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**PRELUDE
RINGING OF THE BELL
WELCOME**

LISTENING TO GOD'S CALL

AS WE GATHER

Jonah was a reluctant follower. He went to Nineveh begrudgingly, but through him God would issue a call for the Ninevites to repentance. Jesus would call Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow Him, and promised that through them, God would issue a call of repentance to many. In Baptism, God has called us to follow Him in a life of faith and repentance, and He promises that through us, others will also be called to that same repentance and new life.

+ PREPARATION +

856 O CHRIST, WHO CALLED THE TWELVE

- 1 O Christ, who called the Twelve
To rise and follow You,
Forsaking old, familiar ways
For ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear Your call
To risk security
And, bound in heart and will to You,
Find perfect liberty.
- 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve
The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith,
The ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray,
By Your empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek
Their light, their life, their Lord.
- 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve
Among the desolate
And broke as bread of life for all
Your love compassionate:
Lead us along the ways
Where hope has nearly died
And help us climb the lonely hills
Where love is crucified.
- 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve
On roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim
The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith
Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains
Both life and ministry.
- 5 O Christ, the apostles' Lord,
The martyrs' strength and song,
The crucified and risen King
To whom the saints belong:
Though generations pass,
Our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
Our lives an offering.

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(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 113:1–3

P Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,

C **praise the name of the LORD!**

P Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

C **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Mark 1:15; Psalm 113:1–3

P Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.

C **Yet we often do not live as You have called us to live as Your own. We do not always honor Your name nor Your calling with our praise.**

P We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You as we follow in faith.

Silence for reflection

P Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,

C **we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as ourselves, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. We have not always welcomed Your call for us to follow You and You alone.**

P The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel. Hear and rejoice in the Good News. Jesus Christ died for you, and for His sake, God has compassion. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in His stead, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

P Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,

C **praise the name of the LORD!**

P Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

C **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

+ WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 113:1–2, 4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 3

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!

Blessèd be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!

The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!

He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.

**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.**
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

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C **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 7:29–31

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE FOR EPIPHANY 3

Mark 1:15

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
A The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.
C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:14–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

915 TODAY YOUR MERCY CALLS US

1 Today Your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.

2 Today Your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father’s welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv’n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav’n.

3 Today our Father calls us;
His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather
Around the heav’nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father’s home.

4 O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You
When heart and eye run o’er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.

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SERMON

CREED

C **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ^T of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, as You have called us as Your own, gathered us together, and enlightened us by Your Spirit through Your Word, we bring to You our prayer and praise. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

839 O CHRIST, OUR TRUE AND ONLY LIGHT

st. 1

1 O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your fold with us rejoice.

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P We pray for all people of the world, that the Epiphany light that shines the radiance of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, shine in the hearts and minds of all people. For those who are wayward and lost and for those who have rejected Your call to repentance and faith, we pray You use us in our words and witness to point to You that many more would faithfully follow.

839 O CHRIST, OUR TRUE AND ONLY LIGHT

st. 2

2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.

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P Ever-present Lord, be with Your Church on earth and the congregations in their work to serve and praise You and to be nourished by Your Word and Sacraments. Bless those You have called in roles of pastors and church workers that they faithfully speak and live Your Word of truth and that the call to a repentant and faithful life in Christ be followed. Continue to raise up called servants and leaders within Your Church for Your work and mission to continue that many more may know You and follow where You lead.

839 O CHRIST, OUR TRUE AND ONLY LIGHT

st. 3

3 O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.

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P Lord of comfort and peace, be present with those who face various needs in mind, soul, and body, [*especially . . .*]. Grant healing according to Your will. Be with those who grieve that the assured promise of Christ's victory over death and the grave brings hope in times of hopelessness. For those who live in doubt, fear, and distress, extend Your call of grace through Your Word and those who proclaim it.

839 O CHRIST, OUR TRUE AND ONLY LIGHT

st. 4

4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,

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P Lord, we praise Your name for You gave Jesus Christ, whose love for us compelled Him to go to the cross that we by faith are saved. Unite us in Him and in our fellowship together, that in repentance we faithfully receive the gifts of life and grace He gives to us through His body and blood. Help us to draw our strength, love, compassion, and mercy through You.

839 O CHRIST, OUR TRUE AND ONLY LIGHT

st. 5

5 That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

961 SANCTUS

- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd, blessèd, blessèd is He
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C **Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

- C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

- C **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.**

PAX DOMINI

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

- C **Amen.**

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+ DISTRIBUTION HYMN +

688 “COME, FOLLOW ME,” THE SAVIOR SPAKE

- 1 “Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake,
“All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate’er betide,
Take My example for your guide.
- 2 “I am the light, I light the way,
A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day;
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below.
- 3 “My heart abounds in lowliness,
My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express,
With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,
To God I yield, on Him I call.
- 4 “I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul’s salvation,
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”
- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
In suff’ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain
The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Psalm 113:2–3

- P Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!
- C **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!**
- P As the Lord sent His life-renewing Word through Jonah and the prophets, be assured of His forgiveness and love. As the Lord called and sent His apostles to be fishers of men, hear His voice and follow Him. As we have received God’s grace this day for the sake of Christ our Lord, heed His call to repentance, rejoice in His forgiving grace, and give Him thanks and praise.
- C **Amen.**
- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

857 LORD, HELP US WALK YOUR SERVANT WAY

- 1 Lord, help us walk Your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other's need.
- 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,
But pow'r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servanthood;
In lowliness You died.
- 3 No golden scepter but a towel
You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow You
And live by Your commands.
- 4 You bid us bend our human pride
Nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task
That waits the gift of love.
- 5 Lord, help us walk Your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other's need.

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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

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Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12
Please pray for...

- **A friend of Luke Kirby**, comfort and strength as she has been diagnosed with cancer
- **Nicole**, Tina Aktipis' daughter, strength and clarity as she is in a bad relationship
- **Steve**, Son-in-law of Donna and John Camacho, Healing from surgery
- **Mitch**, nephew of Craig Oswald, who has been diagnosed with bone cancer
- **James Paras**, as he has entered hospice care
- **Joseph Winker**, nephew of Cheryl Paras, for safety and guidance
- **David**, friend of Lois Ann Vix, who is dealing with health issues
- **Gayle Smith**, Sister of George Thalman, peace and healing as she is dealing with cancer
- **Glenda Mockros**, please keep her in your prayers
- **Vivian Frazier**, For healing and strength as she recovers in rehab
- **Bridget Kuhn**, whose tumor has shrunk, pray for continued improvement
- **Elma**, friend of Lois Ann Vix, who has pneumonia and other health problems
- **Nancy Mockros**, daughter of Glenda Mockros, blessings on her work among refugees in Europe
- **Dennis**, friend of Lois Ann Vix
- **Marion Gerken and family**, for peace, comfort, healing and encouragement
- **Christin**- niece of Glenda Mockros– liver failure
- **The Carrasco Family**– friends of Chuck and Karen Braun-family struggles
- **Greg Jacobson**– son-in-law of George and Ruth Thalman– as he deals with cancer
- **Stephen Roche and family**- As wife, Barbara Ann, is now at the heavenly banquet of the blest
- **Nancy Bylina**- Friend of Jenn Marquardt, Prayers of healing as she has been diagnosed with cancer
- **Stephanie Warner**- Friend of Jenn Marquardt, Prayers of healing as she has been diagnosed with cancer
- **Pastor Dave Barber and Family**
- **Janet Bowers** – very good friend of Bruce and Judy Cueno, Prayers for continued journey back to health.
- **Mary Harmening**- For healing and strength as she recovers from back surgery
- **Dale Harmening**- As he enters hospice care.
- **David Brighton**- Tim's vicarage supervisor, was airlifted on Friday from Warner Robins to Grady Hospital in Atlanta (think being sent to one of Chicago's top hospitals). He is in critical condition with COVID, with brain and heart damage already assessed. We pray for God's merciful healing.
- **Ruth Goebel** as she recovers from a mild stroke
- **Lois Wycoff** comfort and strength to a lifelong member, as she is in the hospital

If you wish to add someone to the prayer list or make any changes, please give the information to Pastor Kirschenmann or contact the church office at 847-724-1034

This Week's Events

Sunday 1/24

10:45 am. Worship

12:30 pm. Sunday school

6:00 pm. Youth Bible class

Tuesday. 1/26

10:30 am. Coffee Hour

7:00 pm. Confirmation

Wednesday, 1/27

7:00 pm. Pastor's Bible study: Galatians

Thursday, 1/28

1 pm. Bible study: Coping with Stress

7 pm. Women's Bible Study: The Task-Filled Life

BOOK CLUB

Grab a copy of *I, Saul* by Jerry Jenkins and plan to be part of the February discussion. Copies are available at church and ebooks are available through the library. The discussion will be led by Kit Lenser.

See back page for events!

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor's Bible Study, "**Christ plus Nothing, a study in Galatians**", continues on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. This study helps us remove the lens of performance-based rules we often feel we need to follow in order to be "accepted" by God or "approved" by others.

To access this study,

Go to <https://koinonia.clickmeeting.com/galatians>

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The Thursday afternoon Bible Study is at 1 PM. Our study is called *Coping with Stress* and this week's focus is on "Our Sinful, Stressful Selves."

The Thursday Women's Bible Study is at 7 PM. We will be using the LWML study, "The Task Filled Life". This week we will be discussing the insights we gained as we considered Moses' 5 Excuses.

Both Thursday studies are on ZOOM. Go to Zoom.us OR call 312-626-6799.

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