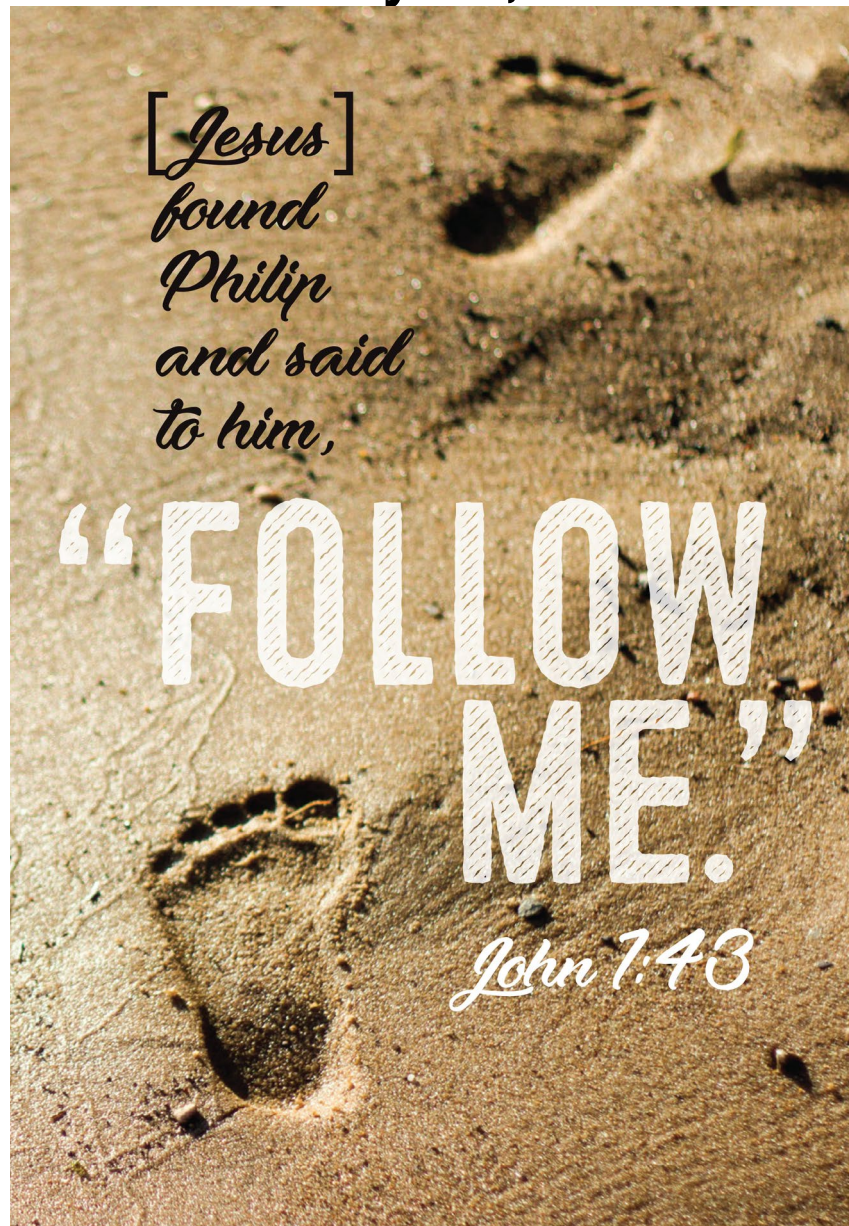


**Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 14, 2024**



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**WE WELCOME YOU** in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you are a guest, please sign our guest book by the outside entrance. May God bless your worship here today!

### Communion Note

The Lord's Supper is a gift of Christ given to those who He has called as His own. It is a gift that He instructs His family to use with care. It is for all baptized Christians who confess their sins, see Christ's forgiveness in the true body and blood of Christ they receive with the bread and wine. If you share this oneness of faith, please commune with us. If you have any questions, please speak with our pastor. Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of each tray for those people with special needs.

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**God Speaks, We Listen**  
**January 14, 2024**

**AS WE GATHER**

Since the beginning of creation, God has spoken. He spoke into being our universe and our very selves as the crown of His creation; He spoke when seeking out Adam and Eve in a fallen world; He spoke many times and many ways through the prophets; and He spoke by the very words that came from the mouth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. From Him came words of instructing, healing, forgiving, and of invitation to follow Him as we hear today with Philip and Nathanael. The Lord still speaks to us today in His Word, as His Spirit spoke instruction and encouragement of the use of bodies through Paul in his letter to the church of Corinth. Through all He speaks, we are called to listen to that Word to guide and direct, and to hear His continued words of forgiveness, peace, hope, and joy as “in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son” (Hebrews 1:2).

**+ PREPARATION +**

**OPENING HYMN 589 SPEAK, O LORD, YOUR SERVANT LISTENS**



1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to  
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten

me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,  
to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,

Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward  
Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,

strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with  
Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who

love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!  
feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.

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**INVOCATION**

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 139:1–10; 1 Samuel 3:9*

Pastor O LORD, You have searched me and known me!

People You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.

Pastor You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.  
People Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

Pastor You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.  
People Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

Pastor Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!

People If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.

Pastor Speak, LORD,  
People for Your servant hears.

**CONFESSION** *Psalm 145:18; 50:15; Isaiah 55:6; 1 Samuel 3:9*

Pastor As the psalmist declares, the Lord searches us, knows us, is ever-present with us, and leads us. He listens to us as we speak to Him. We come before Him in confession.

*Silence for meditation.*

Pastor "The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth."

People We confess, heavenly Father, that we often choose not to call on You in times of need, nor in times of thanksgiving. We fail to be near You in our opportunities to pray, praise, and give thanks. Forgive us.

Pastor "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

People We confess, heavenly Father, that in our days of trouble we rely on ourselves and not You. We seek deliverance through our own devices and peace through the temporary offerings of this world. Forgive us.

Pastor "Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near."

People We confess, heavenly Father, we are the ones who are lost even though You are near and present in Your Word and means of grace. Our sins of thought, word, and deed separate us from You. Forgive us.

Pastor Speak, LORD,  
People for Your servant hears.

**589 SPEAK, O LORD, YOUR SERVANT LISTENS**

3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing  
spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my  
light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my  
sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!

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**ABSOLUTION** 2 Timothy 1:9; Isaiah 43:1; 1 Samuel 3:10

**Pastor** As we speak and call out to the Lord in prayer and confession, He calls to us, His people, through His Word of truth, mercy, and grace; for He has “saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.” As a called and ordained servant of the Word and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People** Amen.

**Pastor** But now thus says the LORD, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine. Speak, LORD,

**People** for Your servant hears. Amen.

**589 SPEAK, O LORD, YOUR SERVANT LISTENS**

4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in  
me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me  
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your  
praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est  
praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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**+ WORD +**

**INTROIT** Introit (Psalm 40:1-5; Antiphon: Psalm 40:10a,b)

**Pastor:** I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;

**People:** I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

**Pastor:** I waited patiently for the Lord;

**People:** he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**Pastor:** He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,

**People:** and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

**Pastor:** He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**People:** Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

**Pastor:** Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust,

**People:** who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

**Pastor:** You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!

**People:** I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

**ALL:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Pastor:** I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;

### KYRIE 907 GOD HIMSELF IS PRESENT

1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him  
And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His  
tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in  
deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne

Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!

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### HYMN OF PRAISE 936 SING PRAISE TO THE GOD OF ISRAEL

1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His  
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on  
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His  
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -  
vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,  
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:  
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,  
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death  
Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a  
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -  
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and  
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our

might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!  
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.  
grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.  
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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## **SALUTATION**

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor Let us pray. Lord of all mercy and grace, You sent Your Son into our flesh to call us to Yourself.

People **Open our ears to hear Your voice and to heed Your call, even as we know You hear our prayers;**

Pastor through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING *1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)* (The Lord calls Samuel.)**

Leader Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. 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. Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said,

People **"Here I am, for you called me."**

Leader But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said,

People **"Here I am, for you called me."**

Leader But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the young man. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if He calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said,

People **"Speak, for Your servant hears."**

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 6:12-20* (God's call to flee from immorality)**

<sup>12</sup>"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved 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 not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." <sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup>for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**HOLY GOSPEL *John 1:43-51* (Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael.)**

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People Glory to You, O Lord.

<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 of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY 402 THE ONLY SON FROM HEAVEN**



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,  
2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!  
3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,  
△ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost



By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.  
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,  
And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:



No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly  
Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -  
That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en  
Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.  
fore us And bring us life a - gain.  
prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.  
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

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**YOUNG PEOPLES MESSAGE**



## SERMON John 1:43-51 “Who are we Following”

### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

### OFFERTORY 908 LORD, OPEN NOW MY HEART TO HEAR

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "I Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your". The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes, and the lyrics: "Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -". The third staff concludes the phrase with quarter and eighth notes, and the lyrics: "tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main." The piece ends with a double bar line.

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Hebrews 1:1–2*

**Pastor** Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

**People** **but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.**

**Pastor** As God has spoken to us in His Word through His Son, let us speak to Him in prayer. We pray for the Church of God and all people according to their needs. We praise You, heavenly Father, for calling us to faith through Your Spirit. As Your Body of believers, called to follow You, enable us to proclaim Your Word of salvation in all truth and purity. Soften the hearts and open the minds of all people, that they may know You have called them as Your own in grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor** As Samuel heard Your call to faithful service, let us also heed Your call to serve You and serve others in joy. For those whom You have called to serve as church workers, bless their ministry, protect their health and well-being both mentally and physically, and grant Your continued presence and blessings upon their work. For those You have called in other vocations with various jobs and employments, let all work be done as work done for You and the benefit of others. For the unemployed and underemployed, continue to give patience and an awareness of the gifts and abilities that come from Your hand, all the while serving You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor** As Paul calls believers to flee from immorality, give to Your people steadfast faith and the ability to resist temptation. As You in Your Law have given a clear standard for the right use of our bodies, which were bought at a price through the blood of our Savior, cause us to glorify You in our bodies and in our very selves. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People** hear our prayer.

**Pastor** As Jesus called His disciples to follow Him, so also help us heed His call and follow in faith. Even amid troubles and trials faced in body and soul, keep faith steadfast and firm with trust in Your presence, Your promises, and Your peace. Be especially with those who have requested our prayers, [*including . . .*]. As they call out to You, speak to them Your comfort, compassion, and care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People** hear our prayer.

*Additional petitions may be added.*

**Pastor** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People** Amen.

## + SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

**Pastor** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Pastor** Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

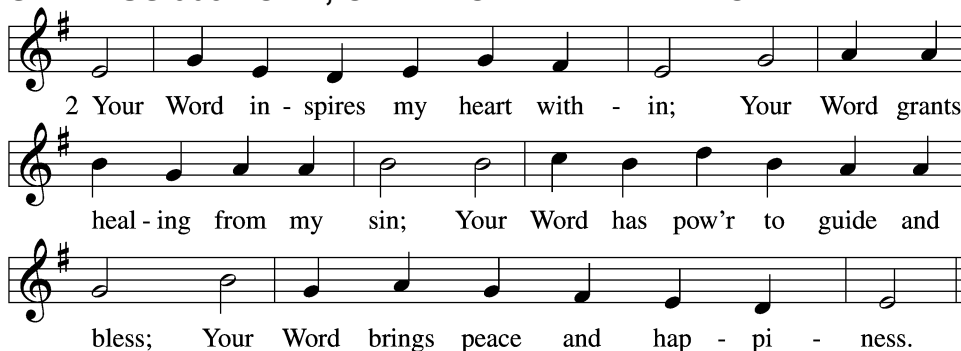
**Pastor** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

**Pastor** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; who by the Holy Spirit has called us by the Gospel, enlightened us with His gifts, and sanctified and kept us with Jesus Christ in the true faith. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS 908 LORD, OPEN NOW MY HEART TO HEAR



2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants  
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and  
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.

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### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**Pastor** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\times$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."  
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My

✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### LORD’S PRAYER

People Our Father who art in heaven,

### PAX DOMINI

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People Amen.

### AGNUS DEI 907 GOD HIMSELF IS PRESENT

3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,  
Trust-ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly  
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease-less -  
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still

Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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### + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

### COMMUNION HYMN 688 “COME, FOLLOW ME,” THE SAVIOR SPAKE

1 “Come, fol - low Me,” the Sav - ior spake, “All in My  
2 “I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
3 “My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
4 “I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your  
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,  
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,  
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,  
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
 With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
 In 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 must so - journ here be - low.  
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
 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: tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96; (sts. 1–3, 5): Johann Scheffler, 1624–77; (st. 4): Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge, 1695  
 Tune: Bartholomäus Gesius, c. 1555–1613, adapt.  
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## COMMUNION HYMN 827 HARK, THE VOICE OF JESUS CALLING



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?  
 2 Some take up His task in morn - ing, To their Lord re - spond - ing soon;  
 3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,  
 4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com - ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"  
 Some are called in heat of mid - day, Oth - ers late in af - ter - noon;  
 Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;  
 When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de - scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.  
 E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,  
 So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—  
 Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"  
 There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields.  
 Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.  
 Then the souls His grace has gar - nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

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## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE 895 NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,  
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,  
 △ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;  
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us  
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way  
 And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed  
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.  
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next!  
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**Pastor** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

**People** His steadfast love endures forever.

**Pastor** We give thanks to You, gracious Father, for what You have revealed to us through Your Son. As Your Spirit continues to call us through Your Word, grant us ears to hear, wills to obey, hands to serve, and hearts filled with the grace that You have bestowed in this Holy Supper. Strengthen and preserve us all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People** Amen.

## BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26; 1 Samuel 3:9*

**Pastor** The Lord, who calls Your name, bless you and keep you.

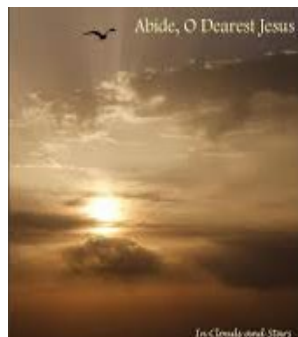
The Lord, who has bought you at a price, make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord, who has called You to follow Him, look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People** Amen.

**Pastor** Speak, LORD,

**People** for Your servant hears.



## SENDING HYMN 919 ABIDE, O DEAREST JESUS



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace  
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,  
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;  
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.  
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.  
Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.  
Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

5 Abide with Your protection  
Among us, Lord, our strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.

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## PRAYERS

Please remember these people in your personal prayers.

### Members with health concerns:

Jeanette Bunting  
Pete Smykla  
Don Richter  
Zac Dodge  
Mike McKenzie  
Jimmy Herrod

Millie Kroll  
JP Dunger  
Dorothy Herrod  
Siri Richter  
Sherry Reed  
Henry Thompson

Lloyd Wessels  
Melodie Bradley  
Kimberly Brinkerhoff  
Joann Wessels Rook  
Cherrie Bradley

Judy Wellenberger, home recovering  
Danny Forrest, heart problems  
Randy Thorpe, Cathy Webb's brother, CLL (Leukemia)  
Kasen Harris, Grandson of Carol Michael's best friend, health concerns  
Candace Hogue, lung cancer  
William Hogue, Betty Bennett Carter Johnson's son-in-law, major stroke  
James Marshall-Jernigan, Chronic Myeloid Leukemia  
Desiree Kuhs, friend of Melodie Bradley, brain tumor and a rare disease called Wegners  
Melodie Bradley's cousin, Lindsay, cancer

David Witt, cousin of Bill Witt, cancer  
Kathryn Lincecum, daughter of Siri & Don Richter—heart & health concerns  
Lisa Sayers, mother of missing daughter Sam, has breast cancer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time  
Prayers for people needing silent prayer requests.  
Prayers for the Sayers family for answers, on their missing daughter Sam  
Vanessa Upton, friend of Lynne Russell's, metastatic breast cancer, spot on her lung, getting treatment.  
Rev. Michael Harnack Pastor in Burbank Cal. Has been diagnosed with an autoimmune disease called CIDP  
Dan & Betty Rice  
Monte Coleman, health concerns  
Prayers for those on our hearts

Care givers - For the family and friends who provide care and support for the ill and shut-ins.  
For our congregations, our members, our nation, all Military and their families, 1<sup>st</sup> Responders, Firemen, Police and for Pine Bluff, all those around the world in need of prayers

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**See our worship video:**

Worship service on <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnkah2JqGwLDiudmTBDQaGQ>

Newsletter Deadline is this Wednesday.

10:00 Thursday, Bible Study

2024 Offering Envelopes are on the table in the Narthex. Please pick them up

Meeting for all counters and anyone wanting to be a counter, in the fellowship hall after worship.

It is time for the Lutheran Witness subscriptions to be renewed. The church pays for the subscription, and we ask the members to make a donation towards the subscriptions. The cost is still \$15.00

Flower sign-up sheets for 2024 are on the table in the Narthex. Price will be \$35.00 in 2024

Pictures for our new photo directory are taking place on Sundays. If you cannot make it on a given Sunday, make arrangements with Pastor or Donna to have one done during the week.

**Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Thank You!**



