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# From the River to the Mountain: Committed to a Lofty Charge

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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To whom does the work of salvation belong? Simple question. There is only one Savior. But this is how good Jesus is. So that our lives might have profound meaning and eternal purpose, he shares some of that work with us. He calls us not just to be followers, but to be follower-makers. Jesus asks some— prophets, apostles, pastors, missionaries, teachers—to do this full time. But ultimately Jesus asks all believers to serve as his ambassadors, sharing the gospel with whomever he brings into our sphere of influence. This lofty charge requires commitment—a willingness to abandon everything else should faithfulness require it. This is the life-changing revelation for this week. Jesus has committed us to a lofty charge: the privilege to play a role in his saving work.

May God bless your worship.



## Serving in Worship

**Preacher**  
**Organist**

**Pastor Matthew Langebartels**  
**Hannah Langebartels**

# † Order of Service †

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*Greeting and welcome.*

## **Hymn**

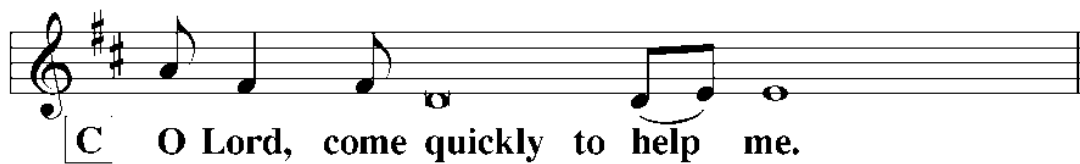
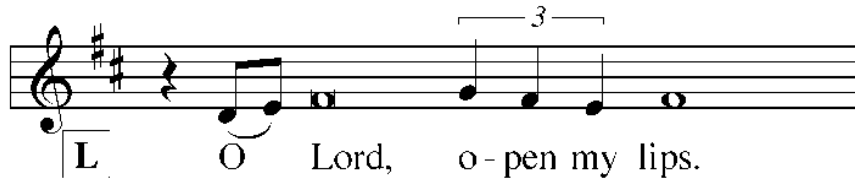
*908, Go Forth and Preach the Gospel*

- 1 Go forth and preach the gospel  
to all who are in need.  
As witness to the Savior,  
go teach by word and deed.  
The Spirit is upon us,  
and sends us to declare  
good news of God's forgiveness  
to people ev'rywhere.**
- 2 Go forth and preach the gospel  
to all who live in fear,  
and share the joyful message  
that God is always near.  
The Spirit is upon us,  
and sends us forth in peace  
to bring the poor glad tidings,  
that mercy may increase.**
- 3 Go forth and preach the gospel;  
go spread the news abroad!  
Proclaim to ev'ry nation  
the greatness of our God.  
The Spirit is upon us,  
that all may understand  
the promise of salvation  
revealed to ev'ry land.**

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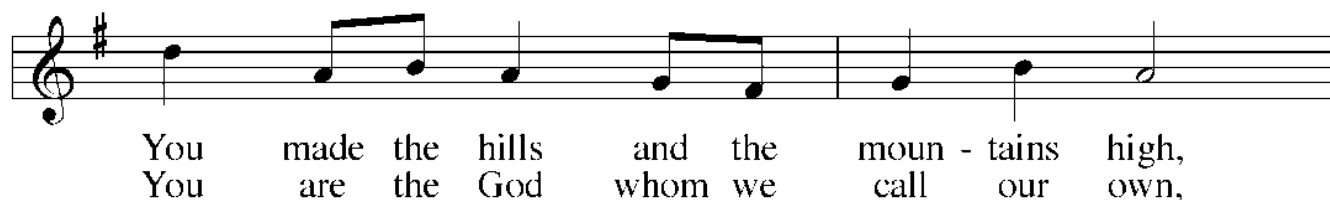
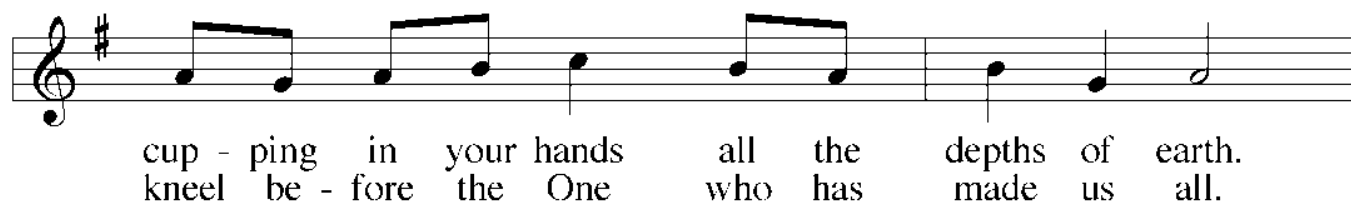
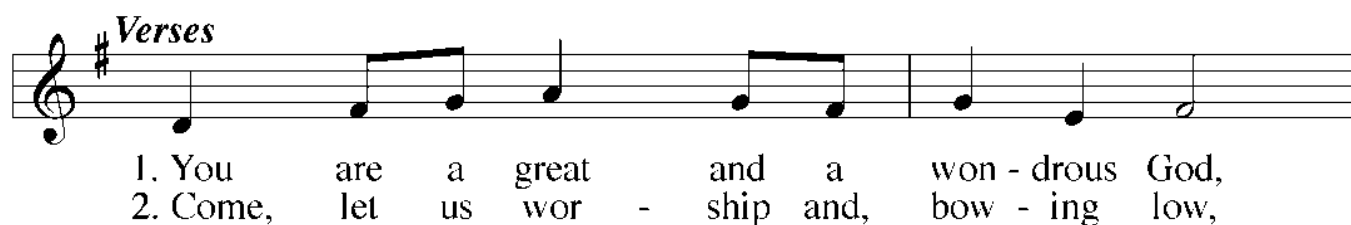
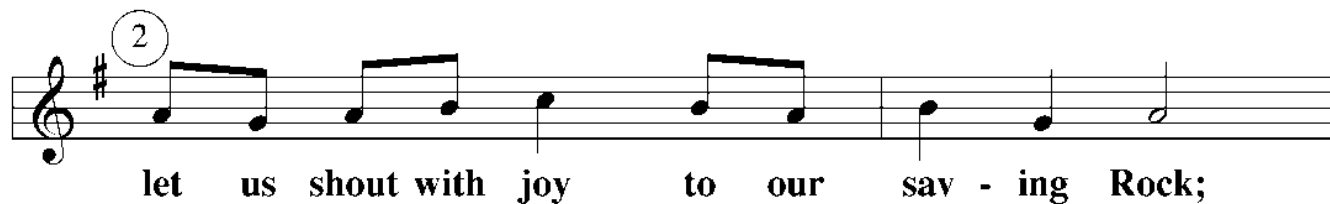
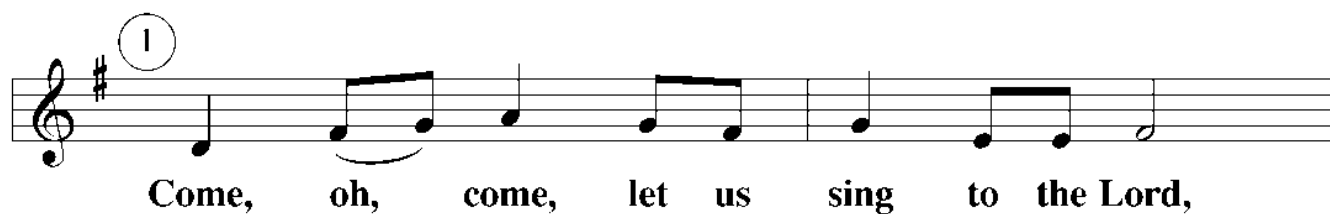
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Pastor will sing the "L" parts and the congregation the "C" parts



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*Please be seated.*

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## The Word

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### Children's Message

The children's devotion is a shortened version of the sermon intended to communicate God's truths in a simplified way. Children 12 and under are encouraged to come forward and participate in the devotion.

### First Lesson

*Jonah 3:1–5, 10*

*The reluctant Jonah had been given the lofty charge of proclaiming a message from the LORD to the people of Nineveh.*

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup>“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

<sup>3</sup>Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” <sup>5</sup>The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm of the Day

**62C, My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone**

*Sung by the Choir; cong. is invited to sing the refrain after v. 2 & 3*

1 My soul finds rest in God alone,  
my rock and my salvation;  
a fortress strong against my foes,  
and I will not be shaken.  
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,  
and lies like arrows pierce me,  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness,  
I'll look to him who hears me. (Refrain)

Ref O praise him, hallelujah,  
my delight and my reward;  
everlasting, never failing,  
my Redeemer, my God.

2 Find rest, my soul, in God alone  
amid the world's temptations;  
when evil seeks to take a hold  
I'll cling to my salvation.  
Though riches come and riches go,  
don't set your heart upon them;  
the fields of hope in which I sow  
are harvested in heaven. (Refrain)

3 I'll set my gaze on God alone  
and trust in him completely;  
with ev'ry day pour out my soul  
and he will prove his mercy.  
Though life is but a fleeting breath,  
a sigh too brief to measure,  
my King has crushed the curse of death  
and I am his forever. (Refrain)

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## **Second Lesson**

*2 Corinthians 5:14–21*

*Christ has committed to us, as his ambassadors, the message of reconciliation.*

<sup>14</sup>For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

<sup>16</sup>So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **Gospel Lesson**

*Mark 1:14-20*

*When Jesus gave Simon and Andrew the lofty charge of fishing for people, they left everything else behind.*

<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 has come 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 send you out to fish for people." <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.



The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

## **Hymn of the Day**

*743, I Hear the Savior Calling*

- 1 I hear the Savior calling!**  
The gospel comes to me;  
my eyes, once closed in blindness,  
are opened now to see  
that I myself was helpless  
to live eternally,  
but, dying, Christ did save me,  
and now he calls for me!
- 2 I hear the Savior calling!**  
He leads a soul to me,  
a soul in bitter anguish,  
one needing to be free.  
The gift I have to offer  
is Christ, my Lord's decree  
that all have been forgiven;  
my Savior calls for me!
- 3 I hear the Savior calling!**  
He gives this charge to me:  
to serve the best I'm able,  
whate'er the call may be.  
Thus hand in hand with others  
who share the gospel key  
we spread the gospel tidings;  
my Savior calls for me!

**4 I hear the Savior calling!  
He changes hearts for me;  
from door to door I witness  
to share my Savior's plea.  
Yet nothing can be added,  
no word on bended knee,  
beyond the simple gospel;  
my Savior calls for me!**

**5 I hear the Savior calling!  
His call has urgency;  
each moment souls are dying,  
soon comes eternity.  
And so, my precious Savior,  
this is my humble plea:  
prepare me for my mission,  
for you are calling me!**

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**Sermon**

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

## **Myopic Missionary**

**Hymn**

*695, Take My Life and Let It Be*

- 1 Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2 Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;**

**take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**3 Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.**

**4 Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

**5 Take my will and make it thine,  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own,  
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.**

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## **Friendship Registers**

### **Offering**

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Pastor will sing the "L" parts and the congregation the "C" parts

**L** In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;  
 be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.  
**C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have  
 mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## 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.

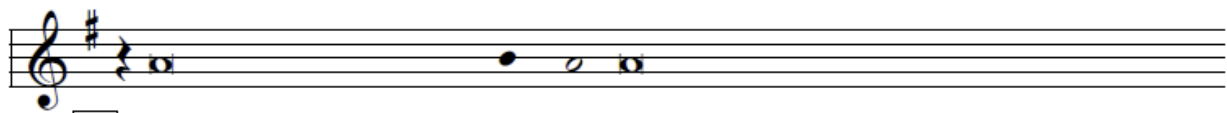
Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom  
 and the power and the glory  
 forever and ever. Amen.

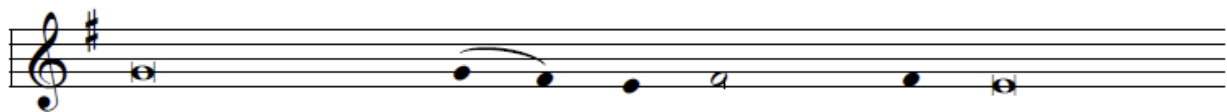
## Prayer for Grace

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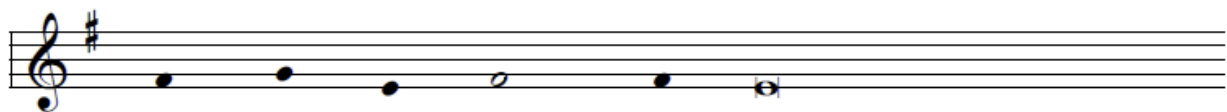
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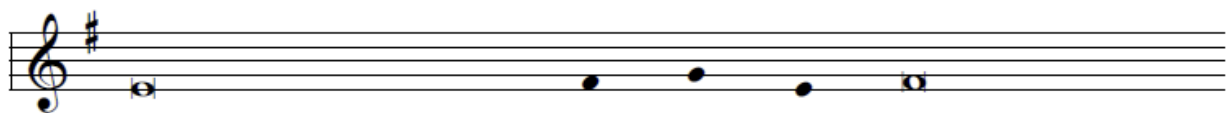
**L** O Lord, our heavenly Fa-ther, almighty and everlasting God, you have



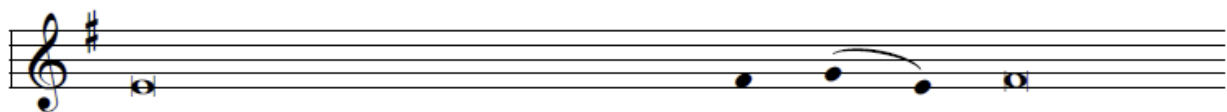
brought us safely to this new day. De - fend us with



your might - y power, and grant that this day we neither



fall into sin nor run into an-y kind of danger; and in



all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight,



through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **C** A - men.

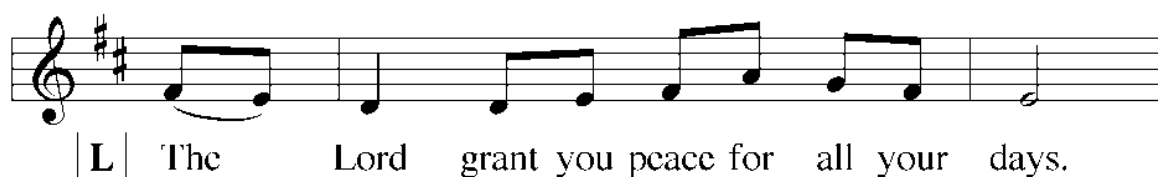
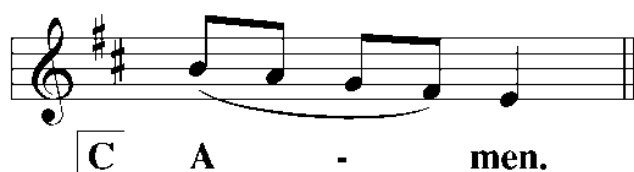
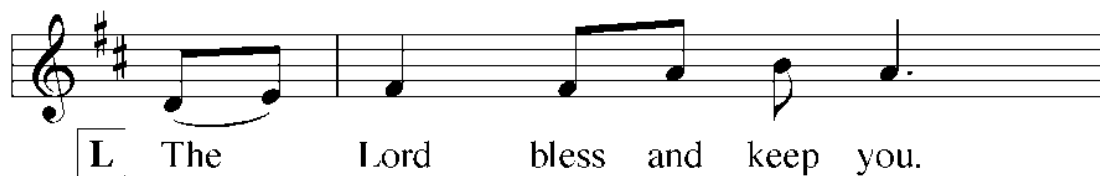


**L** Let us praise the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Blessing



*Please be seated.*

## Hymn

*746, I Love to Tell the Story*  
*1,7,3*

- 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 can do. (Refrain)**

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

**2 The Savior of all people  
has brought his peace to you;  
now go and tell the story,  
for others need it too.  
To ev'ry land and nation  
ring out the gospel call;  
proclaim that Christ is risen  
and grants his peace to all. (Refrain)**

**3 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)**

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**Attendance 1-14: 129**

**Offering 1-14: \$ 2,377.07**


**General Fund Balance as of 1-14: \$ 45,994.43**

## **Announcements**

**WELS Connection** will be shown this morning.

Mark Dembroski will be handing out last year’s offering statements for tax purposes after the service.

**Annual Voter's** Meeting will be January 28th directly after service.

 **Teen Group Event-** Valentine’s Days Spaghetti Dinner, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in Trinity’s Fellowship Hall. Invitations will be handed out today for R.S.V.P. purposes. Also signup sheets are located around the church.

This week at Trinity...

21 WELS Connection 8:15 Sunday School & Bible Study 9:30 Worship	22	23 7 pm EIO	24	25 6 pm- 7:30 pm Part 2 BIC When Christ Walked Among Us Classes	26	27
		Pastor Conference				

