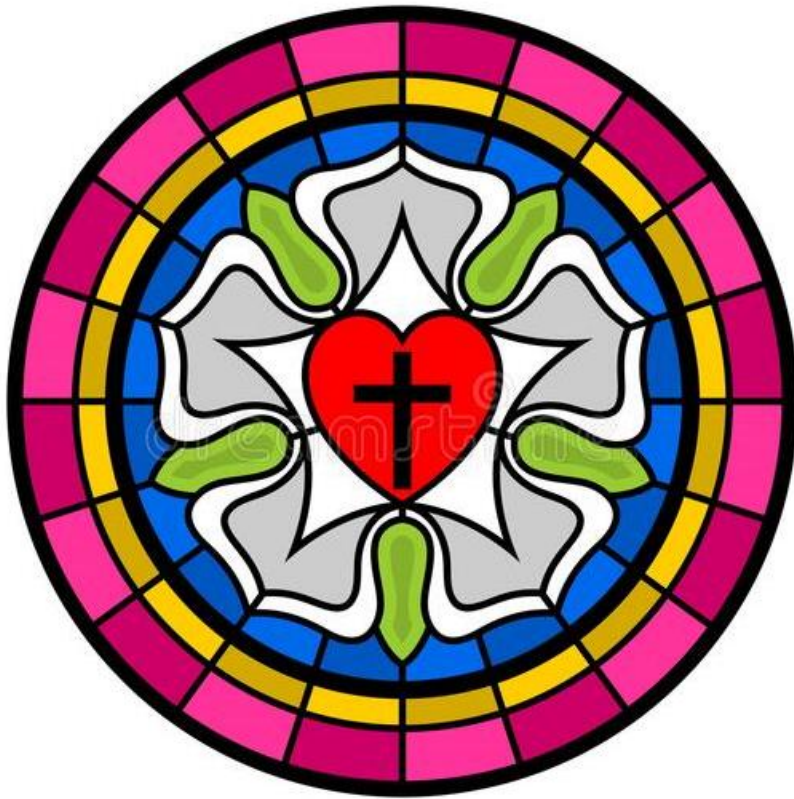


Welcome to Worship

St. Luke's Evangelical  
Lutheran Church



January 14, 2024



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*Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.*

## **Assisting in Worship**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*

Worship Leader: *Pastor Elizabeth Hadler*

Scripture Reader and Prayer Leader: *Karen Krauss*

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## **To the Glory of God**

January Candles: *Pam & Rick Van Mooy*

January Bulletins: *Pam & Rick Van Mooy*

January Newsletter: *Pam & Rick Van Mooy*

**Choir** rehearsals are Sundays @ 9:30 a.m. You may join us anytime. Everyone age 16 and older is invited to join us. Come and lift your voice in praise to God.

**North Baltimore Food Pantry January** requested donations include: canned fruits, vegies and soups. Start the new year off right by making a commitment to donate to the food pantry every month. Thank you for your continued support of this vital community mission.

# Order of Worship

Sunday, January 14, 2024

*God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.*

*\*please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.*

*Pandemic update: we will continue monitoring the CDC and following their guidelines.*

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## GOD GATHERS US

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### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

*Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Gracious God." When you exhale, pray, "open my heart."*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship God.

**ALL: We join with all creation to sing God's praises and offer our worship.**

Leader: You, O God, who makes all things new by your grace, are worthy of all adoration and praise.

**ALL: We bring you our grateful praise.**

### \*GATHERING HYMN #696

JESUS CALLS US; O'ER THE TUMULT

### \*AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Please take a moment for silent confession.*

Leader: God, our rock and refuge,

**ALL: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*KYRIE HYMN #151**

1, 3 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.      Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
 2 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.      Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.      Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.      Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

**\*CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **ALL: and also with you.**

**\*THIS IS THE FEAST**

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb  
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray:

**ALL: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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## GOD SPEAKS TO US

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### FIRST READING

1 SAMUEL 3:1-10

Reader: Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM READING

*(responsively)*

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Reader: LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me.

**ALL: You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

Reader: You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

**ALL: Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

Reader: You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**ALL: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

Reader: For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**ALL: I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

Reader: My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

**ALL: Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

Reader: How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**



## SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

Reader: “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

setting 3

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



## \*GOSPEL READING

JOHN 1:43-51

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

Leader: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of John chapter 1. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Leader: The gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY #302

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

## \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

**ALL: 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 saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION**

Prayer Leader: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Prayer Leader: God of grace, **ALL: receive our prayer.**

We pray for Don, Emily, Carl, Jim, Pat, Rick, Kolton, Ron, Jim, Cheryl, John, Fred, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Bertha, Barb, Chase, Bob, Cali, Howard, Emelyn, Isabella, Kevin, Shirley, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Deanna, Laura, Michael, Cindy, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Teresa, Doug, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Braxton, Eric, Lisa, Chris, Arlene, Logan, Don, Ashley, Beth, Holly, Tessa, Riker, Kelly, Al, Pat, Dan, and Cooper.

## **\*THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US**

**All: 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**

### **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The hope, peace, joy, love, and light of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL: and also with you.**

Leader: Let us share the peace of God.

*Please share God's peace."*

### **INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS**

Leader: In gratitude for all that we have received from God let us now present our tithes, and offerings for the work and mission of God's church.

### **\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #186**

### **CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

**ALL: Lord Jesus, Our Savior and Redeemer, we come to you with hearts filled with gratitude for the abundant blessings you give us each day. We acknowledge that cheerful giving is not an obligation but a joyful act of worship. Help us understand that our giving is an expression of our deep love for you and our want to further your kingdom here on earth.**

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## **GOD NOURISHES US**

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### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: Almighty God, we give you thanks, for by the leading of a star you have revealed your only Son to the world.

**ALL: Following him we are led from darkness into his marvelous light.**

Leader: We give you thanks, for a new light has dawned upon the world.

**ALL: All the nations are now called out of darkness to see the radiance of your glory.**

Leader: As we remember his birth, life, death, and resurrection, we proclaim the mystery of faith, revealed to us in Christ:

**ALL: Christ came to us, the morning star of love.**

**Christ died, the evening star of salvation.**

**Christ arose, the eternal star of resurrection.**

**Christ will come again, the light that leads us to hope.**

Leader: As we journey together with Christ, let us join our voices with the faithful of all times and all places:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: In the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, gave it to his disciples, saying

**ALL: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**

Leader: Again, after supper, Jesus took a cup, gave thanks; and gave it for all to drink, saying

**ALL: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.**

Leader: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

## DISTRIBUTION

### \*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #204      THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.  
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom-ises and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Leader: Please join me prayer,

**ALL: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

**GOD SENDS US**

**\*BLESSING**

Leader: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always.

**\*THE AMEN**

A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

**\*SENDING HYMN #545**

LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

**\*DISMISSAL**

Leader: Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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Written **reports** to be included in the **ANNUAL REPORTS** for 2023 are due in the church office no later than **Tomorrow**. Electronic form is preferred, but not as important as getting the report in. The 2023 Annual Reports should be available for pick up on January 28, 2024.

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### Christ in Our Home

The January – March issues of the devotional *Christ in Our Home* is available on the information table in the Narthex at the church. If you would like a copy but can't get over to pick one up, call the church office and we will mail one to you.

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### *Bulletins, Candles, and Newsletters*

The sign-up sheets for your financial support of the Special Fund for 2024 are posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway. Also, the opportunity to sign up to provide flowers to the glory of God for our worship services. Thank you for sharing your blessings.





# NWOS 2024

## The Year of Rest

As we prepare for the new year, we invite you into 2024: The Year of Rest. Time and time again God calls us into rest through scripture. We read stories of Jesus retreating into the hills, journeys being paused, and creation being celebrated with rest.

### **So what does it mean for God's people to engage in rest?**

Throughout 2024 we will explore this question, not just through sleep or vacation time, but through little moments each day that nourish and renew us.

Instead of our traditional daily Bible reading guide we invite you to engage in daily rest practices, using the seven types of active rest. By grounding these practices in a weekly Bible verse, we pray this guide will help you discover moments of rest and peace.

January's calendar is on page 4 of the newsletter and on the Information Table in the Narthex. Watch for more to come each month.

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Let us say a huge  
to Beth Williams  
services and  
week. We are



that she can be away when she needs to. If you think this is something you might try, please call the church office and leave a message. Training will be offered. Since Covid and the need to offer this service to our members and friends, it has become a necessary part of our ministry to our families and friends. Please consider helping out. Thank you.

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for video-taping our worship  
posting them on Facebook each  
seeking some assistants for her so

Copies of the January “Good News Letter” can be found on the Information Table in the Narthex.

## Winter/Spring 2024 Bible study: “Scripture and nature: Teachers of faith” by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith

Jesus regularly invokes nature in his teaching, drawing us into deeper relationship with the created world. But it’s not just Jesus inviting us to see



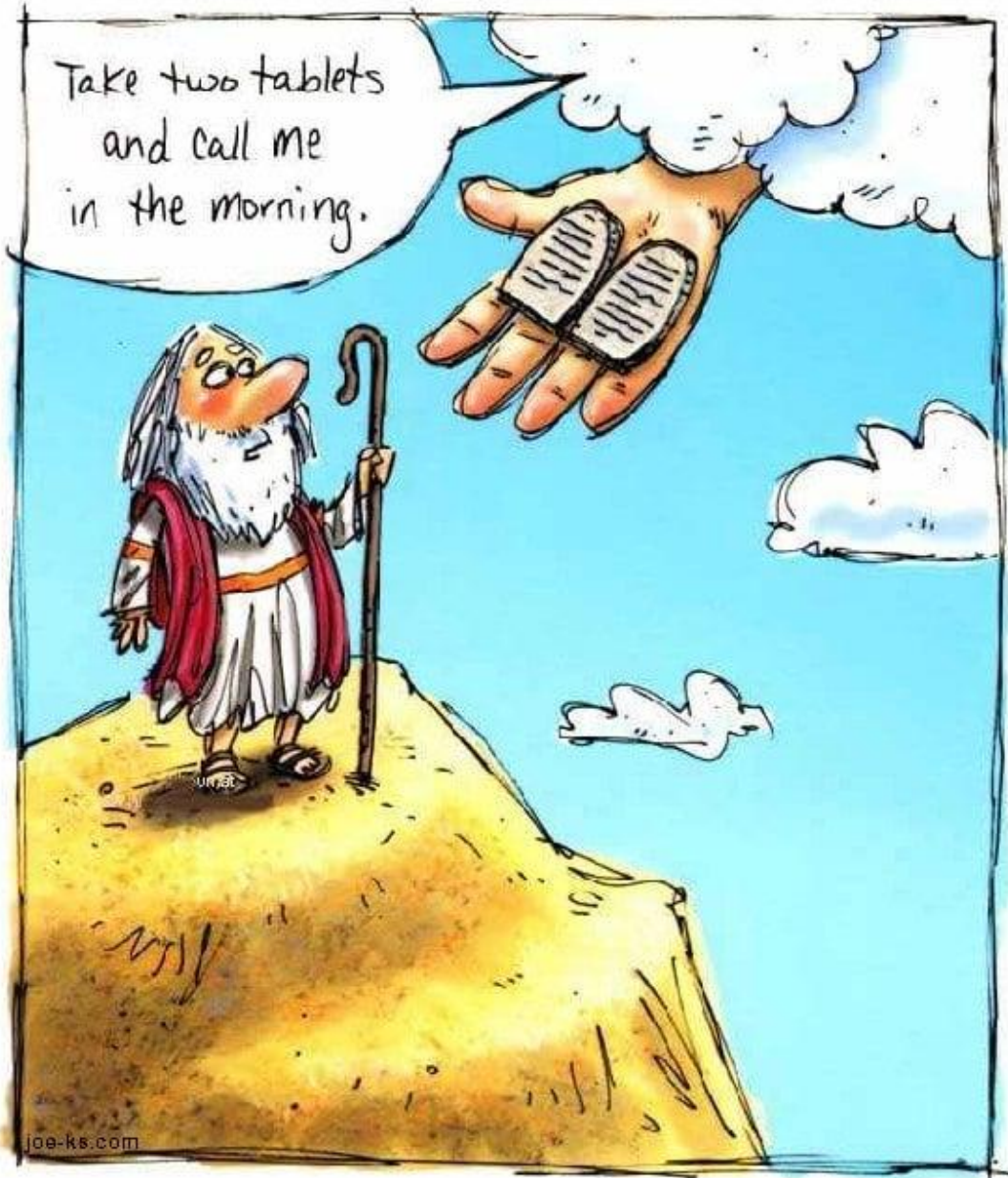
creation as teacher and kin. The scriptures themselves help us see the important role of the created world in God’s story and saving work. This four-session Bible study explores how biblical stories of the natural world help us to grow our love for and commitment to God, other people and our beloved earth.

### **Session One: Weather: Powerful force for change**

We can’t control the weather, but we can learn from it. Storms, rain, drought and wind shape the lives of human and non-human beings, both in scripture and today. As we face catastrophic storms and the weird weather of climate change, biblical stories of extraordinary weather convict and humble us. They show us how to live faithfully, moving us to act even when we feel powerless. Go to

<https://www.gathermagazine.org/bible-study/>

*Music washes us of the dust of everyday life.*





Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

**WE GIVE THANKS:** for a new year of opportunities and possibilities. Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Don Stewart, Emily Meyerson, Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Pat Wheeler, Rick Van Mooy, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl & John Kruse, Fred Husing, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Bertha Carter, Barb Williams.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Chase, Bob, Cali, Howard Till, Emelyn, Isabella, Keven Bickle, Shirley Hollowell, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Deanna Griffith, Laura, Michael Sullivan, Cindy.

**GRIEVING:** Donna Kelley and family following the death of Gene on January 8.

**MILITARY:** for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

**COMPANION CHURCH:** Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

**WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS:** all ministries of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), our presiding **Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the NWOS (Northwestern Ohio Synod), **Bishop Daniel Beaudoin**, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

**THE WORLD:** for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.

# “Follow Me”

We live in a culture of invitation. Television invites us to join complicated story arcs so that we feel connected to the characters. Commercials invite us to see their product as a new movement and invite us to join it. We are invited to join groups on Facebook and invited into chat rooms and blog responses. The number of social networks is exploding as we are invited into ever expanding ways to connect.



Invitation is an essential part of our walk of faith, but here we frequently see ourselves not as the invited but rather the one who is supposed to be doing the inviting. We can misuse invitation, maybe using the phrase “invite Jesus into your heart,” which often results in the misunderstanding that we are carrying a little bit of Jesus wherever we go. But today’s gospel (John 1:43-51) emphasizes not invitation as our call to others to join the walk of faith but rather Jesus’ invitation to us to follow him. Jesus’ invitation is not that we carry him with us but rather that we follow where he would lead. When Christ invites Philip to “follow me,” may we hear that invitation in our own ears.



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