

From Jordan's Shore to Mountain's Glory: Committed to a Lofty Charge

To whom does the work of salvation belong? Simple question. There is only one Savior. Yet he gives our lives a profound meaning and eternal purpose, by sharing his work with us. He calls us not just to be followers, but to be follower-makers. Jesus asks some—pastors, missionaries, teachers—to do this full time. But ultimately Jesus asks all believers to serve as his ambassadors, sharing the gospel with whomever he brings into our sphere of influence. This lofty charge requires commitment—a willingness to abandon everything else should faithfulness require it. This is the life-changing revelation for this week. Jesus has committed us to a lofty charge: the privilege to play a role in his saving work.

Hymn

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness CW 376



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness My beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day— Who can a
 3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, Which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve were sin - ners more Than sands up -
 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my



are, my glo - rious dress; Mid flam - ing worlds, in
 word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly through you ab -
 ver - y throne of God For - ev - er will for
 on the o - cean shore, You have for all a
 man - sion in the skies, E'en then this shall be



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
 solved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 sin - ners plead, For me—e'en for my soul—was shed.
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.
 all my plea: Je - sus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
 Your boundless mercy has for me,
 For me and all your hands have made,
 An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, abr.; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.
 Tune: ST. CRISPIN (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

Stand



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Our mission is to
Glorify God
 as we
Gather
 around the Gospel
 to help people
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 and
Go
 with the Gospel

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Oh, Taste and See



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -

ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Be Seated

First Lesson

Jonah 3:1-5,10

The reluctant Jonah had been given the lofty charge of proclaiming a message from the LORD to the people of Nineveh.

¹ Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: ² “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³ Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴ Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” ⁵ The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened. (NIV)



We com - mit our-selves to you, O Lord.



Your faith - ful - ness en - dures for - ev - er.



Do not fret because of evil men
 or be envious of those who do wrong;
 for like the grass they will soon wither,
 like green plants they will soon die away.

Refrain

Trust in the LORD and do good;
 dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
 Delight yourself in the LORD
 and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD;
 trust in him and he will do this:
 He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,
 the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

Refrain

I was young and now I am old,
 yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.
 Turn from evil and do good;
 then you will dwell in the land forever.

For the LORD loves the just
 and will not forsake his faithful ones.
 The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD;
 he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Christ has committed to us, as his ambassadors, the message of reconciliation.

¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:^[a] The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin^[b] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (EHV)

Verse of the Day (*Thursday & Sunday 10:30 am*)

M: Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia. (Matthew 4:23 cf. NIV)

Choir (*Sunday 8:00 am*)

(Refrain) Follow me, follow me. Come and follow. You will see.
I will make you fishers, fishers of men.

1 We stand and we watch on the bank, wide-eyed.

Follow Me

Water runs and all heaven opens wide,
and a voice like thunder replies. *(Refrain)*
2 Jesus comes to us in this place with good news our hearts should embrace.
He calls to you, he calls to me, "Will you drop
your nets and come?" *(Refrain)*

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Stand

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

When Jesus gave Simon and Andrew the lofty charge of fishing for people, they left everything else behind.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

Hymn of the Day

I Hear the Savior Calling CW 560



1 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! The gos - pel comes to
2 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He leads a soul to
3 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He gives this charge to
4 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He chang - es hearts for
5 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! His call has ur - gen -



me. My eyes once closed in blind - ness Are o - pened
me, A soul in bit - ter an - guish, One need - ing
me: To serve the best I'm a - ble, What - e'er the
me. From door to door I wit - ness To share my
cy! Each mo - ment souls are dy - ing; Soon comes e -



now to see That I my - self was help - less To
to be free. The gift I have to of - fer Is
call may be. Thus hand in hand with oth - ers Who
Sav - ior's plea; Yet noth - ing can be add - ed, No
ter - ni - ty. And so, my pre - cious Sav - ior, This



live e - ter - nal - ly, But, dy - ing, Christ did
Christ, my Lord's de - cree That all have been for -
share the gos - pel key We spread the gos - pel
word on bend - ed knee, Be - yond the sim - ple
is my hum - ble plea: Pre - pare me for my



save me, And now he calls for me!
giv - en— My Sav - ior calls for me!
tid - ings— My Sav - ior calls for me!
gos - pel— My Sav - ior calls for me!
mis - sion For you are call - ing me!

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Tune: ANTHES (76 76 D) Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812–after 1857.

Sermon

2 Corinthians 5:14-21
Pastor David Ruddat

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come 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.**

Be Seated

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.
Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today.
"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

C: Amen

Be Seated

Closing Hymn

Come Follow Me CW 453



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spoke, "All in my
2 "I am the light; I light the way, A god - ly
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
5 Then let us fol - low Christ our Lord And take the



way a - bid - ing. De - ny your - selves; the
life dis - play - ing. I bid you walk as
love is glow - ing, And gra - cious words my
souls' sal - va - tion, Your hearts from ev - 'ry
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing



world for - sake; O - bey my call and guid - ing.
in the day; I keep your feet from stray - ing.
lips ex - press, With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing.
guile to free, From sin and its temp - ta - tion.
to his Word, In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed.



Oh, bear the cross, what - e'er be - tide; Take
I am the way, and well I show How
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To
I am the ref - uge of the soul And
For those who bear the bat - tle's strain The



my ex - am - ple for your guide.
you should jour - ney here be - low.
God I yield; on him I call.
lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77, abr., st. 1-3, 5; *Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge*, 1695, st. 4; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96, alt.

Tune: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT (87 87 88) Bartholomäus Gesius, c. 1555–1613, adapt.