

*follow me*



3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

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### Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God’s guests, including those who call themselves “members” of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves “visitors” among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion and commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshipping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;  
however please know a nursery space is available for  
parents who need to tend to their little ones.**

#### Introduction

*Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.*

## Welcome to Worship

### Confession and Forgiveness

*Please stand as you are able.*

*P* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**All Amen.**

*P* Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**All we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.**

**Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*P* Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.

**All Amen.**

# Opening Song

## I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

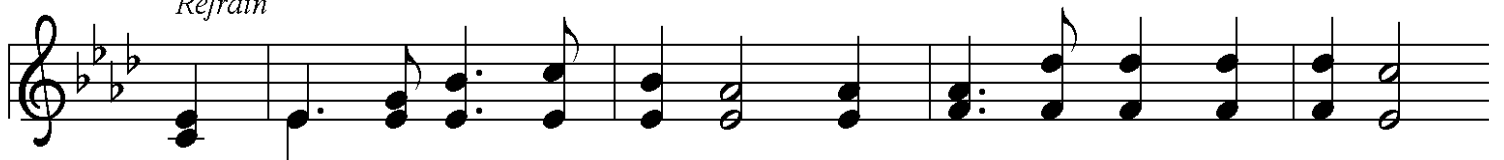


I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

### *Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## Greeting

*P* 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

*P* Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us  
and follows after us.

**All Summon us into your light,  
and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come  
through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

[You may be Seated](#)

## A Reading from Isaiah, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make 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 lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has 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 people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

*L* Word of God, Word of Light.

*Isaiah 9:1-4*

**All Thanks be to God**

## A Reading from 1 Corinthians, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been 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 can 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 proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

*L* Word of God, Word of Life.

**All** Thanks be to God

### Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as you are able.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to\_\_\_ my feet and a light un-to my path.

*Last time Fine*



Thy Word is a lamp un-to\_\_\_ my feet and a light un-to my path.

## Gospel Reading

*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

<sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As he walked 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 fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

<sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*Matthew 4:12-23*

*P* The Gospel of our Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

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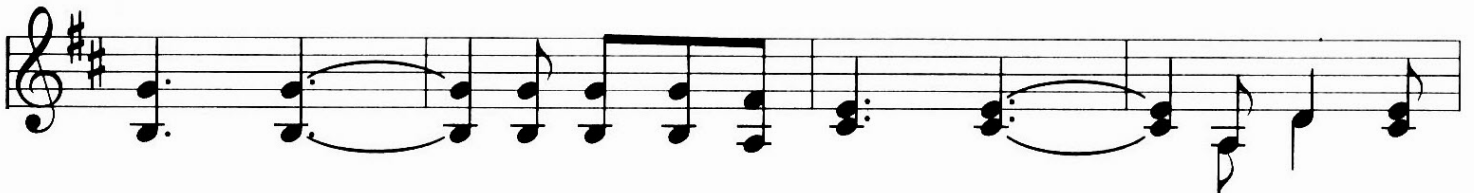
## Hymn of the Day

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore



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.

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## Apostles' Creed

*P* Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the 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 the People

*L* Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.



O Lord, hear our prayer we of-fer up to you; O Lord, hear our prayer.

*(each prayer petition ends with)*

*L:* Merciful God...

**All:** receive our prayer.

## Sharing the Peace

*In our continued physical distancing out of love for the health of one another, we will share the peace of our risen Lord by "speaking" that peace through sign language.*

*P* Christ become Peace with you.

**All** And also with you.

## Offering

[You may be Seated](#)

*While we still will not physically pass the offering plates we will continue to have the plates available at the entrance to receive your offerings and will lift them up in thanksgiving before the throne of grace.*



All that we have \_\_\_\_\_ and all that we of - fer \_\_\_\_\_



comes from a heart both fright - ened and free. \_\_\_\_\_



Take what we bring now and give what we need; \_\_\_\_\_



All done in His name. \_\_\_\_\_

## Offertory Prayer

*P* Liberating God,  
you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.

**All** Receive these offerings in thanksgiving  
for all your works of merciful power,  
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

*P* The Holy One be with you

**All** And also with you.

*P* Lift up your hearts

**All** We lift them up to our God.

*P* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*P* Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.



**All:** On the night You were be - trayed You took the bread; \_\_\_ Af - ter



giv - ing thanks, \_\_\_ You broke it and said, "This is My \_\_\_

bod - y, bro - ken for\_\_ you, and as you  
 eat\_\_ it, re - mem - ber Me; This is My\_\_  
 bod - y bro - ken for\_\_ you, and as you  
 eat\_\_ it, re - mem - ber Me." On the  
 night You were\_\_ be - trayed\_\_ You held the cup;\_\_ Af - ter  
 giv - ing thanks,\_\_ You lift - ed it up. "This is My\_\_  
 blood, poured out for\_\_ you, and as you drink\_\_ it, re - mem - ber  
 Me; This is My\_\_ blood, poured out for\_\_ you, and as you  
 drink\_\_ it, re - mem - ber\_\_ Me." So, we

thank You for\_\_ the wine\_\_ and for the bread;\_\_ For we  
 see the life\_\_ You gave\_\_ and the blood You\_ shed. And we re -  
 mem - ber Your won - drous\_\_ love, You gave Your  
 bod - y, You shed Your blood; And we re - mem - ber Your won - drous  
 love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your blood.

## The Lord's Prayer

*P* Let us approach the throne of grace, praying as Jesus taught:

**All** 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.

## The Invitation

*P* Come to God's table.  
 There is a place for you and enough for all.

# Communion Songs

## Will You Come and Follow Me *The Summons*



“Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"

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# As The Deer

Words and Music by  
Martin Nystrom



1. As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my soul long-eth af - ter Thee.
2. You're my friend and You are my broth-er e-ven though You are a King.
3. I want You more than gold or sil-ver, on-ly You can sat - is - fy.



You a - lone are my heart's de - si - re, and I long to wor - ship Thee.  
I love You more than an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y - thing.  
You a - lone are the real joy-giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.



You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To You a - lone may my spir - it



yield. You a - lone are my



heart's de - si - re, and I long to wor - ship Thee.

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## Post Communion Blessing *and* Prayer

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

***All*** Amen

*P* Holy One, we thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.

***All*** Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness,  
and journey humbly with you. Amen.

# *Stewardship of Life and Ministry Announcements*

## Benediction

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*P* The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod  
✝ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

***All*** Amen



# Sending Song

## I Will Follow

Words and Music by  
Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram  
and Reuben Morgan



Where You go, I'll go; — Where You stay, I'll stay; —

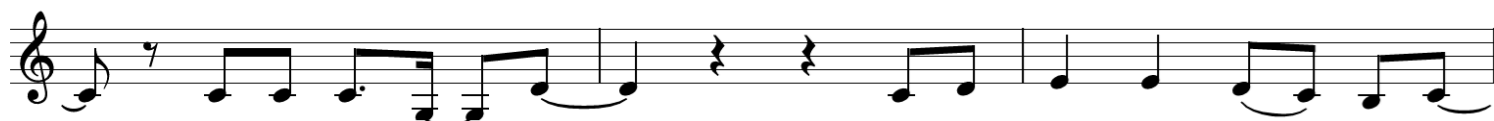


— When You move, I'll move. — I will fol - low. — Oh, —



oh, — oh. —

1. All Your ways are good, —  
2. Light in - to the world, —

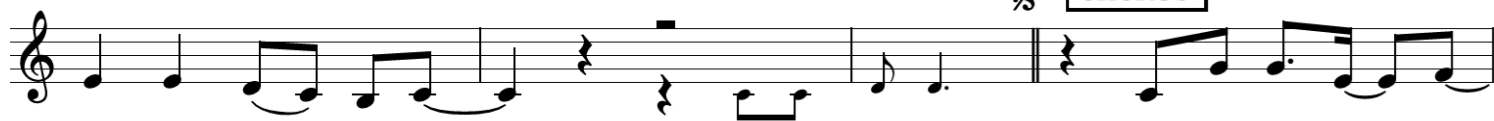


— all Your ways are sure; — I will trust in You a - lone. —  
— Light in - to my life— I will live for You a - lone. —



— High - er than my sight, — high a - bove my life; — I will  
— You're the One I seek, — know - ing I will find — all I

### CHORUS



trust in You a - lone. — Where You go, I'll go; —  
need in You a - lone. — In You a - lone.



— Where You stay, I'll stay; — When You move, I'll move. — I will fol - low — You. —

Last time to Coda




— Whom You love, I'll love; — How You serve, I'll serve; — If this life I lose, —

INTERLUDE

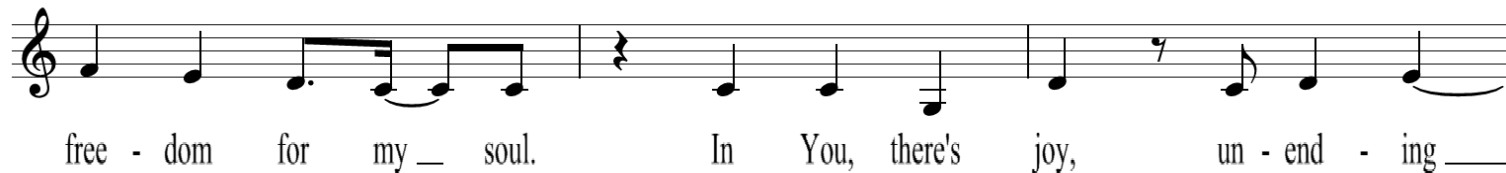


I will fol - low \_ You, \_ yeah. \_\_\_\_ I will fol - low \_ You, \_ yeah. \_\_\_\_

BRIDGE



In You, there's life ev - er - last - ing. In You, there's



free - dom for my \_ soul. In You, there's joy, un - end - ing \_\_\_\_

D.S. al Coda



joy; \_\_\_\_ And I will fol - low.

⊕ Coda



I will fol - low \_ You, \_ yeah. \_\_\_\_ I will fol - low \_ You, .



I will fol - low \_ You, \_

Dismissal

*P* Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**All** Thanks be to God.

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Readings for next Sunday,  
January 29<sup>th</sup>

<b>First Reading:</b>	Micah 6:1-8
<b>Psalm:</b>	Psalm 15
<b>Second Reading:</b>	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
<b>Gospel:</b>	Matthew 5:1-12

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