

“Thank The Lord” ..... *Christian Worship page 36*

Thank the Lord and sing his praise.  
Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joice  
and proud-ly bear his name.

He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth  
in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing.

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

**BLESSING**

*Christian Worship page 37*

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.

C: *(sung)* Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn ..... “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”  
*Tree of Life Song Book*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world; The star of my life is Jesus.

**Refrain**

In him there is no darkness at all; The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path And show me the way to the Father.

**Refrain**

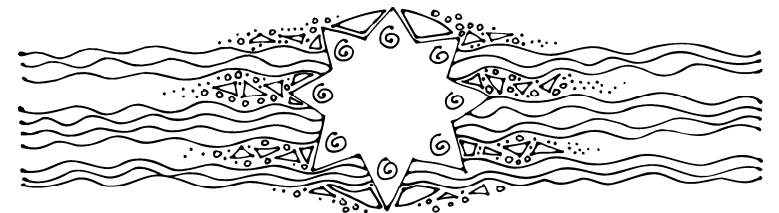
3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus.

**Refrain**



**AT ONCE!**

THE GOSPEL OF MARK



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**CALLED TO FOLLOW!**

**Good morning!**

Leave everything? Could you do it to follow Jesus? The calling of Elisha the prophet reminds us of the sacrifice it takes to be a follower of the LORD. May God renew our commitment to heed his gracious call to follow him!

**Opening Song**..... “Blessed Jesus, At Your Word”  
*Christian Worship Hymn 221*

Blessed Jesus, at your Word  
We are gathered all to hear you.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
Now to seek and love and fear you,  
By your teachings, sweet and holy,  
Drawn from earth to love you solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
Till your Spirit breaks our night  
With the beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us;  
You must work all good within us.

Gracious Savior, good and kind,  
Light from Light, from God  
proceeding,  
Open now our heart and mind;  
Help us by your Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry your people raises;  
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Praise to you and adoration!  
Grant that we your Word may trust,  
Confident of our salvation,  
While we here below must wander,  
Till we sing your praises yonder.

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“Holy, Holy, Holy” ..... *Christian Worship page 34*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

You are my God, and I will ex-alt you.  
I will give you thanks, for you have be-come my sal-va-tion.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, when ever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** *(sing)* **Amen.**

“O Christ, Lamb Of God” ..... *Christian Worship page 35*

*O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.*

*O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.*

*O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.*

*A-men.*

*BE SEATED*

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## 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 forever. Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT

### The Celebration of Holy Communion .....*Christian Worship* pages 33-36



*At Tree of Life, we desire to have all commune with us at the Lord's Table. However, since the Scripture encourages us to "recognize the body and blood of the Lord," "examine ourselves," and join together as "one body," we ask those who are visiting with us this morning to take the time to understand these teachings and establish a unity of beliefs with us before partaking of this act of fellowship. By this practice of close communion, we are in no way judging your personal faith and relationship with Jesus, we just ask for an opportunity for us to share our beliefs with you so that together we can make a true expression of oneness at the Lord's Table.*

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: (sing) And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: (sing) We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: (sing) It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## Service of Word and Sacrament ..... *Christian Worship* page 26

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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Prayer and Praise ..... "Lord, Have Mercy" *Christian Worship* page 27

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: (sing) Lord, have mercy.**

M: For steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: (sing) Christ, have mercy.**

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M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C:** *(sing)* **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

**C:** *(sing)* **Amen.**

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious: his name is worthy of praise.

**C:** "O Lord, Our Lord"..... *Christian Worship page 28-29*

O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.  
Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Father,  
you crown our life with your love.

You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;  
you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight.

You did not spare your on-ly Son, but gave him up for us all.  
O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther,  
you came to live with us;  
you made your Fa-ther known;  
you washed us from our sins in your own blood.

You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!  
O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** *(sung)* **AMEN.**

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**Prayer of the Church** ..... *Christian Worship Page 32*

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give to us to eat and drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waiver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith, and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**CALLED TO FOLLOW!**

1 Kings 19:19-21  
Vicar Steve Neuman

**Statement of Belief** ..... Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

**FIRST LESSON  
1 KINGS 19:19-21**

*“Following the Lord's call takes commitment.”*

<sup>19</sup> So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. <sup>20</sup> Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother good-by," he said, "and then I will come with you."

"Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?"

<sup>21</sup> So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his attendant.

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

**PSALM 62** ..... *Christian Worship* page 88

**Refrain:** *The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

*My soul finds rest in `God alone;\**  
*my salvation `comes from him.*

*My salvation and my honor de`pend on God;\**  
*he is my mighty rock, my `refuge.*

*He alone is my rock and my sal`vation;\**  
*he is my fortress, I will never be `shaken.*

*Trust in him at all times, O `people;\**  
*pour out your hearts to him, for God is our*  
*`refuge.*

*Find rest, O my soul, in `God alone;\**  
*my hope `comes from him.*

**Refrain**

*Though your rich'es increase,\**  
*do not set your `heart on them.*

***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**

**SECOND LESSON**

**ACTS 13:1-5**

*“The Holy Spirit directed the people to set apart Paul and Silas for the work of sharing Jesus with the world.”*

<sup>1</sup>In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. <sup>2</sup>While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." <sup>3</sup>So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

<sup>4</sup>The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. <sup>5</sup>When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.

**C: (sing) 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!**

STAND

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**MARK 1:14-20**

*“Hearing Jesus' call, two sets of brothers leave their life's work to follow Jesus.”*

<sup>14</sup>After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup>"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>18</sup>At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>19</sup>When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup>Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

After the reading of the Gospel Lesson:

**C: (sing) Praise be to you, O Christ!**

BE SEATED

**Hymn** ..... “Savior, I Follow On”  
*Christian Worship Hymn 473*

Savior, I follow on, Guided by thee,  
Seeing not yet the hand That leadeth me.  
Hushed be my heart and still; Fear I no further ill.  
Only to meet thy will My will shall be.

Riven the rock for me, Thirst to relieve,  
Manna from heaven falls Fresh ev'ry eve.  
Never a want severe Causeth my eye a tear,  
But thou dost whisper near, "Only believe."

Often to Marah's brink Have I been brought;  
Shrinking the cup to drink, Help I have sought,  
And with the prayer's ascent Jesus the branch hath rent,  
Quickly relief hath sent, Sweet'ning the draught.

Savior, I long to walk Closer with thee;  
Led by thy guiding hand, Ever to be  
Constantly near thy side, Quickened and purified,  
Living for him who died Freely for me.

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