

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*  
*January 24, 2021*

## **GATHER**

**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**you search us and know us.**

**You are acquainted with all our ways.**

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—  
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow  
your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us.**

**We exploit the earth and its resources  
and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,**

**for all we have done and left undone.**

**Even before the words are on our tongues,  
you know them;**

**receive them in your divine mercy.**

**Amen.**

How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,  
our sins are washed away  
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness,  
we are called to be the beloved community  
living out Christ's justice  
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**Amen.**



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spake, "all in my way a -  
 2 "I am the light; I light the way, a god - ly life dis -  
 3 "I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your soul's sal -  
 4 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, and take the cross ap -



bid - ing; de - ny your - selves, the world for - sake, o -  
 play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day; I  
 va - tion; from ev - 'ry guile your heart I free, from  
 point - ed, and, firm - ly cling - ing to his word, in



bey my call and guid - ing. Oh, bear the cross, what -  
 keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
 sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
 suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide; take my ex - am - ple for your guide."  
 well I show how you should so - journ here be - low."  
 of the soul and lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
 bat - tle's strain the crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–1677; tr. Charles W. Shaeffer, 1813–1896, alt.

Music: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT, Bartholomäus Gesius, 1555–1613; adapt. Johann Herman Schein, 1586–1630

### Apostolic 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.**

1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2. Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, - man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
 Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!  
 Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

### Prayer of the Day

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.**

### Children's Time

## WORD

### First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

*The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"*

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

<sup>10</sup>When 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.

**Word of God. Word of Life**

**Psalm 62**



In God a-lone is my soul at rest, the God who is my  
help. The Lord is my rock, my strength and my  
hope; my for-tress, my God.

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**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

*Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and 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, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

**Word of God. Word of Life**

**Alleluia Verse**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Bob Moore, b. 1962  
2006 Augsburg Fortress

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 1:14-20

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

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

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

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 (English or Spanish)*

Se-ñor, me has mi-ra-do a los o-jos; son ri-  
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in-to my eyes; kind-ly

en-do, has di-cho mi nom-bre. En la a-  
 smil-ing, you've called out my name. On the

re-na he de-ja-do mi bar-ca;  
 sand I have a-ban-doned my small boat;

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

**Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God,  
 the creator of all things,  
 the giver of life and breath.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
 born Emmanuel, God with us,  
 baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God;  
 he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself,  
 suffering for us,  
 dying for us  
 and being raised from the dead for our sake  
 and for the sake of all the world.  
 We believe that he will come again.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
continually poured out refreshing our lives,  
leading us into a new day,  
ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world.  
This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth  
reminding us  
of the gift of faith,  
the ever presence of God  
and the promise of eternal life.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **The Prayers**

*Prayer requests:* Sid & Beryl Bennett; Jeannie Ledford and family; Elsa Brody; Maureen Dresp & Family  
(Allison; Linda & Fred)

*Prayers for our church family:* Karen Schultze; Linda Schultze; Matt, Deanna, Allie, Daniel & Adrian Schultze

### **The Peace**

#### **Thanksgiving for the Word**

Holy God,  
Light of the universe, Teacher of truth, Giver of goodness,  
we hear your Word in the Scriptures,  
proclaiming to us your wisdom  
and inviting us to follow your call.  
For speaking this Word, we thank you, O God.

**We thank you, O God.**

Your Word came among us in Jesus, our brother,  
who preached your righteousness, healed the sick,  
and revived the brokenhearted.  
For giving us this Word, we worship you, O God.

**We worship you, O God.**

By your Spirit bless all who receive this Word,  
that upheld by the mystery of the body of Christ,  
we may be light for the world,  
revealing the brilliance of your Son.  
For sustaining us with your Word, we praise you, O God.

**We praise you, O God.**

Blessed are you, holy God, around us, with us, and in us,  
now and forever. Amen.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

# SENDING

## Sending Song

### *Will You Come and Follow Me?*

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1. "Will you come and fol - low me if I but  
2. "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but  
3. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but

call your name? Will you go where you don't  
call your name? Will you care for cruel and  
call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same? Will you  
kind and nev - er be the same? Will you  
you and nev - er be the same. In your

let my love be shown, will you let my  
risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
pray'r in you and you in me?"  
grow in you and you in me.

## Benediction

God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.  
**Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Thanks to:

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Children's Time: Ingrid Frokjer

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Richard Rollefson