

**Zoom Worship, January 17, 2021, 9:00-10:00 a.m.**  
**First Lutheran Church and Messiah Lutheran Church**

Get bread and wine/grape juice ready.

(Zoom room will be open at 8:45 to give all time to enter!)

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**Prelude by Owen Polifka, Announcements and Zoom Etiquette!**

**Confession and Forgiveness** Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

We confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God. *Silence*  
**Holy God, you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin – our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. At times, we distrust those who are not like us. We have exploited the earth and its resources and failed to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.** How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

Psalm 139 - Jon Hove

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" – Hans Veenendaal

**Sermon: "Come and See Jesus, the one who..."**

-Models self-sacrifice, service and reconciliation, not domination or violence.

-Shows transformative nonviolent resistance, not revolution or revenge.

-Sends followers out into the world to be salt and light, not asking us to isolate.

-Teaches abundance for all, not accumulation.

-Sees all with respect, welcome and mutuality, never advocating scapegoating or ethnic cleansing.

"Will You Come and Follow Me" - Hans Veenendaal

Guided by Christ, we offer our prayers *Silence*

For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, we live out our calling every day. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For police officers, firefighters, peace keepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, and that they also stay safe as they stand in harm's way, Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For safety on these days before, during and after Inauguration Day, that we all grow in following Jesus with our words and actions.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and those imprisoned or homebound, especially all suffering with the effects of COVID... Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, especially (name all loved ones here) we ask for comfort as we grieve these losses. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, thank you for always hearing our prayers, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus. **Amen.** And now may God's peace be with you! **And also with you!**

**Holy Communion Beloved: here is the bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.**

Sending: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter keep you in peace. Amen.

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. Thanks be to God! *And thanks to all who participated today! There will be a short Zoom "coffee fellowship" after worship, ending at 10:00 am. Stay and chat!*

