

Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sunday, January 24, 2021

Welcome: *We would like to thank Kendra Frey and Andrea Nesbitt for reading the lessons today.*

Greeting

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

Call to Worship – Jesus Calls Us (written by Joanna Harader and posted on Spacious Faith.)

Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

Jesus calls us to worship.

Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

Jesus calls us to love.

Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

Jesus calls us to justice.

Let us heed the call of Christ.

Let us worship together with joy.

Song – O Jesus I Have Promised¹

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
Remain forever near me, my master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

O let me feel you near me; the world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But, Jesus, then draw nearer, to shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
Now speak, and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

Prayer of the Day

The Readings

Jonah 3:1-5 & 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an extremely large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

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. The Word of the Lord

Psalm 62:5-8

For God alone I wait in silence, truly, my hope is in God.

God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

In God is my deliverance and my honour; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before the Lord;
God is a refuge for us.

The Word of the Lord

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Reflection

Song: You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore²

You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
But only asking for me to follow. (*Refrain*)

Refrain: Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes,
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.

On the sand I've abandoned my small boat; Now with you, I will seek other seas.

You know full well what I have, Lord; Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
Just these my fishnets and will for working. (*Refrain*)

You need my hands, my exhaustion, Working love for the rest of the weary,
A love that's willing to go on loving. (*Refrain*)

You who have fished other waters; You, the longing of souls that are yearning;
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. (*Refrain*)

Prayers of the People

We pray: *Let us pray...* and respond: *Have mercy, O God.*

Holy Communion (Zoom Only)

The Lord's Prayer

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us;

C: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.*

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread,

and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

Song – I Love to Tell the Story³

I love to tell the story of unseen things above: of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true.
It satisfies my longings as nothing else could do. [*Refrain*]

Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; how pleasant to repeat what seems,
each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. [*Refrain*]

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. [*Refrain*]

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Follow the call of Christ. C: *Thanks be to God*

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