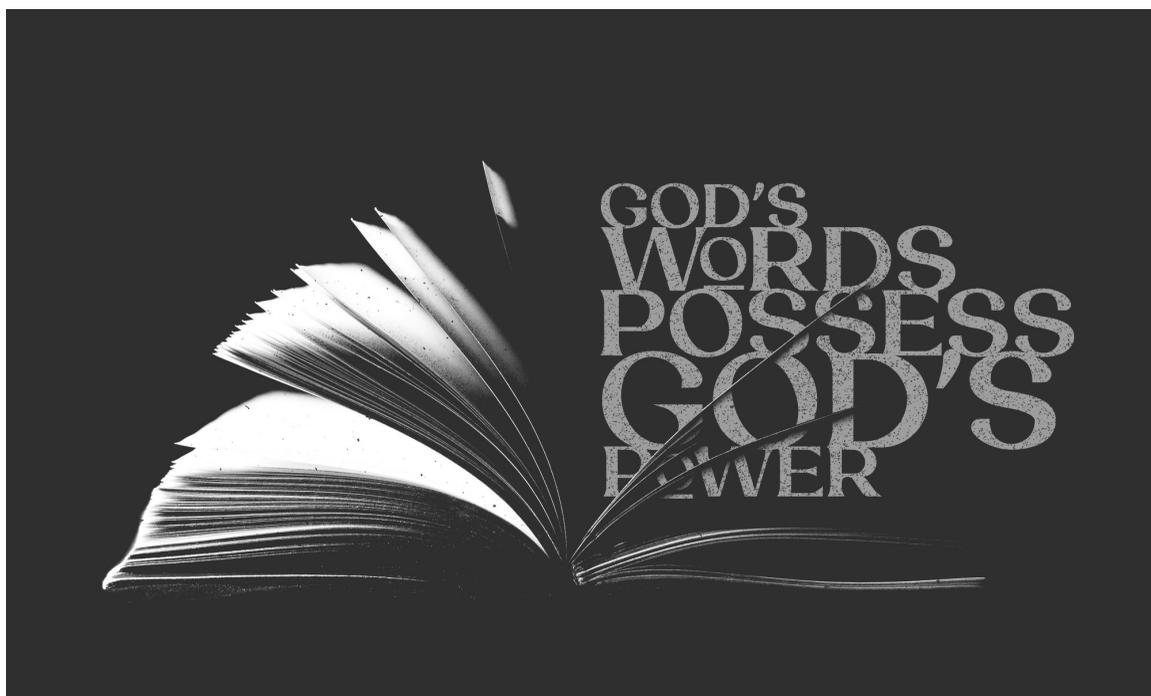


Through the Word, Christ Creates Committed Followers



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CHRIST Lutheran Church

"Our hope in Jesus is an anchor for the soul." Hebrews 6:19

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Mission Statement

With the help of the Triune God, our mission is to gladly nurture the spiritual and physical needs of our congregation, to train our children in the knowledge of the Lord, to reach out to others with the saving message of Jesus' love and forgiveness.

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

Series Theme: GOD'S WORDS POSSESS GOD'S POWER

There's the type of fan who follows his team if they make the playoffs. Then there's the type of fan who, regardless of his team's record, watches every game and knows the stats for every player. There are different types of followers: the half-hearted versus the committed. Jesus is uninterested in half-hearted followers who shoehorn him into their lives only when their other pursuits provide time for the Christ. Jesus wants followers who are all-in... who love him above all things... who would be willing to leave everything else behind if that were what it would take to be with him. We simply do not have it in us to produce that level of commitment. But Jesus' words have Jesus' power. In his gospel Jesus explains how he went all in for our salvation. He tells us he left the comforts of heaven behind to come rescue us. And through those words Christ creates within us the very commitment that he seeks.

Theme of the Day: Through the Word, Christ Creates Committed Followers

OPENING HYMN

453 Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spoke, "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
 life dis - play - ing. I bid you walk as
 love is glow - ing, And gra - cious words my
 souls' sal - va - tion, Your hearts from ev - 'ry
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing



world for - sake; O - bey my call and guid - ing.
 in the day; I keep your feet from stray - ing.
 lips ex - press, With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing.
 guile to free, From sin and its temp - ta - tion.
 to his Word, In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed.



Oh, bear the cross, what - e'er be - tide; Take
 I am the way, and well I show How
 My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To
 I am the ref - uge of the soul And
 For those who bear the bat - tle's strain The



my ex - am - ple for your guide.
 you should jour - ney here be - low.
 God I yield; on him I call.
 lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
 crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



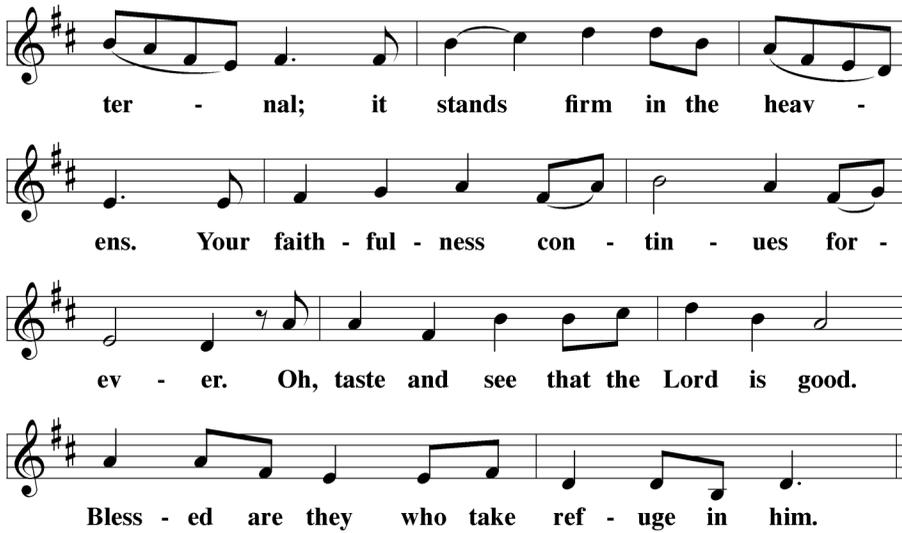
C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -

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ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

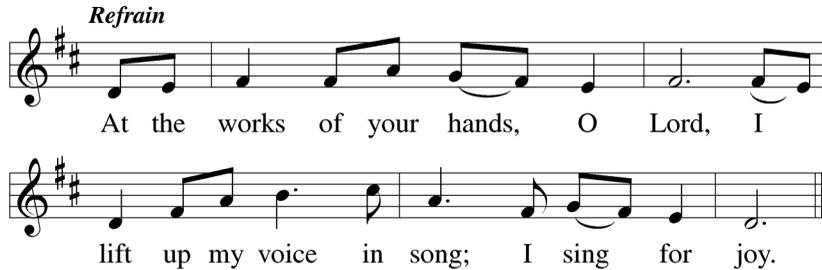


FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:19-21

So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. Elisha was doing the plowing with twelve teams of oxen in front of him, and he himself was driving the twelfth team. Elijah crossed over to him and threw his cloak over him. ²⁰Then Elisha left the oxen and ran after Elijah. He said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother good-bye! Then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said, “Go back! For what have I done to you?” ²¹So Elisha turned back from following him. Then he took the team of oxen and slaughtered them. Using the equipment from the oxen as fuel, he cooked the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he got up, followed Elijah, and served him.

Refrain



At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
 lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

*Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;
 praise his holy name.*

*For his anger lasts only a moment,
 but his favor lasts a lifetime;*

*weeping may remain for a night,
 but rejoicing comes in the morning.*

Refrain

*To you, O LORD, I called;
 to the Lord I cried for mercy.*

*Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;
 O LORD, be my help.*

*You turned my wailing into dancing,
 that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.*

***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.***

Refrain



However bold anyone might be (I am speaking in a foolish way), I am going to be bold too. ²²Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's seed? So am I. ²³Are they ministers of Christ? (I am speaking in a crazy way.) I am even more. I've done more hard work, been in prisons more often, been whipped far more, and I've been close to death many times. ²⁴Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods. One time I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. I have spent a night and a day on the open sea. ²⁶I have often been on journeys, in danger from rivers, in danger from robbers, in danger from my own people, in danger from Gentiles, in danger in the city, in danger in the wilderness, in danger on the sea, in danger among false brothers. ²⁷I have worked hard and struggled. I've spent many sleepless nights. I've been hungry and thirsty. I've gone without food many times. I've been cold and lacked clothing. ²⁸Besides those external matters, there is the daily pressure on me of my concern for all the churches. ²⁹Who is weak without my being weak? Who falls into sin without my being distressed? ³⁰If it is necessary that I boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

(2 Corinthians 5:19)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



When the days were approaching for him to be taken up, Jesus was determined to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²He sent messengers ahead of him. They went and entered a Samaritan village to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not welcome him, because he was determined to go to Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. “You don’t know what kind of spirit is influencing you. ⁵⁶For the Son of Man did not come to destroy people’s souls, but to save them.” Then they went to another village. ⁵⁷As they went on the way, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.” ⁵⁹He said to another man, “Follow me!” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰Jesus told him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Another man also said, “I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say good-bye to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus told him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

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Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken



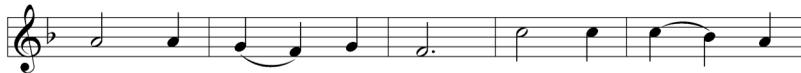
1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en,
2 Let the world de - spise and leave me;
3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure!
4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry,



All to leave and fol - low you. Des - ti -
They have left my Sav - ior, too. Hu - man
Come, dis - as - ter, scorn, and pain! In your
Armed by faith and winged by prayer. All but



tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, You on
hearts and looks de - ceive me; You are
ser - vice pain is plea - sure; With your
heav'n is tran - si - to - ry; God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry
not, like them, un - true. And since you have
fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you
hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this



fond am - bi - tion, All I've ev - er
smiled up - on me, God of wis - dom,
Ab - ba, Fa - ther! You my all in
earth - ly sto - ry; Swift shall pass the



hoped or known; Yet how rich is my con -
love, and might, Foes may hate and friends may
all shall be. Storms may howl, and clouds may
pil - grim days, Hope soon change to heav'n - ly



di - tion! God and heav'n are still my own.
shun me— Show your face, and all is bright.
gath - er; All must work for good to me.
glo - ry, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING *O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea*487:4

*You did not spare your only Son, But gave him for a world undone,
And freely with that blessed one You give us all.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

M/C: 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.

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN *Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give*542 (see hymnal)