

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace  
Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen

## Bell

**Sending Hymn:** How Firm a Foundation  
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

When through the deep waters I call thee to go  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

**Dismissal:** Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

## Mark your calendars:

- Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> – 9am at Nora, Sunday school at 10am  
11am at Kirkebo.

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January 22, 2023

## Prelude and Bell

**Gathering Hymn:** Gather Us In  
Here in this place new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in —the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name

Not in the dark of building confining, not in some heaven, light years away,  
but here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone

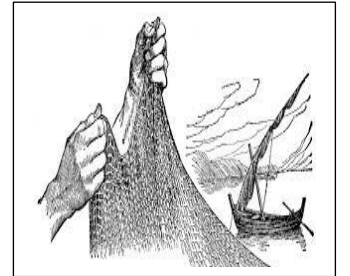
## Welcome and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

God of life,  
You promise good news of great joy for all people and call us to be messengers of  
your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our  
security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our  
neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are  
self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we  
are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the  
hope of eternal life in you. Amen

### Prayer of the Day:

Lord God, 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



**Psalm 27:1, 4-9** (Read Responsively)

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? **One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. **Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.** Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! **“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek.** Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

**First Reading:** Isaiah 9:1-4

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel** according to Matthew 4:12-23, **Glory to you O Lord**

The Gospel of our Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ**

**Children’s Message**

**Message**

**Hymn of the Day/Offering:** Will You Come and Follow Me

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In Your company I’ll go where Your love and footsteps show.

Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

**Offering Response – We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be.  
All that we have is thine alone a trust o, Lord in thee.**

**Apostle’s 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 the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen*

**Prayers of the people:** (Merciful God, receive our Prayer)

**Meal**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**C: In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.**

**Words of Institution**

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

**Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
**all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen**

**Lord’s Prayer (spoken)**

***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. 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***