

*Come,
follow me,*



AND I WILL MAKE YOU
Fishers of Men

**FISHER OF MEN STATUE DEDICATION
MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE**

MAY 5, 2021

Dedication of the *Fisher of Men* Statue

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

We present to you this Fisher of Men statue to be set apart for the service of Christ's holy church.

Everything comes from you, O Lord;
We have given you only what comes from your hand.

Establish the work of our hands for us;
Yes, establish the work of our hands.

May your deeds be shown to your servants;
Your splendor to their children.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to give offerings for the work of your church, and have been pleased to accept those gifts. Be with us now and bless us as we set apart this statue to your praise and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

I Hear the Savior Calling

CW 560

Dr. John Lawrenz, the hymn's author, served as the last president of DMLC and the first vice president for student life at MLC.

**1 I hear the Savior calling!
The gospel comes to me.
My eyes once closed in blindness
Are opened now to see
That I myself was helpless
To live eternally,
But, dying, Christ did save me,
And now he calls for me!**

**2 I hear the Savior calling!
He leads a soul to me,
A soul in bitter anguish,
One needing to be free.
The gift I have to offer
Is Christ my Lord's decree That all
have been forgiven – My Savior
calls for me!**

**3 I hear the Savior calling!
He gives this charge to me:
To serve the best I'm able,
Whate'er the call may be.
Thus hand in hand with others
Who share the gospel key
We spread the gospel tidings –
My Savior calls for me!**

**5 I hear the Savior calling!
His call has urgency!
Each moment souls are dying;
Soon comes eternity.
And so, my precious Savior,
This is my humble plea:
Prepare me for my mission
For you are calling me!**

The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

Then I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Come follow me,
And I will make you fishers of men.

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

We dedicate this statue to the glory of the eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray.
Almighty God, whose Son our Savior sanctified the outward and visible to be a means to perceive realities unseen, Accept, we pray, this representation of our Savior as he promises to make his people fishers of men; and grant that as we look upon it, our hearts may be set to follow our Savior, and to trust him as he sends us to the ends of the earth with his gospel message; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MLCAA Presents the Statue

Unveiling of the Statue

Reception of the Statue by President Richard Gurgel

Hymn **God's Word Is Our Great Heritage** CW 293

**God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.**

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