the call to Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ **is still considering** the call to Ascension Church, Tacoma, WA and Redemption Church, Lynwood, WA. <> Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Church, Spokane, WI, **is still considering** the call to Messiah Church, Eau Claire, WI.

**CLC PRESIDENT MICHAEL EICHSTADT RESIGNING:** Due to a recently identified congenital heart condition and subsequent pacemaker installation, Pastor Eichstadt has announced his resignation from the presidency of the CLC. Vice President Michael Wilke has assumed the presidential duties. We thank Pastor Eichstadt for his many years of faithful service and pray the LORD to bless his health going forward.

**A NEW CLC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND:** The "EduK8 Fund" is a new opportunity for CLC members to invest in the Christian education of our young people. Donations to this fund will be used to start and maintain Christian schools in the CLC. This fund was established last summer at convention and is administered by the CLC Board of Trustees at the direction of the Board of Education and Publications.