



Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 11:15 AM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Variations on “Kelvingrove”

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ 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.

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 511

Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send
 fill our songs with alleluias,
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 to thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,
 praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 praise the holy Trinity!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976
 Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944
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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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



Lis - ten! you na - tions of the world: lis - ten to the Word of the Lord. An -



nounce it from coast to coast; de - clare it to dis - tant is - lands.



1 The Lord who scat - tered Is - ra - el will gath - er his peo - ple a - gain; and



he will keep watch o - ver them as a shep - herd watch - es his flock. *Refrain*



2 With shouts of joy they will come, their fac - es ra - diant - ly hap - py, for the



Lord is so gen - 'rous to them; he show - ers his peo - ple with gifts. *Refrain*



3 Young wom - en will dance for joy, and men young and old will make



mer - ry. Like a gar - den re - freshed by the rain, they will nev - er be in want a -



gain. Break in - to shouts of great joy; Ja - cob is free a - gain! Teach



na - tions to sing the song: "The Lord has saved his peo - ple!"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

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,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

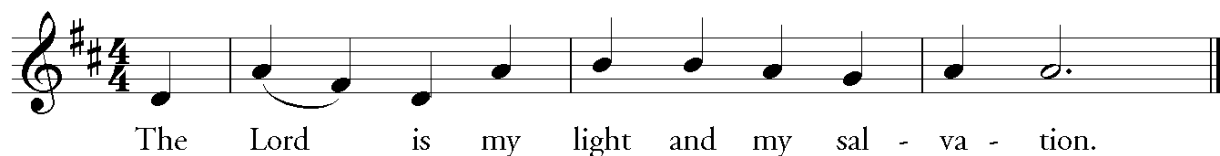
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

The organ introduces the Antiphon. Please sing the 2nd time and where indicated. Sing all verses in bold.



The Lord is my light and my salvation; ... whom then [shall] I fear?*
The Lord is the strength of my life; ... of whom then shall I [be] afraid?
One thing have I asked of the Lord; ... one [thing] I seek;*
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the [days of] my life;
to behold the fair beauty [of] the Lord*
and to seek him [in] his temple.
For in the day of trouble he shall keep me [safe in] his shelter;*
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling, ... and set me high up-[on] a rock.

Antiphon



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.



tone: WIE SCHON LEUCHTET

Even now he [lifts up] my head*

above my enemies [round] about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with [sounds of] great gladness;*

I will sing and make music [to] the Lord.

Hearken to my voice O [Lord when] I call;*

have mercy on [me] and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say ["Seek] my face."*

Your face Lord [will] I seek.

Hide [not] your face from me,*

nor turn away your servant [in] displeasure.

You have been my helper; ... cast me [not] away;*

do not forsake me O God of [my] salvation.

Antiphon

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 798

Will You Come and Follow Me



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



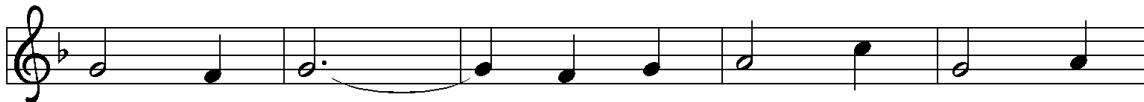
your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each portion of the prayers:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us
You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

I love to tell the story

Emma Lou Diemer

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hears.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

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

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosotros tu reino,
hagase tu voluntad,
asi en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,
mas libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are two stations at the foot of the chancel steps. Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ. (Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server) Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



♩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



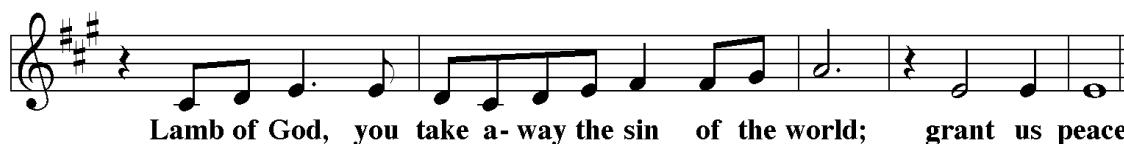
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.



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

COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 817

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore



1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
 love for the rest of the wea - ry - a love that's
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.
 ask - ing for me to fol - low.
 fish nets and will for work - ing.
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.
 Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain / Estribillo



Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi
 you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
 small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

2 Tú sabes bien lo que tengo:
 en mi barca no hay oro no espadas;
 tan sólo redes y mi trabajo.
 Estribillo

3 Tú necesitas mis manos,
 mi cansancio que a otros descanse,
 amor que quiera seguir amando.
 Estribillo

4 Tú, Pescador de otros mares;
 ansia eterna de almas que esperan.
 Amigo bueno, que así me llamas.
 Estribillo

Text: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1936–1991; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946
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Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank-ful hearts and voices raise; tell ev-'ry-
one what God has done. Let all who
seek the Lord rejoice, rejoice and
bear Christ's ho-ly name. Send us, O God, with your
prom-ises, and lead us forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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.

SENDING

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 • ELW 661

I Love to Tell The Story



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

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fantasay on “Ebenezer”

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTER

The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

PREACHING MINISTER

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

READER

Patsy Zawistoski

MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, Jan. 22—Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:45 AM Holy Communion
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
10:00 AM Reception
10:15 AM Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
11:15 AM Holy Communion
5:00 PM San Lucas Misa Español

MONDAY, January 23

8:00 AM CDS Classes
5:30 PM WELCA Board (zoom)
6:00 PM Yoga
7:00 PM ESL

TUESDAY, January 24

8:00 AM CDS Classes
4:30 PM Piano Lessons
7:00 PM ESL
7:00 PM Girl Scouts
7:00 PM Reformation Bells

WEDNESDAY, January 25

7:00 AM Zoom Faith Connections
8:00 AM CDS Classes
10:00 AM Women in Community
10:00 AM CDS Chapel
5:00 PM Choristers RSCM program
6:00 PM CDS Open House
7:00 PM Finance Committee (Zoom)
7:00 PM ESL
7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
7:30 PM AA

THURSDAY, January 26

8:00 AM CDS Classes
4:00 PM CARing Project
7:30 PM Zoom Centering Prayer

FRIDAY, January 27

8:00 AM CDS Classes
7:00 PM Book and Video Group

SATURDAY, January 28

9:30 AM AA
11:00 AM Al-Anon

SUNDAY, Jan. 29—Presentation of Our Lord

8:45 AM Holy Communion
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
10:00 AM SLSHY
10:00 AM Reception
10:15 AM Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
11:15 AM Holy Communion

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed

Upcoming Commemorations

Conversion of Paul

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries

Thursday, January 26, 2023

These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith

Friday, January 27, 2023

Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae.

Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274

Saturday, January 28, 2023

One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymnwriter.

Saint Luke Update

1/22/2023 Edition

MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED INDOORS AT SAINT LUKE

ANNIVERSARY OFFERING

Recently, January 14, Saint Luke Lutheran Church celebrated 83 years of mission and ministry. It has been Saint Luke's custom to receive an Anniversary Offering, with the hope that the gifts help the gospel message to increase in another ministry setting. After prayerful consideration the Saint Luke Council has designated the 2023 Anniversary Offering for **San Marcos Lutheran Church, Bucaramanga, Columbia**. As Saint Luke congregation was helped 83 years ago to establish this ministry, we rejoice that we can now assist San Marcos.

San Marcos is located in a rural, mountainous, and dangerous area with gang warfare all around. San Marcos, has created an after-school program for the children, a food program as well, to help keep them focused and safe from gang violence. They even recently developed a martial arts program for the young people. Retired Pastor Israel Martinez basically volunteers to help with this ministry and mission. Our own Pastor Morales has been there and witnessed this ministry setting.

All gifts will benefit the after-school outreach for the children. To give, go to www.saintlugegive.us and click Anniversary Offering. Checks may also be received. Simply make the check out to Saint Luke Lutheran Church and note *Anniversary Offering 2023*. Thank you for your care for these children of God.

MISA ESPAÑOL

Just a reminder that this afternoon we continue with this month's worship service in the Spanish language at 5:00 p.m. Please pass the word to anyone you know of who might like to attend. This service is in person as well as livestreamed at www.saintlugeonline.us

ALTAR FLOWERS

What a wonderful way to honor or remember someone or an event, and give glory to God—yes, by dedicating altar flowers. If you can do this, kindly go to www.saintluge.us and in the left hand column click *Altar Flowers*. Thank you for considering this beautiful ministry outreach.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL: EXCITING NEWS

Starting with the 2023-24 school year, aftercare will be added—what a wonderful new addition and outreach. Check out the enrollment information and all the news at www.saintlugekids.org. Application deadline for enrollment is February 7 and applications will be considered on a first come first served basis. Thanks for all passing this information on to friends and neighborhood listservs.

Today's Music

HYMN NOTES

Thy Strong Word

Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976

Franzmann wrote this text in 1954 for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and based it on the seminary motto “Another to Phos” (From the Light). It is a powerful, positive text on the strength of God’s Word—in creation, in sending salvation, in redemption on the cross, and in sanctification. Notice stanza five in which all of our body vocal parts are called upon to sing “Alleluias without end!” - Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Will You Come and Follow Me

John Bell, b. 1949

According to Bell, this text was written “for the sending out of one our youth volunteers. This was a scheme sponsored by the Iona Community whereby young people gave a year or tow to live in impoverished parts of Scotland, on the dole, and work out their discipleship in hard places. When they finished, my colleague and I would often write a song for their farewell ceremony always held in the house where they had been working. The words of this song therefore reflect the experience of the volunteer concerned. But we only wrote it for one-off use. It probably goes back to around 1986-7.—ELW Hymnal Companion

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Cesareo Gabarain, 1936-1991

This hymn is based on the call to Peter, Andrew, James, and John in Matthew 4:18-22. It has been translated into many languages. The translation used in our hymnal was done by Madeleine Forell Marshall. She and her husband first sang the hymn while he was a mission developer for the Lutheran Church in America in Puerto Rico. Her translation was first sung in the chapel at St. Olaf College in 1988 or 1989.—ELW Hymnal Companion

I Love to Tell the Story

Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

Many people sing this hymn vigorously but do little to go out and “tell the story” beyond the church walls. Kate Hankey startled England by the unheard-of thing by starting a Bible class for working girls in London. She also served as a nurse in South Africa, and turned over all proceeds from her writings to Christian missions. She lived what she wrote! - Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude: Variations on “Kelvingrove” - Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

Commissioned by the American organist Kenrick Mervine, this work was composed in 2014. The theme is harmonized simply and six variations follow, the first of which is a kind of waltz with the theme appearing in the left hand. The second is a pedal solo and the third a very fast duo. Then follows a long Adagio on the celeste stops, and a brilliant toccata using repeated chords, after which the work ends with a loud and majestic grand chorus.—Denis Bédard

Postlude: Fantasy on “Ebenezer” - Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

This arrangement of the tune “Ebenezer” is on full organ starting with material derived from the tune. The tune proper comes in after a long introduction. The opening material then transitions to a middle section that includes some imitation and melody inversions. The opening material comes back at the end with a triumphant major chord.