



And Jesus said to them,

"Follow me,
and I will make you
fishers of men."

Mark 1:17

“Perfect Cast”

January 24, 2021

Friendship Celebration

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Elders Serving: 8:15am Ron Bischoff ~ 11:00am Aaron Hubler

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Preservice Song: "Give Me Faith"

I need You to soften my heart
And break me apart
I need You to open my eyes
To see that You're shaping my life

All I am
I surrender

Give me faith to trust what You say
That You're good and Your love is great
I'm broken inside I give You my life

I need You to soften my heart
And break me apart
I need You to pierce through the dark
And cleanse every part of me

All I am
I surrender

Give me faith to trust what You say
That You're good and Your love is great
I'm broken inside I give You my life

I may be weak
Your Spirit's strong in me
My flesh may fail
My God You never will

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Welcome & Announcements

Invocation and Opening Prayer

Leader: Shine Your truth into our lives, O God, sharpening our awareness of Your abundant gifts and attuning us to the signs by which You would lead us. As heirs of Your promise, we seek to be guided by Your eternal purposes, that the church may make Your wisdom known, through Christ. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Opening Song Set: *“Lead Me to the Cross”*

Savior I come quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom

Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out

Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

You were as I tempted and tried human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin and death
Now You're risen

Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down

Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You

Lead me to the cross
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Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

“Beautiful Savior”

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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Confession of Sins

Leader: God of light, we have been so blind when truth has been so clear. When we could have looked ahead, we fell behind. When we could have viewed the wider picture, we saw only a part. When we could have sensed the Spirit leading, we missed the way. We acknowledge and repent of our sin. Forgive our dim apprehension of love's clear leading. Give us faith that trusts when it cannot see, through the light that lingers when all else fails, even the bright Morning Star of our faith, Jesus Christ, the Savior.

Congregation: Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Congregation: Amen.

Sharing of the Pics

Old Testament

Jonah 3:1-10 ESV

8:15am Mike Wilson

11:00am Mike Bracke

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

⁶The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 7:29-35 ESV

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live 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 goods, 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.

³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:14-20 ESV

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Third Article of the Apostles' Creed with Explanation

All: 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.

Leader: What does this mean?

All: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Children's Message

Friendship Cards/Prayer Requests

Offering *You may give your offering by giving online through the church website at www.friendshipcelebration.org, by signing up for automatic withdrawal which links to savings/checking account or debit/credit card (form is also available on church website), or by mailing your check to the church office.*

Sermon Song: “He Leadeth Me”

He leadeth me! O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught,
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters still, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me

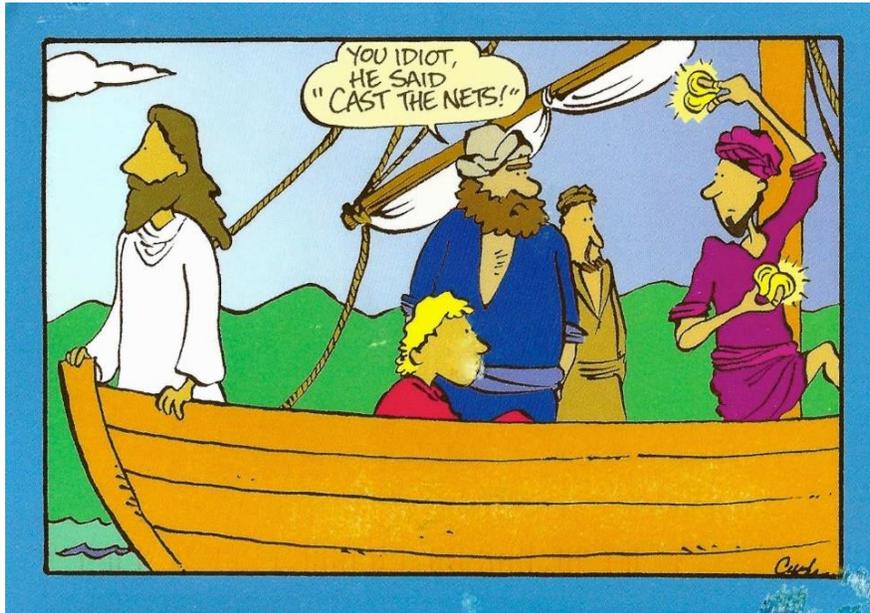
He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine,
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me!

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace, the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me!

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.



Sermon: “The Perfect Cast”

Mark 1

The beginning of Jesus’ ministry is simple but powerful with the gospel at the fore. The Lord Jesus is a man on a mission. As a follower of Jesus, what impression does the calling of the first disciples give you?

Net Loss, Net Gain

Who’s in charge of Galilee?

Jesus is _____ - driven

Going on offense

Casting Technique

Simon & Andrew; James & John

Follow me =

I will make you =

Fishers of men =

Circle of Influence

Caught or taught?

Life Group Questions

Head (what?)

What does it mean to “follow Jesus”?

How does one become a “fisher of men”?

What is the purpose of calling disciples in the first place?

What do you think it was about Jesus that made the disciples immediately follow Him?

Heart (so what?)

When did Jesus call you to follow Him? How did you respond?

What person did God use to lead you to Jesus? How did they do it? Can you use the same technique to lead others?

Why is change an important part of following Jesus?

Hands (now what?)

Who is in your circle of influence?

How can you be an example to your neighbor in following Jesus?

What is God calling you to do to deepen your relationship with Him?

Song of Response: *“I Give You My Heart”*

This is my desire, to honor You.

Lord, with all my heart, I worship You.

All I have within me, I give You praise.

All that I adore, is in You.

Lord, I give You my heart,

I give You my soul.

I live for You alone.

Every breath that I take,

Every moment I’m awake,

Lord, have Your way in me.

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Prayers

Leader: Let us pray for the church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess Your name may be united in your truth, live together in Your love, and reveal Your glory in the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace, that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as Your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to Your honor and glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

The 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.

Sending

Leader: God the Sender,

Congregation: Send us.

Leader: God the Sent,

Congregation: Come with us.

Leader: God the Strengtheners of those who go,

Congregation: Empower us that we may go with You and find those who will call You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessing

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Congregation: Amen

Closing Song: “Build Your Kingdom Here”

Come set your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wild fire in our very soul
Holy Spirit come invade us now

We are your church
And we pray revive...this earth

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released
The hurt; the sick; the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause

We are your church
And we pray revive...this earth

Build your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land

Set your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build your kingdom here We pray

Unleash Your kingdom's power
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts

You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ

We are your church
And we pray revive...this earth

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Show your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
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Friendship Celebration Announcements ~ January 24, 2021

Special Voters' Meeting: There will be a special voters' meeting at FCLC on Sunday, Jan. 31 at 9:30 am. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the proposed schedule for District and Synod convention cycles. Because of restrictions related to the pandemic, many Districts are not able to meet in large numbers. The proposal from the Synod leadership is to push back the convention cycle by one year. This means District Conventions would occur in 2022 (not 2021) and Synod Convention would occur in 2023 (not 2022). Current officers would remain in place for this "stretch" year. Regular three year cycles would resume thereafter. A minimum of 25% of all LCMS congregations need to participate in this vote. Like last time, we'll have Zoom available, but in-person attendance and signing in is required to vote. It should be a very quick meeting! For more information: <https://www.lcms.org/convention>.

Lutherans for Life Zoom Meeting: Jan 24, 2021 at 3:00 PM Mountain Time

Join Zoom Meeting:

Meeting ID: 651 965 0720

Passcode: LIFE2021

For assistance: jehlers27@gmail.com

This is our first attempt at Zoom, so please be patient with us.

Chuck Collins

Chapter President

FEAR NOT or FEAR GOD: Beginning Sunday, February 7th from 9:45am to 10:30am we will be looking throughout Scripture on how we as followers of Christ should be handling fear. Do you fear anything (Covid, politics, people, punishment, death, ... God)? Can fear be a good thing? Throughout history fear is often used to control and subvert. Can fear be used to guide and direct? Franklin D. Roosevelt famously said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." He was speaking to the fear that surrounded the Great Depression of the 1930s. As Christians we have more freedom than fearing fear... In our fear and love of God, there is not one thing that this world can throw at us that we should be in fear of.

"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear." - 1 John 4:18

"Fear God. Do what is right. Trust in Him. Hope for grace." - Martin Luther

I ask that you and your family prayerfully consider joining me at FCLC in the multi-purpose sanctuary in-between services for a family-friendly look into what or whom we should or should not be fearing.

In Christ,

Brett Lindemood

P.S. Fear not... Childcare will be provided ;)

Preschool Registration for 2021-2022: Preschool registration for the 2021-2022 school year opens to the public on February 1st. A registration form can be picked up in the office.

Contribution Statements Available: Contribution Statements for 2020 are available to be picked up in the Fellowship Hall. Any statements not picked up will be mailed on January 29th.

The green Friendship Cards are back! We ask all who attend worship service to please fill one out and place in the basket at the front of the sanctuary during the time of offering. If you have a prayer request, please include it on the card.

Church Office Hours Update: The church office hours are Mondays-Wednesdays-Fridays from 8:30am-2:00pm. The office remains closed on Tuesdays and Thursday.

Coffee Volunteers Needed: We would like to start coffee service back up again on Sunday mornings, but we need volunteers! If you would be interested in helping to get this popular fellowship ministry up and running, please contact us at: office@friendshipcelebration.org.

Offering Envelopes: Offering envelopes for 2021 are now available in the fellowship hall. With all the changes of this last year, we are especially grateful for the continued support of the congregation. For those who would like offering envelopes, extras are available. Please email Kayla (kliche@friendshipcelebration.org) with your request.

Corinthian Sunday Bible Study: Come join this Bible study led by Pastor Matt on the books of 1&2 Corinthians. You can catch up by going to the church website and downloading the handout and audio from previous sessions. This class will be at 9:30am on Sunday mornings on Zoom, but if you want to gather in person with others, we'll also use one of the smart TV-equipped classrooms on campus. Our hope is to cover a couple chapters at a time, so the class will run about 16 weeks with some flexibility! These are great letters from Paul and very useful for the times we are in. For Zoom invite, please send an e-mail to mhenry@friendshipcelebration.org.

Attention life group leaders and ministry leaders! We have a paid Zoom license available that can be shared among different ministry teams and groups. No time limits, Zoom for as long as you need. We want our groups to stay connected. For more details, contact Pastor Matt. Thank you for building relationships and encouraging one another!

Sharing of the Pics Continues! Send in your fun photos, family photos or anything that shares what you have been up to. Pictures should be landscape orientation, high resolution, and .jpg format. Email to office@friendshipcelebration.org by 9am Friday mornings to be included in the following Sunday's video.

Prayer Chain-Prayer Requests: Contact Jenny Kandler at: bob54109@msn.com to request prayer chain or updates. In the event that Jenny Kandler cannot be reached, call, Donnette House@ 208-297-0775 or donnette15@gmail.com.

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Friendship Celebration's Top Ten Core Values

1. **Bible-centered Preaching, Teaching and Discipleship**
(2 Timothy 3:16-17; Ephesians 2:8-10)
2. **All People Matter to God**
(Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 28:18-20)
3. **Praise and Worship**
(Acts 2:42; Psalm 26:8; Colossians 3:16)
4. **Well-Mobilized Lay Leadership and Ministerial Staff**
(Ephesians 4:11-12; 1 Peter 4:10)
5. **Life, Nurture, Support and Other Small Groups**
(Hebrews 10:25)
6. **Prayer**
(Matthew 7:7-11; James 5:13-18)
7. **Excellence, Process and Evaluation**
(Romans 8:32; Colossians 3:23)
8. **Financial Responsibility**
(2 Corinthians 8-9)
9. **Fellowship, a Loving Christian Community**
(Acts 2:42; 1 Timothy 6:17)
10. **Evangelism, Outreach and Lifestyle Witness**
(Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15)

Our Mission Statement

Celebrating: God the Father's love for us in creating us and giving His Son

Connecting: In faith with Jesus, Our Savior, and with others in love and care

Communicating: God's love in the power of the Holy Spirit