



January 21, 2024
Third Sunday after Epiphany
8:30 a.m. Service ZOOM



As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

Good Morning and Welcome!

Guests, we are so glad you are here. Please fill out the yellow "Connection Card" in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave. *Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.*

[Online Worshiper Form \(Guests & Members\)](#)

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP - 8:30 a.m. ZOOM

Service of the Word & Prayer

** Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE: “Beautiful Savior” (D. Woods)
Previously Record on November 27, 2023

Melanie Payne, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kris

DIALOG

GATHERING SONG: “Mighty to Save”
Previously Recorded on January 15, 2023

(Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan)

1 - Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

2 - So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

Chorus
Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Bridge
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

THE PSALM:

Psalm 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.

⁶God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.

¹²Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be 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 possessions, 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.

*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*GOSPEL READING:

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately 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 to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Pastor Kris Schroeder

HYMN: "I Love to Tell The Story"

ELW 661

Previously Recorded with Randall Fields, Sarah Bilbraut, Lois Graff



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

***THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

God of Grace, **receive our prayer.**

THE OFFERING

Offertory Hymn “I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light” vs. 1, 3
Previously Recorded with Randall Fields, Sarah Bilbraut, Lois Graff

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Blessed are you, Holy One,
**for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray. Amen**

(you may unmute for the Lord’s Prayer)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

***THE BLESSING**

***THE DISMISSAL**

THE POSTLUDE: “We Were Made to Thrive” MLC Contemporary Band (January 15, 2023)

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

As announced during the service

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by ...

A NURSERY, staffed by Sarah Walker, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee, tea, and fellowship after worship in the Parish Hall.

AN OVERVIEW OF MLC'S END OF YEAR FINANCIALS will take place next Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to provide members a more in-depth look at MLC's assets and liabilities, the forecasted budget, the cost implications related to the congregation's desire to call a second rostered leader, and proceeds of the parsonage sale. The meeting will not be offered via Zoom but will be recorded and made available by request.

THANK YOU to the following people for their willingness to serve on MLC's Call Committee as we seek a second Rostered Leader to focus on Faith Formation. Please keep this team in your fervent prayers; Phil Reed, Valerie Christensen, Mike Mabry, Dorothy Seitz, Mark Zesinger, Diane Davis and Pastor Kris.

MLC'S TALENT SHOW IS SAT. FEB. 3 at 7:00 p.m. This year's show will be a "calorie cabaret" of delectable desserts prepared by MLC's Youth. All are encouraged to prepare a brief act, song, or other talent to share as part of the event. A free will offering at the door will support youth and the ELCA Youth Gathering. Contact Laura Peterson or Randall Fields if interested.

CHANCEL FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS for Sundays in 2024 are available. The cost to sponsor Sunday Flowers is \$30 per household. Up to two households can sponsor a single household. Please see the sign up board in the Narthex. A new, improved sign up board is coming soon.

A THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER GROUP IS STARTING IN FEBRUARY The group will meet on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays in Room 11/12 and also via Zoom. Come pray, learn, and be in community with others. All are welcome. There's a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center or you can email Claire Strand at claire@mlutheran.org POCs are Peggy Mabry and Claire Strand.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - Dark Towels (52 x 27) **FOOD PANTRY** - Mac & Cheese

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	Lector	Laura Peterson
<u>Director of Music</u>	Randall Fields	Zoom Admin	Meredith Kilby
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand		
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt		
	Meredith Kilby		
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Sarah Walker		

Pastor Kris Schroeder

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Pastor's Office Hours are M-TH

MLC staff will never directly solicit you to purchase gift-cards or withdraw money for

"sensitive matters," If in doubt call the church office.

Don't get scammed. If it feels fishy - it probably is!

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, January 21

8:30 a.m. Zoom Service of Worship

Monday, January 22

6:30 p.m. - Women's Book & Social Club at Kilbys

Tuesday, January 23

9:00 a.m. - Comforters

Wednesday, January 24

5:00 p.m. - Confirmation

5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner

6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir

6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir

6:30 p.m. - Notabella

7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir

Thursday, January 25

6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

Sunday, January 28

8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: *LBW Setting 2* w/the Lord's Supper

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. - *Service of Worship: *LBW Setting 2* w/the Lord's Supper

5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth

**These services are live streamed on mlutheran.org*

LOOKING AHEAD

February 3 - Talent Show

February 10 - Card Crafting Event

February 14 - Ash Wednesday / Lent Begins

March 24 - Passion/Palm Sunday

March 31 - Resurrection/Easter Sunday

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