



**Arlington Hills Lutheran Church  
Sunday, February 9, 2025  
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### Introduction

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God's glory. "Who will go for us?" God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

### Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Here I Am, Lord" arr. Anne Marie David

### GATHERING

#### Greeting

*Matt. 4:19*

P: Jesus says, follow me, and I will make you fish for people.

All: **Alleluia.**

#### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All: **Amen.**

P: 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.

All: **Amen**

P: Gracious God,

All: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and**

uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained 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.

All: **Amen.**

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Gathering Hymn*

**Gathering Hymn**

**“Jesus Calls Us: O’er the Tumult”**

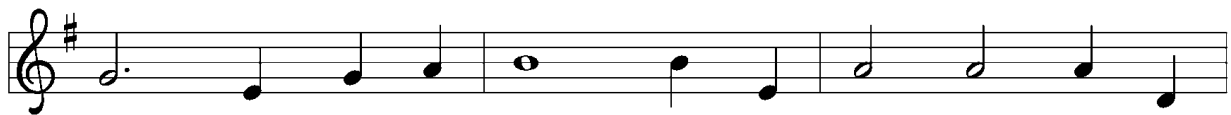
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1 Je - sus calls us; o’er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the

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

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.

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

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

All: **And also, with you.**

*Please be seated*

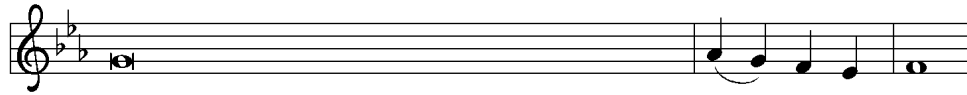
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



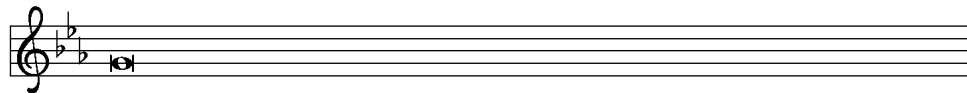
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



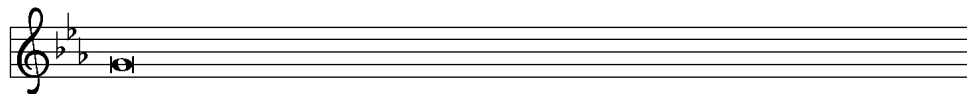
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.




Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

# This is the Feast


*Refrain*




This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and




blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

*Refrain*




hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

*Refrain*



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

## WORD

First Reading:

Isaiah 6:1-13

Assisting Minister

*Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"*

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."<sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" <sup>9</sup> And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'" <sup>10</sup> Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

<sup>11</sup> Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; <sup>12</sup> until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. <sup>13</sup> Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like

a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled. The holy seed is its stump.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: 138**                      **Read responsively by whole verse**

*I will bow down toward your holy temple. (Ps. 138:2)*

AM: <sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

All: <sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

AM: <sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

All: <sup>4</sup> **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

AM: <sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

All: <sup>6</sup> **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

AM: <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

All: <sup>8</sup> **You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

*Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.*

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,

<sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received:



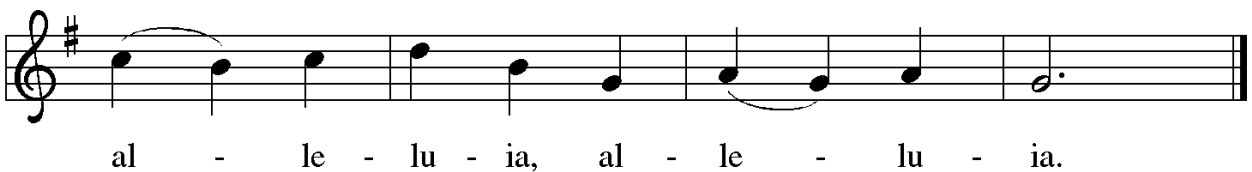
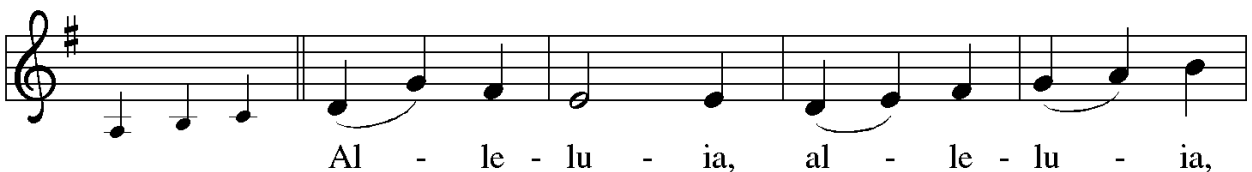
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Gospel reading*

### Gospel Acclamation



*Repeat alleluia*



P: The holy gospel according to Luke the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

## Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

*Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.*

<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.

P: The gospel of the Lord,

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

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

**Calling and Catching (People!)**

**Pastor Mitch**

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Hymn of the Day*

Hymn of the Day

“Here I am Lord”

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1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.  
 3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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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.**

*Please be seated for the Prayers of Intercession*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**AM:** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creations.

**AM:** *Each prayer will end with:* God of grace,

**All:** **Hear our prayer.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All:** **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## **MEAL**

**Offering Music** "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" arr. John Carter

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Offering Song.*

## Offering Song

### Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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## Offertory Prayer

P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

All: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Invitation to Communion

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

## Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

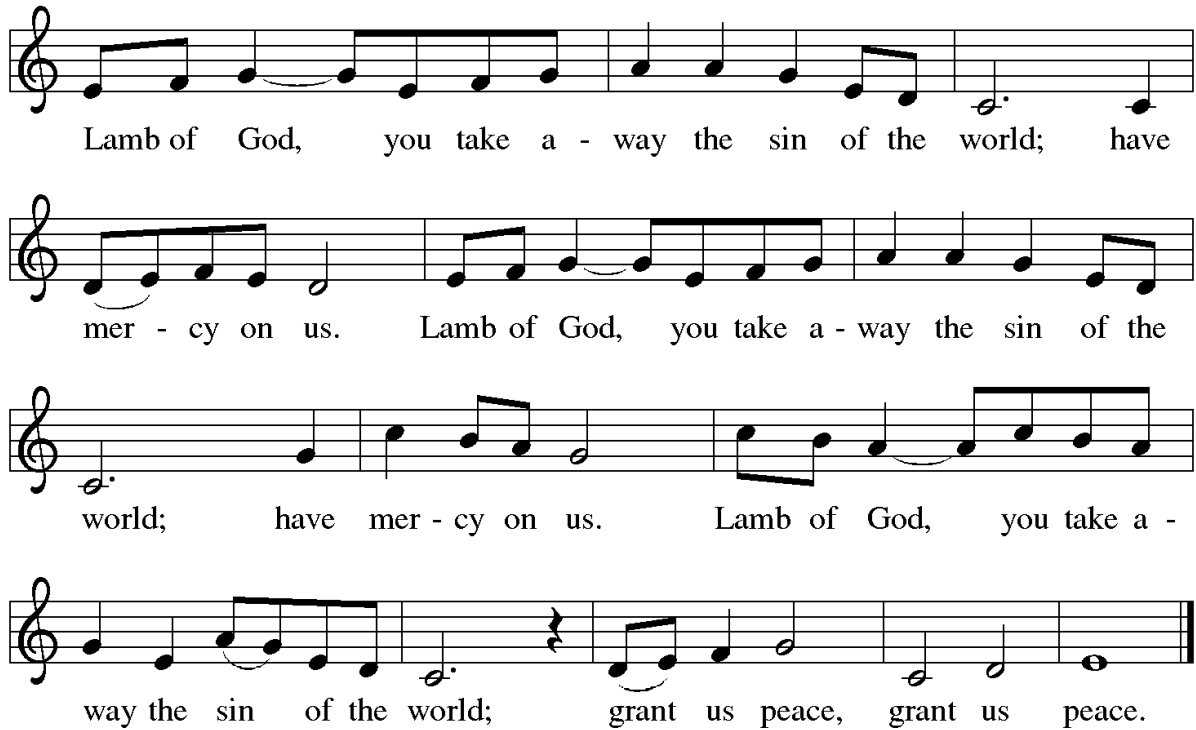
**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**



## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## Communion

*As pastor comes down to serve communion you may come forward.*

*Please form a single line to receive the bread from him by holding out your palms to receive the wafer. Once you receive the bread, you may go to the communion assistant on the side closest to where you were seated to receive the wine.*

*If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know, and we will bring communion to you.*

*Please feel free to say "Amen" after you receive each element if you wish.*

**Communion Anthem "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup" arr. Mark Albrecht**



### **Table Blessing**

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

All: **Amen**

### **Prayer after Communion**

P: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

All: **Amen.**

### **Sending**

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Sending Hymn.*



Verses 1, 2, 3 and 4 - Large printed words found on page 24



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace  
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,  
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach  
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.  
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

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 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional  
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**Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

All: Amen.

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

**Postlude**

**“Postlude in C Major”**

**H. Rinck**

**Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

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**Leading Worship Today**

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**Communion Assistants:** Cheryl Hollman and Diane Allmendinger

**Ushers:** David Almquist and Florence Rasmusson

**Hospitality:** Karen and Jon Helgason

**Livestream Producer:** Silvester Vicic or Jim Persoon

**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR AHLC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

Dean Anderson, Marjorie Anderson, Sven Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Dave Balfanz, Pamela Boldt, Carol Brockway, Carolyn Brusseau, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Jan and Wayne Frankenberg, Esther Hallgren, Adeline Hansen, Wayne Hansen, Betty Hasse, Patricia James, Jim Jaszczak, Velta Krauze, John Lind, Gene Linderkamp, Marilyn Nelson, Priscilla Reeve, Betty Richter, Marnie Rose, Betty Swanson, Ken Wagner, Gary Winter, and MaryAnn Wistrom

**February Birthdays:**

Carol Krauze	February 9
Carol Brockway	February 17
Debra Gray	February 21

**Concordia College Concert** - The world-renowned Concordia Choir of Moorhead, MN, under the direction of Dr. Michael Culloton will perform at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Maple Grove on Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. and at Trinity Lutheran Church in Stillwater on Saturday, March 15th at 2:00 p.m. From the music of J.S. Bach to familiar hymn arrangements, The Concordia Choir will amaze you with their technical mastery and incredible sound. Visit [ConcordiaTickets.com](http://ConcordiaTickets.com) for tickets.

**Let's  
Pray!**

**Prayer Prompts for the Upcoming Week. Let us pray together for....**

- 9. Another Day**
- 10. Unbelievers**
- 11. To see good in others**
- 12. The Gospel**
- 13. Thankfulness**
- 14. Loved ones**
- 15. Friendships needing healing**

## **Gathering Hymn**

### **Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult**

- 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding,  
saying, "Christian, follow me":
  
- 2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for Jesus' sake.
  
- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."
  
- 5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy,  
Savior, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

## Hymn of the Day

### Here I Am, Lord

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

#### *Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love  
alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

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## **Sending Hymn**

### **In Christ Called to Baptize**

- 1 In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace  
and gather a people from each land and race.  
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death,  
then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.
  
- 2 In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,  
a haven of welcome, a circle of care.  
Although we are many, we share in one bread.  
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.
  
- 3 In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach  
the life-giving gospel; God's love we will teach.  
By grace may our living give proof to our praise  
in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.
  
- 4 Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,  
for you are within us, around us, above.  
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.  
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.

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