Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 14, 2024

The Lord Calls Samuel

1 Samuel 3:1-21

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Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here. If we can do anything to serve you, please speak with an usher, deacon, or Pastor Mueller.

Today’s service will include Holy Communion. Those who commune share the confession of this congregation and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The following is what we confess together: “I have been baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. I confess and repent of my sin. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior and my Lord. I believe that Christ’s body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine of Holy Communion. I believe that in this Sacrament God gives me the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation.” Children and adults not receiving the Sacrament are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are still learning about our confession, or if you hold a different confession, Pastor Mueller looks forward to speaking with you further about the blessings of the Lord’s Supper.

We encourage families to worship with their children. There are blue binders with paper and crayons on the bookcase at the back of the Sanctuary for use during the service.

Our Guests are invited to complete a worship card (found in the pew pocket), including prayer requests. Members are asked to use the worship card for prayer requests and updating contact information. Cards will be gathered by the ushers after the Gospel reading. Due to privacy concerns, we ask that, if possible, permission be granted by the person for whom a prayer is requested. Thank you.

Please silence your cell phones.

We use the Lutheran Service Book for Liturgy and Hymns during the service - referenced as “LSB.” Unless otherwise noted lyrics are projected on the screen.
As We Gather
Since the beginning of creation, God has spoken. He spoke into being our universe and our very selves as the crown of His creation; He spoke when seeking out Adam and Eve in a fallen world; He spoke many times and many ways through the prophets; and He spoke by the very words that came from the mouth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. From Him came words of instructing, healing, forgiving, and of invitation to follow Him as we hear today with Philip and Nathanael. The Lord still speaks to us today in His Word, as His Spirit spoke instruction and encouragement of the use of bodies through Paul in his letter to the church of Corinth. Through all He speaks, we are called to listen to that Word to guide and direct, and to hear His continued words of forgiveness, peace, hope, and joy as “in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son” (Hebrews 1:2).

Welcome

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Sentences (Psalm 139:1–10; 1 Samuel 3:9)
P O LORD, You have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
C You discern my thoughts from afar.
P You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
C Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.
P You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.
C Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.
P Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!

C If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.

P Speak, LORD,

C for Your servant hears.

Confession and Absolution.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P As we speak and call out to the Lord in prayer and confession, He calls to us, His people, through His Word of truth, mercy, and grace; for He has “saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.” In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.
Kyrie (spoken)

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C Amen.

“Jesus Name Above all Names”

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,
C mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Old Testament – 1 Samuel 3:1-10

L Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was
no frequent vision. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to
grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own
place. 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.
Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” and ran
to Eli and said,

C  “Here I am, for you called me.”
L  But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay
down. And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose
and went to Eli and said,

C  Here I am, for you called me.”
L  But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel
did not yet know the LORD and the word of the LORD had not
yet been revealed to him. And the LORD called Samuel again the
third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for
you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the
young man. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if He
calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.’” So
Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the LORD came and
stood, calling as at other times “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel
said,

C  “Speak, for Your servant hears.”
L  This is the Word of the Lord.
C  Thanks be to God.

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

L  This is the Word of the Lord.
C  Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse  (sung - LSB page 173)

C  Alleluia.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel – John 1:43-51

P  This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C  Praise to You, O Christ.
Children’s Message

(Please pass completed worship cards to the side aisles.)

LSB #589 – “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”

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Sermon: “Invite, Don’t Argue”
Pastor Richard Flath

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Nicene Creed

All: I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by Whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism
for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

*LSB #783, v 1 “Take My Life and Let it Be”*

Prayer of the Church

+ *Service of the Sacrament* +

Preface

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:
Sanctus (sung - LSB page 178)

C  Holy, holy, holy Lord,
    Lord God of pow’r and might:
    Heav’n and earth are full of Your glory.
    Hosanna in the highest.
    Blessed is He who comes
      in the name of the Lord.
    Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P  Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C  Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei (sung - LSB page 180)

C Lamb of God, You take away
The sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution

Please follow the usher’s directions. Those who are able are invited to kneel at the railing. Hold your hand up to receive the host; this assists the Pastor or Deacon to recognize those desiring to commune. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms. Individual cups of wine (red) or non-alcoholic wine (white – in the center of the tray) will be offered. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.
Following the blessing, you may deposit your cup in the collection bowl located by each side aisle before returning to your seat.

**LSB #644 – “The Church’s One Foundation”**

**“Thy Word”**

**Thank the Lord** *(sung - LSB page 181)*

C  Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Post-Communion Collect**

P  Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C  **His steadfast love endures forever.**

P  Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C  **Amen.**

**Benediction**

P  The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C  **Amen.**

**LSB #895 “Now Thank We All Our God”**
P  Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
C  Thanks be to God.

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Readings for Next Sunday January 21, 2024:
Jonah 3:1-5, 10, 1 Corinthians 6:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

Sunday Adult Education Class 10:30 – 11:30 am
Today: Daniel 2 led by Jim Raguse
January 21: Daniel 3 led by Alanna Davis

Elementary Sunday School
Today: God Gives the Ten Commandments led by Jan Stemple
January 21: God’s people Worship a Golden Calf led by Jan Stemple

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The SPRING WOMEN’S RETREAT is coming up Friday, March 15 - Sunday, March 17 at Camp Lutherhaven in Coeur D'Alene, ID. Join ladies from all over the Pacific Northwest for a weekend away in God's beautiful creation on the shore of Lake Coeur D'Alene to worship, relax, recharge and rejuvenate. The cost for the whole weekend (2 nights lodging, 5 meals, program and shared lodging with our group) is $192 with a $50 deposit due to DCE Alanna by Sunday, February 11th. See the entry-way bulletin board to sign-up and for informational flyers to share with friends!

FLAT SHEETS NEEDED for QUILTING – The Quilt Group needs Queen or King sized new or used, printed, or plain colored bed sheets (except flannel) for use as quilt backs. Please donate flat sheets
only. The sheets may be placed on the table in the quilting room. Thank you for considering donating. Questions? Please talk to Kathy Peterson.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available on a table in the Narthex. Contact Semie Wilson or Janet Broadus if you have any questions or concerns.

ARROWHEAD-INGLEMOOR PRESCHOOL is hosting their Open House for new families THIS Saturday, January 20th from 10 am - 12 noon. Please pass this information on to any young families that you know so that they can come tour the space and meet the teachers!

THANK YOU! To all who helped take down and put away the Christmas decorations yesterday - your efforts are very much appreciated! Many hands do help make light work!

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EVENTS COMING UP THIS WEEK:
Office Closed (Mon); Quilting (Tue 9:30a), BOD (Tue 6:30p); Women’s Bible Study (Wed 9:30a); Crosslight/Choir (Thur 6:15/7p); AIPS Open House (Sat 10a).
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