

Prelude

Call to Worship —From Mark 8:35

Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

"For those who want to save their life will lose it,

"And those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

Jesus, we want to become your followers.

We come here today to follow you.

Lord, help us ... guide us ... save us. Amen

Hymn *Jesus Calls Us* #503-W/#399-B

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, it must really disappoint you when we fail to be the kind of devoted followers that you need. You know of the needs in this world and the capability that we have of meeting those needs. You call us to bring words of hope and healing through actions of compassion and justice. Yet we are hesitant in our commitment to you and to ministries of peace. We want good things to happen. We just aren't sure that we are up to the tasks you set before us. Forgive us when we so easily doubt your call, your presence, and your abiding love. Take away our fear and fill our hearts with joy so that we may faithfully serve You and others.

Words of Assurance

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world
without end. Amen.*

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹ As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; ⁵³ but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked,

"Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then he and his disciples went to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

⁵⁹ He said to another man, "Follow me."

But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

⁶¹ Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

⁶² Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

Sermon

Hymn *I Surrender All* #373-W/408-B

Prayers of the People

Pastoral - Silent - Lord's Prayer – *Cares Chorus*

*I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at
your feet, and anytime that I don't know what to do, I'll cast
all my cares upon you.*

Offering our Gifts

Invitation

Offertory Music

Doxology

*Praise God from who all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures,
here below, Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Offering Prayer

We dedicate these gifts and our lives for service to You and others. Amen

Hymn *O Jesus I have Promised* #506-W/402-B

Benediction

Postlude

Prayer Corner

In Our Prayers:

Karla Maurer, Lucy Reiman, Terri Kroehler, Larry Teschendorf,
Bill Jones, Lois Schroeder, Bill Lehnertz, JoAnne Martens

Homebound:

Gaylord
Pauline Woehler – Bayside Manor

LeSueur

Ed Nye – Ridgeview LeSueur Nursing Home
Sharon Nagel – Ridgeview LeSueur Nursing Home
Carmen Wigand—Oak Terrace
Arline Karels—Oak Terrace

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Larry McConnell

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