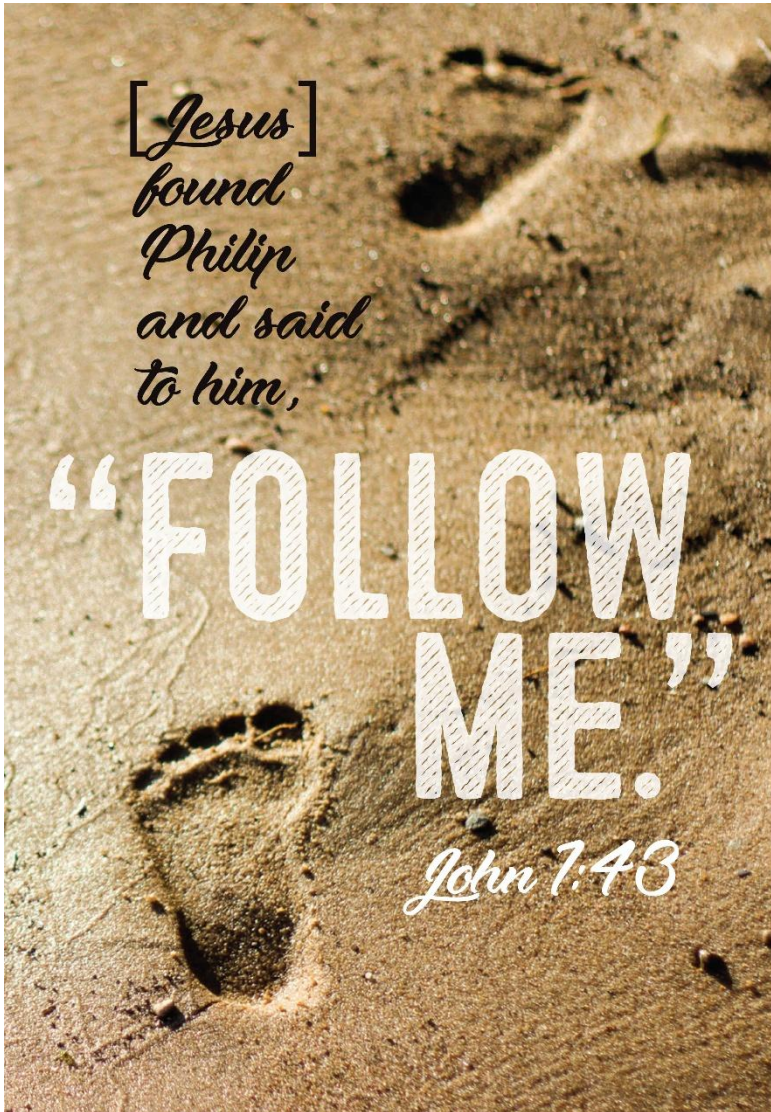


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**Pre-Service Meditation:**

**John 1:43** <sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

**Prayer:** Dear Lord Jesus Christ, You revealed Yourself to Your disciples in the proper way at the proper time. As the Living Word from heaven, You called Philip and Nathanael to follow You. So also have You called us through the Living Word of Scripture. Reveal to us the knowledge and spiritual wisdom that can only come from You. Let Your Holy Spirit dwell in our hearts and lives that we might continually grow in the grace and knowledge of You unto eternal life. Through Your saving name, even as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Opening:

## LSB 829 Christ the Eternal Lord

### Invocation

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

**P**: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P**: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C**: **who made heaven and earth.**

**P**: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C**: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P**: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C**: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**P**: Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**: Amen.

**P** All the earth shall worship You; and shall sing unto You, O God. They shall sing to Your name: O Lord Most High. Make a joyful noise unto God, all you lands: sing forth the honor of His name, make His praise glorious.

### Gloria Patri



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Hymn of Response: TLH 237

All Glory be to God on high, Who hath mankind befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray... Almighty and eternal God, have pity on Your weak children, and in our times of need or distress, mercifully come to our defense; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever,

**C** Amen.

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! <sup>13</sup> And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup> Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

**Responsive Reading****Psalm 104 Selected Verses**

**[P]** O LORD, how manifold are your works!

**[C]** In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**[P]** May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in His works,

**[C]** Who looks on the earth and it trembles, Who touches the mountains and they smoke!

**[P]** I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

**[C]** I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**[P]** May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

**[C]** Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

<sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup> But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"-- <sup>10</sup> these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. <sup>13</sup> And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. <sup>14</sup> The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup> "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

**Confession of Faith:****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 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.**

**Hymn:**

**WS 718 O Jesus, King of Glory**

**Sermon**

**John 1:43-51**

<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."

## **The Living Word Imparts Knowledge of Himself**

**Offertory:**

**Create In Me**

**Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**Hymn:**

**TLH 355 Thou Art the Way, to Thee Alone**

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

## Prayer & Lord's Prayer

**☐ 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**

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24-25

**☐ Amen.**

**Hymn:**

**WS 717 Bright and Glorious is the Sky**

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## Announcements

**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.





## Upcoming Events:

- **Annual Meeting:** Our Annual Meeting will be held January 25<sup>th</sup>. Church will be at 11:30am that day with no Bible Class.
- **Memorial Service:** A memorial service is planned for Mary Ann Moore on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 1pm. Our regular church service will be held at 11:30 that Sunday.

## Call News:

- Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, ***has returned the part-time call*** to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.
- Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN ***has returned the call to*** Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ
- Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran in Morris, MN ***has received the call*** to Trinity Ev. Lutheran in Spokane, WA.
- Pastor John Hein of Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN ***has announced his retirement*** from the ministry and the Board of Regents.

## Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> Redemption Sunday Service at 11:30

Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> Redemption Sunday Service at 11:30

Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> Redemption Communion Sunday at 9