

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**WORSHIP 10:30 AM**  
**"Moving Forward"**

Prelude.....Karen Palmer

**WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: We gather together today to answer Jesus' call to, come and follow him.  
C: We will follow Christ.  
P: We move forward with God as our guide and rest in His love and forgiveness.  
C: We will follow Christ.

**OPENING SONG                  Fishers of Men**

**I will make you fishers of men**  
**Fishers of me, fishers of men**  
**I will make you fishers of men**  
**If you follow Me**  
**If you follow Me if you follow Me**  
**I will make you fishers of men**  
**If you follow me**

**Hear Christ calling Come unto Me**  
**Come unto Me Come unto Me**  
**Hear Christ calling Come to Me**  
**I will give You rest**  
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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray:  
C: You seek us, Holy One, to be participants in the building of your reign on earth. When we hear your call we sometimes respond with "I can't" resounding in our hearts. May we remember, always that with your call comes the promise of You being with us always . Amen.

**FEATURE SONG:          Fishers of Men..... Sound Disciples**  
***Rhonda Vincent***

*(Please stand if you are able.)*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**God Will Make A Way**

God will make a way where there seems to be no way.  
He works in ways we cannot see,  
He will make a way for me.  
He will be my guide, hold me closely to his side,  
With love and strength for each new day, He will make a way,  
He will make a way.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Assisting Minister: Lord in your mercy

**Congregation: Hear our prayer**

Pastor: Into your hands Lord, we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

*Congregation may be seated.*

**OFFERING**.....Karen Palmer

*(Please stand if you are able.)*

**PRAYER**

**Assisting Minister:** O God, thank you for calling us to follow You. We offer ourselves to your service, dedicating the blessings that You have given us to do Your will.

**All: Amen**

**PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION/CONFESSION**

Pastor Mark Evans

**Leader:** For times we have failed to forgive...

**All: Forgive us, God.**

**Leader:** For times we have failed to have trust...

**All: Forgive us, God.**

**Leader:** For times we have failed to be patient...

**All: Forgive us, God.**

**Leader:** For times we have failed to have faith...

**All: Forgive us, God.**

**Leader:** For times we have failed to follow You...

**All: Forgive us, God.**

**Silent Reflection**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON/ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor Mark:** God knows our brokenness. He holds on to us through the darkness and storms of tragedy. He never let's go of us, even when we let go of Him. God hears us when we pray and loves us. God does not measure our worth or pass judgment on what we deserve. He loves us unconditionally, calls us to follow him, and offers us His peace. Take comfort in God. Rejoice! Your sins are forgiven.

## **Shout To The Lord**

**Verse 1** My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You;  
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.  
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

**Chorus** **Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing,  
Power and majesty praise to the King;  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of  
Your name.**

**I sing for joy at the work of your hands,  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

*Repeat verse and chorus*

*Ending* Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

### **Alleluia**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed Savior...

How I Love Him...

Thank you Jesus...

What a friend we, have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear;  
What a privilege to carry, Everything to God in prayer.

Alleluia...

*(Please stand if you are able.)*

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Pastor Mark**

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **THE BENEDICTION:**

P: Go forth renewed by God's truth and sustaining love. May your every step be guided by Christ as you answer His call in your lives. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**