

Sola Lenten Dramas

HOW TO BE A DISCIPLE

*The Reflections of a
Contemporary Twelve*

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Andrew and Philip “On seeking Jesus”

PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING DIALOG

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste, O Lord, to help me.

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

OPENING HYMN.... "Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said"

"Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said 398

1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said, "If you would my dis - ci - ple be;
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight Per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, Nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ, Nor think till death to lay it down;

For - sake the past, and come this day, And hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
His strength shall bear your spir - it up, Sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
For you the Lord en - dured the cross To save your soul from death and hell.
For on - ly those who bear the cross May hope to wear a gold - en crown.

SALUTATION & PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common prayers to you. You have promised through your beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be in the midst of them. Answer, O Lord, our desires and petitions as you determine best for us — granting us, in this world, the knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come, everlasting life in you. Amen. (Based on a Prayer of St. Chrysostom)

FIRST READINGRevelation 22:12-17

¹² “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶ “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

PSALM (Read Responsively).....Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

**² Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

³ Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,

**⁴ to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel,**

to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

⁵ There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

“May they be secure who love you!

⁷ Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!”

⁸ For my brothers and companions' sake

I will say, “Peace be within you!”

⁹ For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

GOSPEL READING John 12:20-26

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

(The way the gospels tell their stories, Andrew and Philip look like the welcoming committee of the twelve apostles. When Andrew was first called to be a disciple of Jesus, he immediately went and found his brother, Peter. Likewise Philip's first act as a disciple was to tell Nathanael to come and see. In this introductory dialogue, the two are not differentiated much from each other. Both are curious as to why this crowd has gathered at this time. As soon as they know, they kick into full evangelism mode.)

DRAMA Andrew – Pastor Chuck
Philip – Rick Richard
Member – Steph Mann

HYMN "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"

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Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a -
 2 Watch a - gainst the world that frowns Dark - ly to dis -
 3 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you un -
 4 But while watch - ing, al - so pray To the Lord un -

wak - en; Be not by the e - vil day Un - a -
 may you; Watch when it your wish - es crowns, Smil - ing
 tri - fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's
 ceas - ing, God a - lone can make you free, Strength and

wares o'er - tak - en. Sa - tan's prey oft are they Who se -
 to be - tray you. Watch and see, you are free From false
 mer - cy sti - fle. Pride and sin lurk with - in, All your
 faith in - creas - ing, So that still mind and will Heart - felt

cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.
 friends who charm you While they seek to harm you.
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
 prais - es ten - der And true ser - vice ren - der.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Said in unison)

God of love, you have provided for our every need from your abundant bounty. Grant us grateful hearts that we may give generously to those in need and thereby show your love to the world around us. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us join together in confessing our faith with the saints who have gone before us, in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people, according to their needs.

The congregation responding at the end of each petition:

*P: ... Lord in your mercy. C: **Hear our prayer.***

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

P: Hear our petitions, O Lord, as we entrust our lives into your care this night.

C: **We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have**

charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray together the prayer our Savior taught us:

C: 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.

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

The minister blesses the congregation:

P: May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us peace and rest this night. May he watch over us until a new day has dawned, and may our hearts rejoice in his saving power; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: Amen.

P: Let us bless the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

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“Take My Life, that I May Be”

POSTLUDE

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Take My Life, that I May Be

1 Take my life, that I may be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.
Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

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Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR..... Pastor Chuck Mann
READER..... Steph Mann
ORGANIST LeAnn Richard
USHERS/GREETERS Brenda Suckow & Emily Retterath
ALTAR GUILD Peggy Moran & Donna Kroll
SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS Evangelism Committee

Our Mission

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

Visitors

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today.

Nursery

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

Lenten Meals & Worship

Thank you FLCW for serving the meal tonight. Join us next Wednesday, March 3rd, for our Lenten meal served by FLY from 5:30 – 6:45 pm. They will be serving tacos. Free-will offering going toward their mission trip to Colorado this summer. Join us after the meal for our Lenten Worship drama series, “How to be a Disciple: The Reflections of a Contemporary Twelve” at 7:00 pm. The theme will be: Division, community, reconciliation.

Quilting

Women! Join us for quilting this Thursday & Friday, February 25th & 26th, from 9:00 am – noon. If you don't know how to quilt, come join us and learn! Also, great fellowship!

First Communion

A letter has gone out in the mail to all 5th graders and parents regarding First Communion classes. If you did not receive one, or are older than 5th grade and not already confirmed or taking communion but would like to, please talk to Pastor Chuck or Jeannette. Please reply to sign up for the classes by February 26th to insure we have books for all.

Men, Women, Teenagers Needed

Looking for men, women and teenagers to be part of the Lenten Drama series on Wednesday nights! Save Pastor Chuck the headache of finding people and volunteer yourself now by talking to Pastor Chuck. Don't make us go looking for you!

Kitchen Items

Please check the church kitchen and see if you are missing any of your kitchen items from home. Some of the bowls, pots, pans, etc. have been there for over a year. If you took food to the Mann household, your dishes were brought to the church for you to pick up. Items not claimed by March 1st will be given a chance for a free-will offering or given to the McLean County Resource Center.