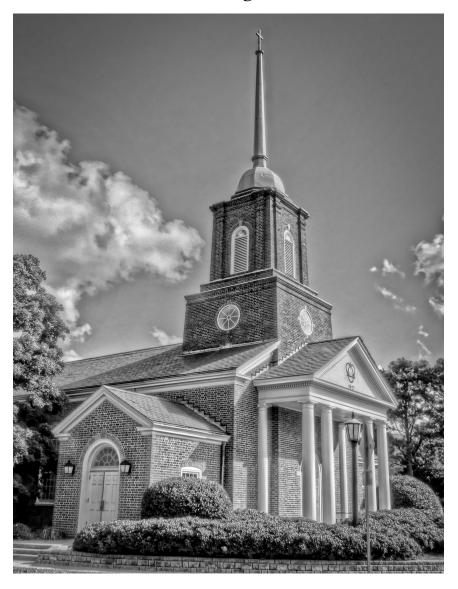
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Third Sunday After Epiphany

10:00 AM Worship Service • January 22, 2023 Setting 1



Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross — as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information.

The nursery is available, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

Trinity offers an induction loop for the benefit of hearing impaired worshippers. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T." If you are unsure if your hearing aid is compatible, please contact your audiologist.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

6812 River Road, Newport News, VA 23607 (757) 245-7861 – http://trinitylutheran-nn.com Church Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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THE CONGREGATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN — Ministers of the Word

We are an <u>all inclusive</u> congregation. Join us for a riveting worship service.

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PASTOR MELUSKY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;
Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm
Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

Pastor's Cell: (734) 239-4013

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Will You Come and Follow Me

arr. Mark Hayes

GATHERING

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal, we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.

Amen.

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

PSALM 27:1, 4-9 (read responsively)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple. For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

My heart speaks your message – "Seek my face."

Your face, O Lord, I will seek.

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away – you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

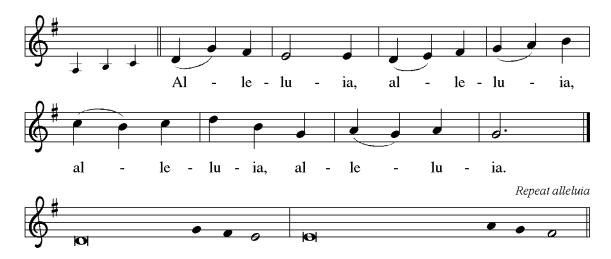
Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Jesus preached the good news | of the kingdom and cured every sickness a-| mong the people.

GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 4:12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles –

the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the

boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S CHAT Pastor Tina Melusky

SERMON Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

ELW 798

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM We All Are One in Mission arr. Joel Martinson

OFFERTORY HYMN Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful ELW 181

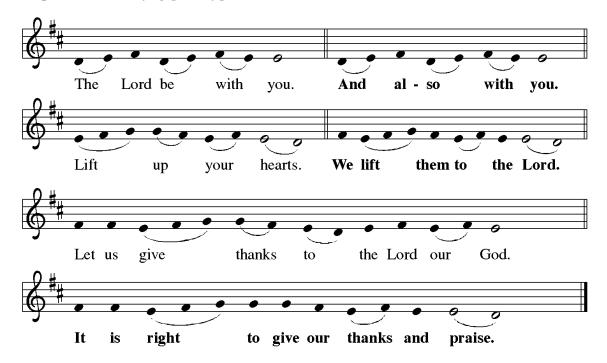
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Liberating God,

you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

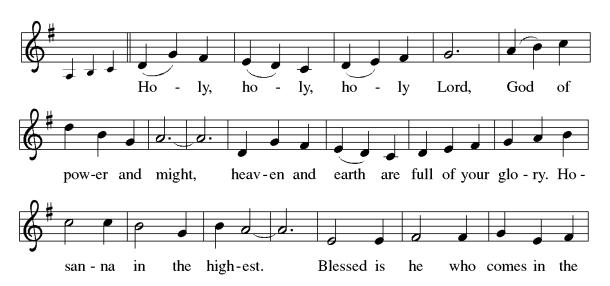


PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

ELW page 68

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

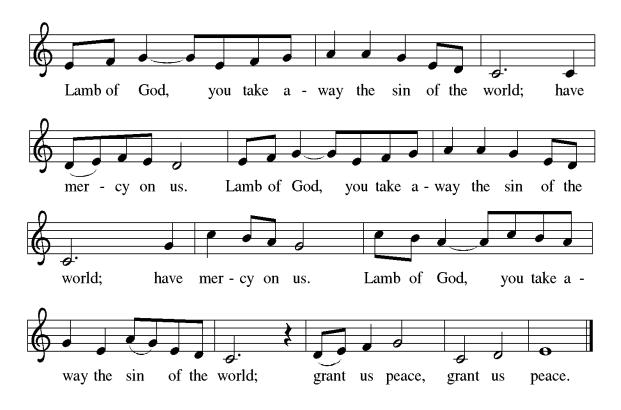
We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal;

among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

AGNUS DEI



MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

The Son of God, Our Christ SURSUM CORDA

ELW 584

The assembly stands.

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult SURSUM CORDA

ELW 696

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the law of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Grand Sortie John S. Dixon



ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>A Note from the Treasurer</u>: The 2023 offering envelope boxes remain in the church library for your pick-up. If you will be visiting any of our shut-in members, please feel free to deliver their boxes as well, and save us the cost of mailing. Thanks!

<u>Trinity Scholarship Forms available:</u> Scholarship forms are available on the youth bulletin board and online. **Applications are due May 1st** and may be **mailed or turned in to the office** in person. You may give them to Kathy Stevens, Anne Obara, or any member of the committee (Sandy Lunsford, Charlotte Duff, Jacob Wessler, or Al Lebold). Please note: **Applications must be fully complete** or they cannot be considered. Please contact Kathy Stevens if you have any questions. Tip: Don't wait until the last minute! References are part of the application and those take time.

<u>Bible 365!!</u>: This week, we transition over to the New Testament. Over the next two weeks, we will read Matthew (Week 3: 28 chapters / ~ 4 chapters per day) and Mark (Week 4: 16 chapters / 2-3 chapters per day). I hope that you found Genesis to

be quite an epic story. There are a whole lot of people in Genesis, having a whole lot of problems, and God remains with them, despite it all. Genesis has 50 chapters – it's a big book. If you have made it through already, pat yourself on the back. That's an accomplishment! And, have you ever read ALL of Genesis before?!? For some of us, that is a real achievement.

If you have not made it through Genesis yet, the key here is – don't give up!! We are early into this journey. You can simply keep reading at the pace that works for you, or you can mark your place where you left off in Genesis, and start this week new with Matthew. YOU decide! There are no wrong ways to do this. God will be with you on this journey (along with all of us!), and we will all travel in many and different ways. Do not be discouraged. This plan is not about accomplishment, productivity, or a to-do list. This is about attempting to walk a new path (for most of us) and being open to where we might find God or new signs that point us in that direction, or help open our eyes to ways of understanding our scripture (and that just might mean by changing some assumptions you've had about the Bible and its stories).

If you find yourself struggling as you encounter the stories in the Bible (most of us do!), it might be helpful to grow in your understanding of how the bible is written including its style and context. These two videos explore some of those topics and helps set our perspective in the ancient culture and literary style from when the bible was written and/or compiled.

"What Is the Bible?" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ak06MSETeo4

"Ancient Jewish Meditation Literature": https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=VhmlJBUIoLk

For those who might find it helpful, here are some videos to support and supplement your reading of Matthew & Mark. You might find it helpful to watch first so that you might have the overview to help guide your reading, or watch after you read to help you reflect and contemplate what you have read (again, totally up to you!):

Scripture Summaries & Overview:

Matthew (1st half): https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/matthew-1-13/

Matthew (2nd half): https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/matthew-14-28/

Mark: https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/mark/

Reminder: Our **first zoom discussion session** will be **Thursday**, **January 26** @ **7:00** (I'll send more information about this closer to the date.) As you are reading, feel free to jot down questions or stories that you found confusing, the characters you like or didn't like, the stories you enjoyed the most, those you enjoyed the least, etc. These will be the types of questions we'll use to structure our discussion time.

Please feel free to continue to invite others to join us. If you have names that I should add to this e-mail, please just let me know. If anyone has questions/concerns/ suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ...

<u>Tuesday Morning Bible Study</u>: On <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 24</u>, there will be a Bible Study from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Pastor Tina will send out a Zoom invitation.

COMMUNITY

<u>Sine Nomine and St Mark Lutheran Church</u>... are delighted to present pianist Beckett Behel in concert on **Sunday**, **January 29**, **2023 at 4:00 PM**. St Mark Lutheran Church is located at 118 Old York-Hampton Highway, Yorktown, VA 23692. 757-898-4395. Sine Nomine Presents | St Mark Online (smlconline.org).

YOUTH

Winter Celebration Youth: You will receive your confirmation email from the Synod office shortly. Attached will be a packing list that you need to review. Remember we will be on the top of a mountain so please layer. Meet at the Rummel house at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 27. Make sure you pack money for dinner in the way up and lunch on the way back, as well as whatever money you plan to spend on ice-cream.

<u>Sunday School for Youth Group</u>: Come and hang out before church (8:45 - 9:45) and join us in conversation and movie watching. We will be watching *La La Land* for the month of January.

FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

The Trinity Bell Ringers . . . will resume practicing after worship service TODAY!!

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131; Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg

Landing, Memory Care Unit): Joan Johnston (The Newport – Rm 33); **Shut-in at Home:** Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, Doris Moeser, and Dick Sallade; **Recovery At Home:** Bonnie Carlson.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: The Ahlen Family, requested by Kathy Stevens; Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother), requested by the Ardis family; Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia), requested by Patricia Fielding; friends and family of Donna Gauthier, requested by Laura Davis; Shirley Krause, requested by Anne Obara; Matt Eggar, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady.

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Belleville, IL.; Eric Lindfors, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB; Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and Elisabeth Bruce.

For those who have asked about **Shirley Krause**, she is doing well at the Sanders Riverside Rehab. Ctr., 7385 Walker Avenue, Gloucester, VA, 23061 in the Heron 1Bldg., Room 11. Spindler says she loves cards and reads them over and over.

Greenery has been presented to the Glory of God.

CHRISTIAN HOPE AND SYMPATHY are extended to Francie Pearce and her family upon the death of her father and our Brother in Christ, Alan Bobbe. At the young age of 97, with many needlepoint pieces accomplished, Alan passed away on Monday, January 16, 2023. Francie said that plans for her father were pending, but may take place later at the beach. Alan was originally from Albion Township, ND and will be laid to rest there.

The address to send cards to Francie Pearce is 196 Hilton Terrace, Newport News, VA, 23601. She has two brothers, but did not give me their names.

Please keep Francie and her family in your thoughts and prayers. "Thanks be to God who gives us victory over death through Jesus Christ."

Serving the Assembly

Crucifer Garrett Mynoymany

Acolytes Samantha Harry

Karina Stevens

Lector Sarah Green

Ushers/Greeters/ Judy Hunt

Presenters David Hunt

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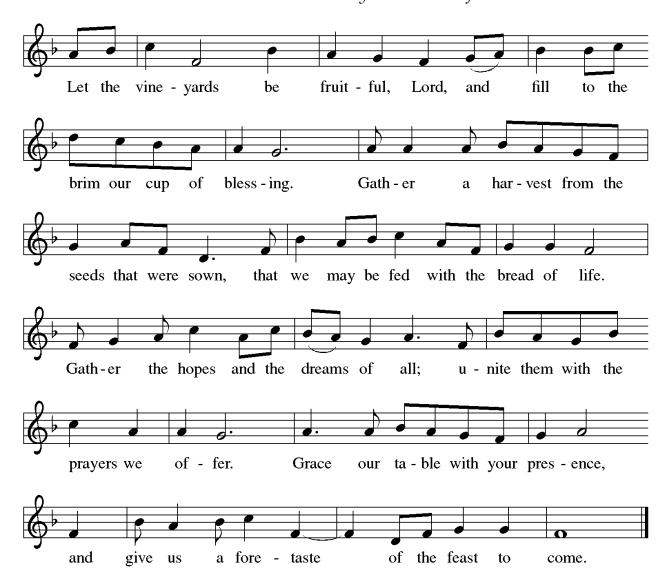
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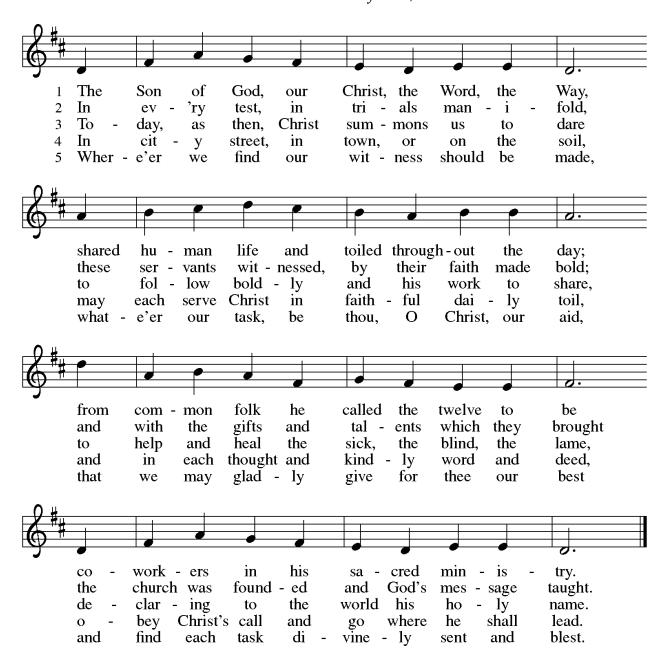
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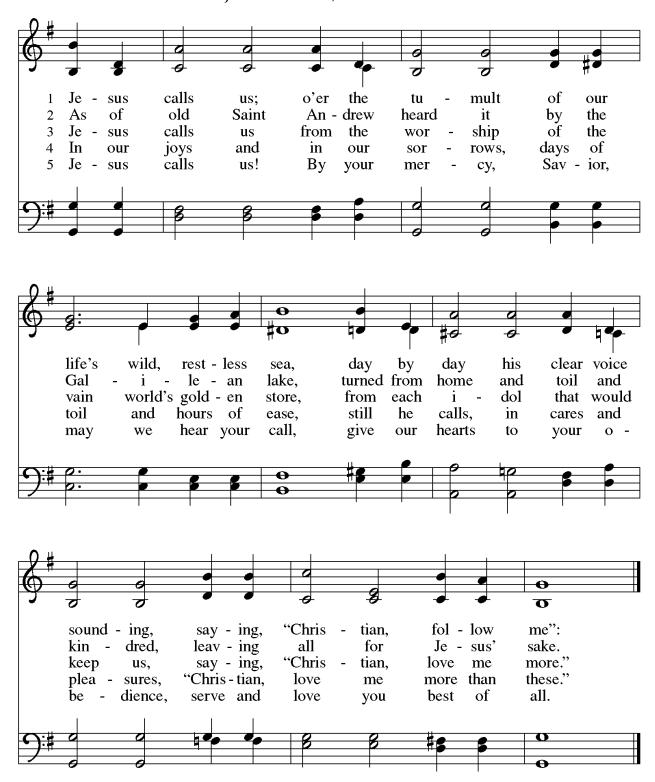
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