

# Sunday, January 24, 2021

*Fish for People*



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### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will **LIVE** and **SERVE** through **FAITH**  
we will **ACT** with **LOVE** and **KINDNESS**  
we will **GIVE** hope and **SUPPORT** to all.*

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

We gather to worship together, at this time, in different places. Bottom line, we are worshipping God, TOGETHER! This worship service has been pre-recorded. Worship materials have been published online at [blcmalmo.org](http://blcmalmo.org). If you are able, please watch the service via Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo's YouTube.com page, find the link on Facebook, or visit our website to find the link.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is calling you as disciples

**Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully.**

You will be led into fields of mission and service.

**Lord Jesus, where you lead us, we will go.**

Listen for Christ's call to you.

**We are ready to serve the Lord. Amen.**

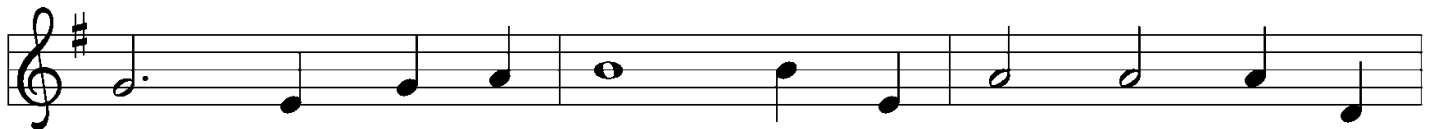
HYMN –

“Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult”

#696 ELW



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, “Chris - tian, fol - low me:”  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
keep us, say - ing, “Chris - tian, love me more.”  
plea - sures, “Chris - tian, love me more than these.”  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895

Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

## 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.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God,  
you are our light and our salvation. Living in your presence, we have nothing to fear. Open our hearts to your word this day. As we hear the story of the call of the first disciples, make us ready to follow Jesus on whatever path he leads us. Cast aside our fears and doubts, and teach us to trust wholly in you. We ask this in Jesus' Name.  
**AMEN.**

### **SCRIPTURE**

#### **FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

<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.

**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel: Luke 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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## **SERMON**

### **HYMN:**

### **“O Lord, You Called Disciples”**

(Sung to the tune of: “The Day of Resurrection”)

O Lord, you called disciples, proclaiming, "Come and see!"

And so an invitation began your ministry.

Then Andrew called his brother, and Peter came to you;

More men and women followed, and little children, too.

You met a busy woman out in the noon-day sun.

You shared God's love, you listened; you told all she had done.

She called her friends and neighbors and brought them face to face

With you, the living water, the bearer of God's grace.

O Christ, your invitation has reached from year to year!

Through some who heard you calling, a church was founded here.

As faithful people served you so many years ago,\*

They soon invited others; your church began to grow.

God, by your Holy Spirit, now send us in your name  
To serve the lost and outcast, the poor for whom you came.  
Through gifts of hope and healing, through loving ministry,  
May we reach out, inviting the world to "Come and see!"

*Words by: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*

## **PRAYERS of INTERCESSION**

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love. Lord, in your mercy...

### **Hear our prayer**

We pray for skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth. Lord in your mercy...

### **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth. Lord in your mercy...

### **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief especially...that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them. Lord, in your mercy...

### **Hear our prayer**

We pray for our congregation and community, for families big and small, and for the organizations that meet here during the week, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships. Lord, in your mercy...

### **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,  
maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:  
our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in  
feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

*You may now partake of the bread and wine in your own home. Speak the words "The body of Christ, given for you" and "The blood of Christ, shed for you." You may then respond "Amen."*

## SPECIAL MUSIC: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" #817 ELW



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*



Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

## **PRAYER after COMMUNION**

Christ Jesus,

**at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen**

## **HYMN:**

### **“God Who Made Each Great Wide Ocean”**

(Sung to the tune of: "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending")

God, who made each great wide ocean and who moved o'er restless seas,  
By your word you set in motion mighty storm and gentle breeze.  
Wind and Spirit show your glory, seas and waves your strength declare;  
Ships and boats point to the story of your wondrous love and care.  
Noah, hearing storms were coming, gathered kin and creatures in;  
On the ark the rains were drumming while the floods destroyed all sin.  
Moses on the Nile was floating in a basket safe and sound;  
Pharaoh's daughter took that boat in — took that baby to dry ground.

Jesus in a boat was preaching on a lake called Galilee;  
Later, Christ — with hand out-reaching — called to Peter in the sea.  
Frightened by a storm they called him, "Master, will you let us drown?"  
In that boat there, Jesus awed them; he said "Peace!" The winds calmed down.

When the storms of life are blowing and your church knows doubt and fear,  
Lord, may we find peace in knowing you command a safe ship here.  
May we hoist the sails, relying on your Spirit, steady, true.  
See! This ship is almost flying! May we place our trust in you.

*Words by: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Response to God's Word Last Week

January 17, 2021 Virtual Attendance \*: 170

*\*Virtual attendance is based on a matrix from the NEMN Synod. We determine the number of unique views per week and multiply by 2 – assuming there are two people per household watching the YouTube video service.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Shirley Eklund, Lynn Hansen, Mary Kramer

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The date and time for our Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, January 31, 2021. We will have a parking lot worship service at 10:00 a.m. with the meeting to follow in the Fellowship Hall (we are trying to limit the contact time to 1 hour instead of 2 hours). All MN Department of Health guidelines will be followed including, but not limited to: Health Screening Assessment upon entry, 6' physical distancing, wear a mask the entire time you are in the building, prayers will be whispered from behind your mask, no singing, no hand shaking, etc.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** We will need at least 25 voting members to attend our annual meeting to meet our quorum and the hall will be set up for approximately 50-60 people. *We are asking for members to please call or email the church office to reserve a spot at the meeting.*

**“ZOOM COFFEE HOUR”:** coffee and conversation will continue to meet every other Tuesday if interest continues. Next meeting is February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am. Please email either Cheryl Malotky or the church office if you are interested so we can email you a Zoom invite.