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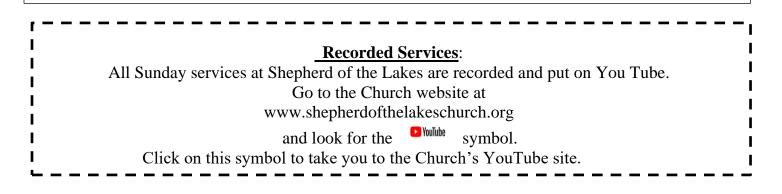
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### WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Please let us know if we can serve you in any way. Everyone is welcome to Holy Communion at Shepherd of the Lakes. Come forward as ushers direct, receive the wafer in your hand and move to the wine which is served in the chalice or individual portions as you prefer. We offer grape juice as an alternative to wine. Gluten-free wafers are also available at your request from communion servers when you partake.

#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus & seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.



For those of you worshipping with us at home – You can mail your donations to: Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church 2903 State HWY 155 PO Box 130 Sayner, WI 54560 Or on the church website – <u>www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org</u> You can donate through our PayPal account. "Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together."

**Readings for January 21 2024 :** 

First Reading	Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm	62: 5-12
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 7: 29-31
Holy Gospel	Mark 1: 14-20

#### When Saying Yes Requires Saying No

It was one of those thought-for-the-day-calendars you find in your Christmas stocking. The sayings mostly were trite and pithy, but every so often there was a truth worth repeating, for example: "Decide what you want and what you are willing to exchange for it. Set your priorities and go to work." In other words, if we're serious, saying yes to one thing often requires saying no to something else.

Jonah—after fleeing from the mission to which God was calling him (and three days and nights in the belly of the fish!)—now says "No!" to his former urges and "Yes!" to God as he sets out as God's prophet to Nineveh. Paul invites us to say "No!" to trivial matters and "Yes!" to the things of God that have serious and eternal consequences. Jesus calls the disciples to say "No!" to their boats and nets and families and much of everything else they have known and to say "Yes!" to his "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

We feel a kinship with Jonah's situation, because he struggles. He runs away from God and only relents after a huge fish vomits him onto a distant shore. The call-response stories of Simon, Andrew, James, and John make it all seem so easy. One little word of invitation from Jesus and these men turn in an instant from fishers to disciples.

But most of us live somewhere in the middle, not resisting God's call with the vigor of Jonah but certainly responding more slowly and ambiguously than the disciples. So a question for today is: To what is God calling us to say "No!"? Remember, it's not just the ugly stuff but often good things that must be denied for the sake of following Jesus. And then we must also ask in faith: To what is Jesus inviting us to say "Yes!"?

#### **CHURCH SERVICES:**

Regular Sunday morning services at 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion is offered at every service. All are welcome. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later on Sundays.

#### **CHURCH SCHOOL**

Church School every Wednesday begins at 3:45 pm for ages 4 – Grade 7 (unless Northland Pines School District is out for Holidays). For more information, please call (715) 542-4049.

#### TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Bible Study will be every other Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Shepherd of the Lakes. We will have two studies each month, on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 3 pm, unless they occur during a holiday. We will again be continuing with the Ray Vanderlaan video series.

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church will be holding a blood drive on Friday, January 26, from noon to 4 p.m. To make an appointment or with questions, please contact Karen Carter at (715) 542-4049.

#### **ROCK MINISTRIES**

From Jack Carlson:

As Treasurer of Northwoods Share in Eagle River, I work at community dinners at The Rock ministry in Eagle River every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening at 4:30. SOTL members are welcome to volunteer and attend as we support this mission as part of our benevolence funding at SOTL.

#### **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 – 3:30 p.m.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> after church. Before that meeting there will be a meeting to vote on issuing a normal letter of call to Bill Wendorf, LLM.



### PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please note: "Current Issue" listings remain in the bulletin for three weeks and then are removed unless instructions are received to move that listing to the "ongoing health issues" list)

#### Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Tina, Deb, Betsy, Ray and Lynn.

#### **Pray for those with ongoing health issues:**

Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Melody, Bob B., Graham, Ericka, and Shelle.

#### Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, and Dylan.

**Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:** Elisabeth

#### Pray for the families of those who have passed:

Please email Bill Wendorf at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean Maines at <u>treasurer@SOTLsayner.com</u> if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list. Prayer requests are sent out via email.

## **Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**

Sayner, Wisconsin

Second Sunday After Epiphany 2024

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Invocation

(Please remain seated)

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen

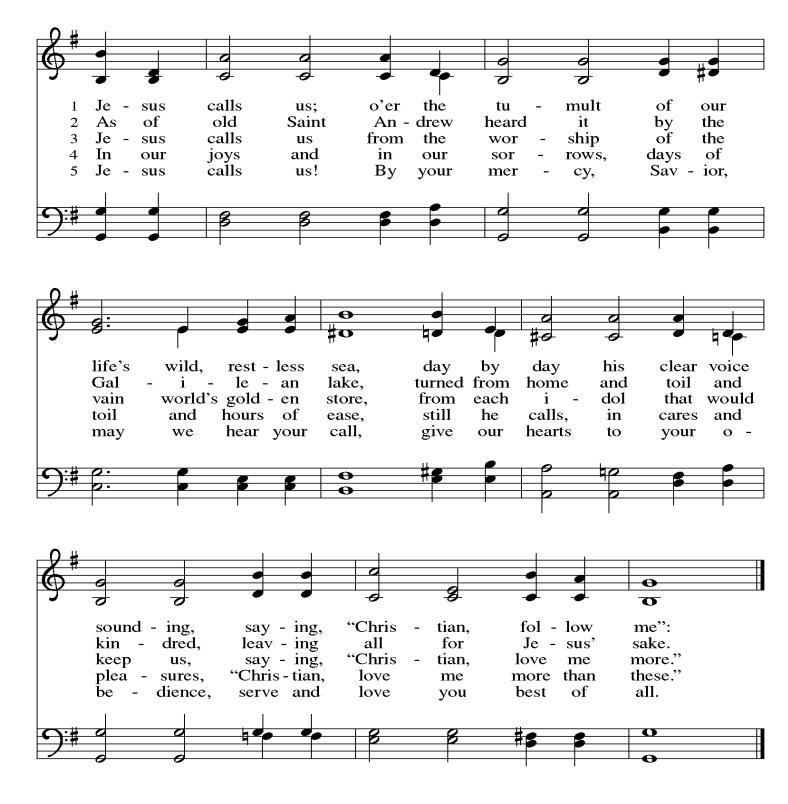
Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen



(Please Stand as you are Comfortable)

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

#### **Opening Dialogue**

God spoke through the prophet, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you." God calls us by name, we belong to God. "When you pass through the waters…" God will be with us. "When you pass through the rivers…" God will be with us. "When you walk through the fire…" God will be with us. God is our Savior, we are precious in God's sight. Come let us worship our Savior, who leads us into life.

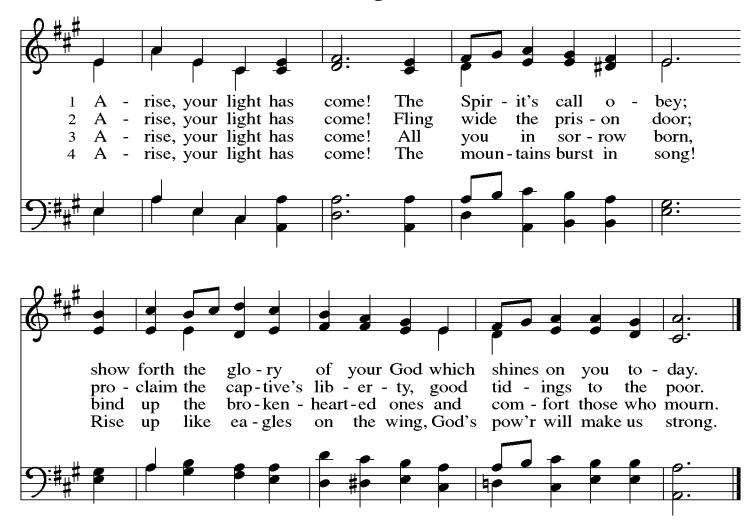
#### Greeting

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

And also with you.

#### Hymn of Praise

Arise, Your Light Has Come!



#### **Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God,

you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

#### First Lesson 1 Samuel 3:1-20

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me. <sup>2</sup>You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. <sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup>Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether. <sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it. <sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well. <sup>15</sup>My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in vour book: my days were fashioned before they came to be. <sup>17</sup>How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

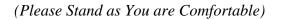
#### Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

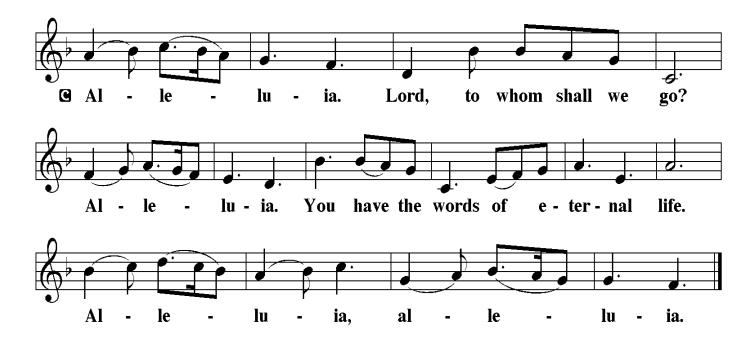
<sup>12</sup>"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.







#### **Gospel Reading**

#### The Holy Gospel According to..... Glory to You, O Lord.

#### John 1:43-51

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

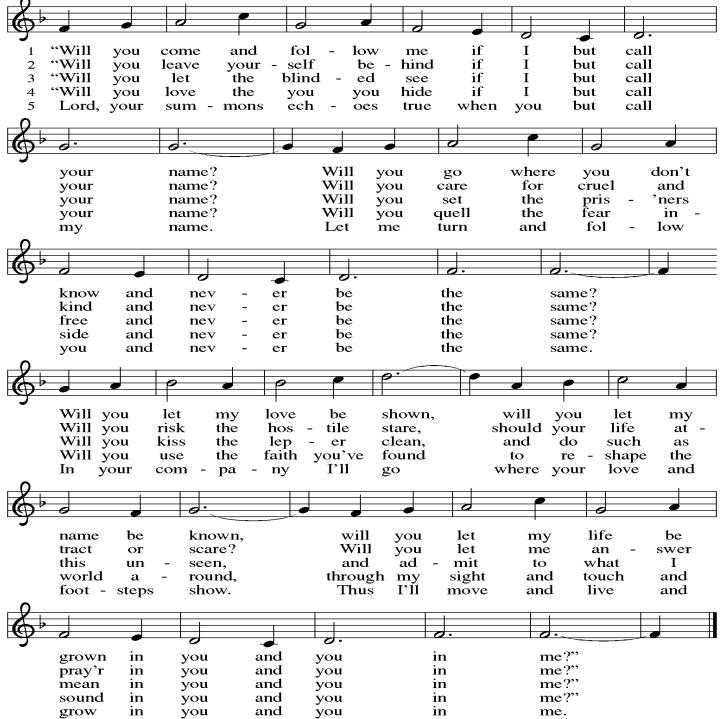
The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

Sermon

(Please be Seated)

(Please Stand as you are Comfortable)

## Will You Come and Follow Me The Summons



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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#### **Apostles 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 Intercession**

#### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

(Please greet your neighbor as you and your neighbor are comfortable)

#### **Great Thanksgiving**

As the Lord's Table is prepared and our offering is received: Please join in singing *"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"* ELW 618

### Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt. Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

#### vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill С Let the to the brim our cup of bless ing. Gath - er har-vest from the seeds that were a sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

#### **Offertory Hymn** (*Please stand as you are comfortable as the offering is presented*)

Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of fer now. Grace ta - ble with your pres - ence, our Lord, and give fore-taste of the feast to us a come.

#### **Offertory Prayer**

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

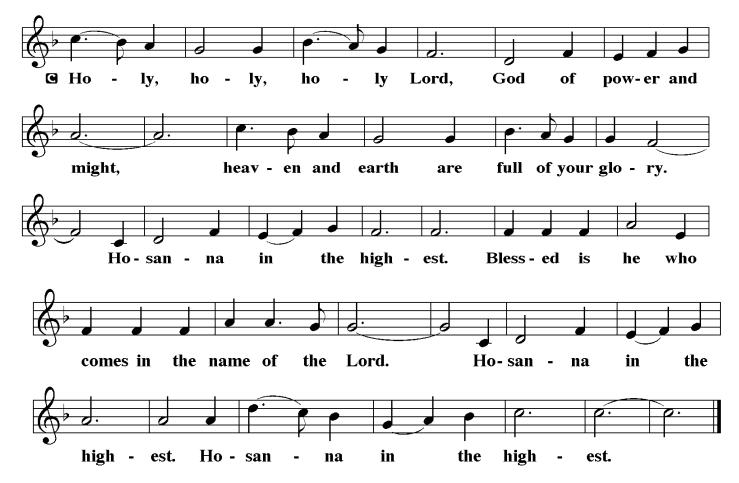
#### **Holy Communion**

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 indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### Words of Institution

**The Lord's Prayer** 

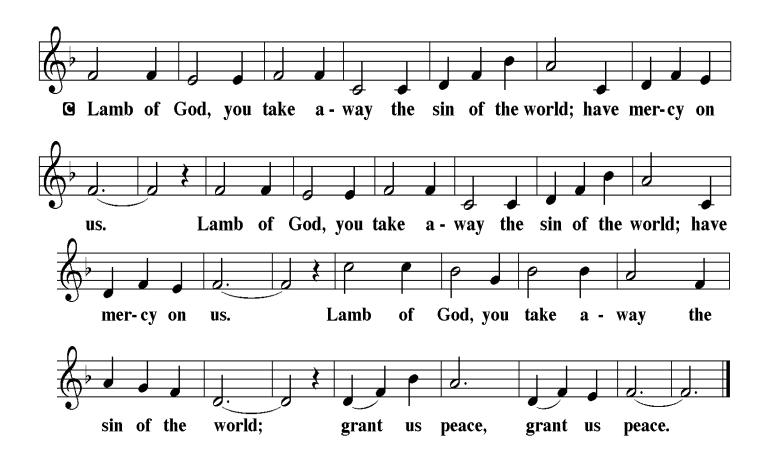
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

#### Invitation

#### **Communion Distribution**

Please be seated and come forward as the ushers direct. All those who wish to commune are welcomed to the Lord's table.



#### Just with - out one plea, but that thy blood was Ι 1 am, as Just Ι though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict, 2 am, as wel - come, par - don, thou re-ceive, wilt wilt 3 Just Ι as am, un-known has bro - ken ev - 'ry thy love Just Ι 4 am; as bidd'st thee, shed for and that thou me, me come to man - y a doubt, fight - ings fears with - out. and with - in, cleanse, re - lieve; be - lieve. ise be cause thy prom -Ι bar - rier down; thine, thine a - lone, now to be yea, God, Lamb of 0 Ι Ι come, come.

Just As I Am, without One Plea

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871 Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

### My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt. Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876



Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993 Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Arr. © 2003 Augsburg Fortress.

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#### **Communion Blessing** (*Please Stand as You are Comfortable*)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

#### **Communion Prayer**

Gracious God,

in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

#### **Closing Hymn**

"Here I Am, Lord" ELW 574

Here I Am, Lord



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#### DISMISSAL

# Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service. Second Sunday of each month join us for brunch after the service.

Culture for the constraints in the summary 21, 2021				
Tuesday	January 16, 2024	Council Meeting	3:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	January 17, 2024	Quilting	9:00 a.m.	
Wednesday	January 17, 2024	Church School	3:45 p.m.	
Thursday	January 18, 2024	Text Study	9:00 a.m.	
Sunday	January 21, 2024	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.	

#### Calendar for Week of January 15 to January 21, 2024

#### **Next Council Meeting:**

Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 3:30 p.m.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Blood Drive January 26, Noon – 4

Meeting to Vote on Issuing a Call Letter to William Wendorf, LLM 10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting to follow, January 28, 2024

Check our calendar of events on the church website for times and dates of events and worship services.

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