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Thank You

Thank you to all our members, and residents of the Manitowoc Health Care Center who are so faithful in their attendance to our services. We welcome all of our guests and pray that the Spirit will touch you with the light of Christ.

Sunday, January 26, 2020

9:15 a.m.



"Do not be afraid, for I will make you fishers of men."

Gathering Of Disciples

Christian Church

(G.O.D.'s Church)

A Christian congregation

**located in the Angel Chapel at the
Manitowoc Health and Rehabilitation Center**

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Please Greet One Another and Welcome Visitors
Prelude

Order of Worship

Introductions and Announcements

Announcing the Day

In the darkness of winter, these scriptures shine forth with the light of grace. Isaiah speaks of light coming to those in the deep darkness of anguish; Psalm 27 calls the Lord “my light”; and Jesus fulfills the promise of Isaiah as he begins his ministry. The light of God calls people to rejoice and to follow Jesus into a ministry of teaching, preaching, and healing. The light of God calls us to remember our essential unity and our need for one another. By the light of love, we find that the foolishness of the world is the power of God.

Welcome

L: Let us now take a moment to center our hearts and minds on God in preparation for worship.

Call to Worship

L: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

C: Why should we be afraid?

L: The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

C: What have we to fear?

L: Let us shout with joy to God!

C: Let us sing and make music before our God.

The Service of Prayer and Praise

L: O God, our light and our salvation,

C: shelter us in your love. O God, our stronghold, protect us from danger. We come with shouts of joy

to worship you this day. We come with song and music to celebrate your love. We come with longing to seek your presence. Be with us now, O God, as we sing your praises. Amen.

The Entrance Hymn

#350

“The Summons”

The Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand if you are able

L: God of light, C: we live in the darkness of despair: worried about our lives, concerned for our health, fearful that we are lost from you. The yoke of our burdens lies heavy upon us: our unwillingness to forgive, our fears of one another, our reluctance to share what we have, our divisions and quarrels. We long to turn from the dark and live in the light. We yearn to leave what is evil and follow the paths of righteousness. Shine the light of your love upon us and transform us with your love, that your promised realm may draw near.

L: The light of God’s love shines into the dark places of our world, healing its brokenness, and bringing hope to places of despair. The light of God’s love makes us a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

C: Amen.

The Hymn of Praise (*sung*)

#66 vs 1

"To God Be the Glory"

**To God be the glory, great things he hath done; so loved
he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life
an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all
may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth
hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the
people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the
Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done.**

L : The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God and
the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

L: Lord God,

**C: your loving kindness 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.**

The First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4 (*Please be seated*)

¹ Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who
were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun
and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor
Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the
Jordan—

² The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

³ You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.

⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.

Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (*read responsively*)

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴ **One thing I ask from the LORD,
this only do I seek:**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple.**

⁵ For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.

**⁶ Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

**⁷ Hear my voice when I call, LORD;
be merciful to me and answer me.**

**⁸ My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, I will seek.**

**⁹ Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.
Do not reject me or forsake me,
God my Savior.**

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. ¹¹ My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹² What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.)

¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

L: The Readings for today. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (sung) *(Please stand if you are able
(Surely the Presence #131)*

C: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

L: The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th Chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴ to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

**¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—**

**¹⁶ the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;**

on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

L: The Word of God. C: For the People of God.

The Message (*Please be seated*)

The Hymn of the Day

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

Lord, you have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy; but only asking for me to follow.

Refrain: Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes kindly smiling, you have called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you, I will seek other seas.

You know full well what I have, Lord; neither treasure nor weapons for conquest, just these, my fish nets and will for working. **Refrain:**

You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary; a love that’s willing to go on loving.

Refrain:

You, who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are yearning; O loving Friend, you have come to call me. **Refrain:**

The Apostle’s Creed (Please stand if you are able)

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

The Prayers of the Church

L: "Lord, in your Mercy" C: "Hear Our Prayer"

The Offering

(Please be seated)

The Offering (sung)

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" #34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Offertory Prayer

L: Generous God, C: **we have seen your glory, felt the touch of your love, and felt your presence with us. With joyful hearts, we offer you our gifts. Having heard your call, we offer you our lives and our service. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *(Please stand if you are able)*

L: Let us join together in the prayer that Jesus taught us and give praise with the ending acclamation given to us by his apostle, Mark.

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.

The Benediction

L: Jesus, the light of the world, calls us to follow.

Go and tell the news of God's love. Cast the nets of grace wide, that all may see the glory of God. Go forth and shine with God's light! May God—Source, Word, and Spirit— bless you with the radiance of love.

C: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever. Amen.

The Closing Hymn

#344

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

The Closing

L: Go with grace to shine God's love into all the world.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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Next Service will be on Sunday, February 2 at 9:15 am.
Holly Communion will be served. All who believe that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior are welcome to partake.

Those Serving Us Today

Message:	Tom Reed
Leader:	Wendy Reed
Reader:	Frank Griffin
Music:	Mari Roedig
Usher:	Matt Swadner/Barb Evenson/Terri Fish
Altar Prep:	Bev Griffin/Wendy Reed/Barb Evenson