



LORD OF LIFE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*CELEBRATING & TRUSTING
THE BRIGHT NEW LIGHT
IN THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST!*

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021



LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
“MAKING GOD FIRST THROUGH HOPE, GROWTH & TOGETHERNESS”

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Extended Prelude & Words of Greeting

Song of Light & Grace **“Lead Me, Guide Me”**
(Sung by Worship Leaders)

Akers

ref: Lead me, guide me, along the way;
 For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
 Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

vs. 1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow’r
 To help me over my weakest hour.
 Help me through the darkness thy face to see.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (*refrain*)

vs. 3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,
 I am blind without thy light to see.
 Lord, just always let me thy servant be.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (*refrain*)

Trusting a New Epiphany In Grace & The Bright New Light – Psalm 27

Pastor: Friends, today, trust anew the One who leads us and guides us, is forever walking with us, here and now, blessing us with a new epiphany in The Bright New Light of God’s grace, so we worship, in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Though evil is all around us, Christ is faithfully leading us, in God’s light and grace. Let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins and those times we have failed to drop our nets and to follow. (*silence for reflection*) Dear friends, receive a new epiphany today in the grace of The Bright New Light; Jesus saves; Jesus forgives you all your sins. Jesus walks right into our day, calling one and all. We live in the house of the Lord, in God’s goodness and light, thanks to the One who forever summons us and graces us to come and follow!

Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty and loving God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom, to call us by name, to lead us anew in The Bright New Light. By your Holy Spirit, give us a new epiphany to see this is only the beginning to so much more, as you come to us, as you break into our daily lives, as you grace us to drop what we are doing and to follow you anew. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hearing The Word of God

The Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

(all read bold print)

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 sea – 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 the 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 Jesus.** (New Revised Standard Version)

Children's Sermon & "Jesus Loves Me"

Percival/Warner

(Sung by Worship Leaders)

Sermon

"The Bright New Leader!"

Pastor Jamie Thompson

Call & Grace Anew

"The Summons"

Maule & Bell

(Sung by Worship Leaders)

- vs. 1 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
- vs. 2 Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
- vs. 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Sharing Our Needs and Joys with God in Prayer

Pastor: ... as we pray to you, Jesus,

All: Give us a new epiphany, in your bright new light and grace.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you see we need, grant to us we pray, for into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

We Receive the Gifts of Life from God in Holy Communion

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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

Strengthened to Live Today, All Our Days, In The Grace of Christ

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, for you are blessed with The Bright New Light of God's saving grace in Jesus Christ! In the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us go in the peace of Christ, celebrating the love of God, trusting anew every epiphany in The Bright New Light, and serving The Lord of life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Going Anew In Light & Hope "Everywhere I Go"

(Sung by Worship Leaders)

Ingram

ref: Ev'rywhere I go, On this road high and low
Where I go, I go with You.
So I won't be afraid, This is my hope, come what may
Where I go I go with You. Where I go I go with You.

vs. 1 There's a city that calls me by name
There's a city that calls me by name
Yes as I run this race I am cheered by the saints
There's a city that calls me by name

vs. 2 There's a future that runs through my veins
There's a future that runs through my veins
And there's nothing on earth That can stand in the way
There's a future that runs through my veins (*refrain*)

bridge: Your breath upon these bones Your fire in my soul
Your Kingdom is my home, And I don't walk alone.

Ev'rywhere I go, On this road high and low
Where I go, I go with You.
So I won't be afraid, This is my hope, come what may
Where I go, I go with You.

Ev'rywhere I go, On this road high and low
Where I go, I go with You.
So I won't be afraid, This is my hope, come what may
Where I go, I go with You. Where I go, I go with You.

Songs During Holy Communion (*Sung by Worship Leaders*)

“I Will Follow”

Tomlin

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move. I will follow.

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure; I will trust in You alone.
Higher than my sight, high above my life; I will trust in You alone.

ref: Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love; how You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

bridge: In You, there's life everlasting.
In You, there's freedom for my soul.
In You, there's joy, unending joy; and I will follow. (*refrain*)

I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Redman

vs. 1 Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name.

vs. 2 Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name.
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, (*refrain*)

ref: “Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.”

vs. 3 Blessed be Your name when the sun’s shining down on me,
When the world’s “all as it should be.” Blessed be Your name.

vs. 4 Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there’s pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name.
Every blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, (*refrain*)

bridge: You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, “Lord, blessed be Your name.”
(*repeat and then refrain*)

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*Join us next Sunday, January 31, 9:30 a.m., as we share and celebrate
The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany, "The Bright New Teacher!"
Worship to include a Children's Message and a Sermon from Pastor Jamie!
Worship to be 30 minutes, and to conclude with Holy Communion!
Join us in-person or via our live stream efforts!*

*As we share worship in this new way, we are seeking volunteers to assist
with greeting, ushering, serving communion,
live streaming, AV ministry, set up, clean up, worship leaders, and more!
You can access details and ways to sign up on our website and Facebook page! Thank you!*

*Friends, today as always, all who proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, are welcome to
God's table of grace as we share Holy Communion. Communion will be offered to you
following the closing song as you exit the sanctuary, as we share pre-packaged single servings
of communion, including a wafer and grape juice. Carefully pull back the first tab
to expose the host, the body of Christ, given for you; then pull back the second tab
to expose the blood of Christ, shed for you!
Please ask for assistance or clarification as you are served!*

*For those sharing their generosity today, we thank you for your faithful giving!
Offering is collected in baskets by the ushers as you exit the sanctuary.*

*For those who are not able to join us for worship, you are invited to receive drive-through
communion, available Sundays, 10:15-10:30 a.m. at the front curb near the church entrance.*

*We hope having the service provided for you in this way, will touch you, comfort you,
reassure you, and grace you in some way! If you believe others you know would be blessed to
receive this bulletin, the sermon notes, or our live stream links, please forward these to them.*

*In this time when we are committed to safety and social distancing, please trust we are equally
committed to keeping us socially and spiritually connected!*

On behalf of the Kingdom of God, thank you for the ways you make God and neighbor first!

*From everyone on every level of leadership and service,
we continue to pray for you and to give thanks to God for each of you!*

Please contact Pastor Jamie if he can serve you in any way: jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org

*We pray The Holy Spirit breathes anew on us to be God's people and to be God's Church,
as together we make known and we trust anew
God's gifts of hope, peace, justice, clarity, calm, and comfort forever break forth in new ways
for you and your loved ones, today, and as we share every gift of God's light, love and grace!*

“THE BRIGHT NEW LEADER!” - JANUARY 24, 2021
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JONAH 3:1-5, 10; 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31; MARK 1:14-20
Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

Leaders. Oh, how we need them. Oh, how we wish there were more of them. Oh, how we wish we could trust them. Oh, how we wish we believed they would be faithful. Leading is not easy. Following is not easy either. Who do you follow these days? Who do you trust? What keeps you from dropping what you are doing? It has been said, ‘the best leaders have the best followers.’ It has also been said, ‘the best leaders, began by being the best followers!’ How are you at following? How are you at following Jesus? In our Gospel today, Jesus, as The Bright New Leader comes to the first disciples, and they follow, and they follow immediately, and they follow taking action, and they follow believing. As we follow The One who first comes to us, who calls us to follow, let us trust, let us surrender, let us boldly answer the call, believing what we have seen, believing it before we ever see it, believing The Kingdom of God has come near, has faithfully come to us; to keep us faithful, to lead us, to save us, to grace us, in The Bright New Light of Jesus Christ!

1. The Bright New Leader comes to us ... personally inviting one and all! Jesus came to the disciples, in the middle of their daily routine. Trust Jesus is still coming to you, personally inviting you, counting on you! Mark 1:14-20
2. The Bright New Leader comes to us ... putting his whole self in, to put our self in, completely, turning us around, that is what grace, The Kingdom, salvation, truth, hope, power are all about! Jonah 3:10
3. The Bright New Leader comes to us ... that we might know The Way! Jesus came to lead us, to begin anew, to change our path, to change our direction, to change our heart, to change our life. Mark 1:14-15
4. The Bright New Leader comes to us ... sending us even when we are not sure how or where to go! Following The Leader, means following his lead, going when and where, even when unsure. Jonah 3:1-5
5. The Bright New Leader comes to us ... calling us to drop what we are doing! In the midst of all we have our hands on, all we could do, we are to drop it, leave it, and follow Jesus first! Mark 1:17,19
6. The Bright New Leader comes to us ... to take action, now, no waiting! Jesus came with urgency, every moment matters, every person matters, there may not be a tomorrow, or another opportunity. 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
7. The Bright New Leader comes to us ... empowering each and every step! Going to Nineveh, leaving our boats, requires us to believe, to be bold, even when we do not see each step. Jonah 3:1-5; Mark 1:20

8. The Bright New Leader comes to us ... to believe it, and to see it! Our calling, our path, our journey, our spirit, often must see it to believe it. As we follow, as we surrender completely, we will be given faith, to first believe it, and then to see it: The Christ, The Spirit, hope, confidence, purpose, God's grace! Mark 1:14-15
9. The Bright New Leader comes to us ... gracing us to make history! Whether like Jonah, Paul, Peter, Andrew, James, John, trust The Bright New Leader is making history, here, in you, through you, thanks to you, beyond you, believing in you! Jonah 3, Mark 1
10. The Bright New Leader comes to us ... This is how God leads, this is what God does, this is how God is God, in each new epiphany, in The Bright New Light of Jesus Christ!