

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

14 January 2024, 10:15 am.

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 instruction, 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, calling us 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).

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME and INVITATION

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SONGS

Here I Am, Lord (based on Genesis 46:2; Isaiah 6:8)

David L. Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

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I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have born my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them,
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

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I Am Not My Own

Martin J. Nystrom

I am not my own, I was bought with a price.
I was purchased with the precious blood of Jesus Christ;
All my debts were paid by His sacrifice,
Hallelujah to the Lamb Who redeems my life. **(Repeat song)**
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INVOCATION

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

REPENTANCE and RESTORATION

O LORD, You have searched me and known me!

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.

You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

As the psalmist declares, the Lord searches us, knows us, is ever-present with us, and leads us. He listens to us as we speak to Him. We come before Him in confession.

A moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Lord's mercy and forgiveness.

"The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth."

**We confess, heavenly Father, that we often choose not to call on You in times of need, nor in times of thanksgiving. We fail to be near You in our opportunities to pray, praise, and give thanks.
Forgive us.**

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

**We confess, heavenly Father, that in our days of trouble we rely on ourselves and not You. We seek deliverance through our own devices and peace through the temporary offerings of this world.
Forgive us.**

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"Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near."

We confess, heavenly Father, we wander and are lost even though You are near and present in Your Word and means of grace. Our sins of thought, word, and deed separate us from You. Forgive us.

Speak, LORD,

for Your servant hears.

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." Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(John 20:19-23)

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*We pray . . . Lord of all mercy and grace, You sent Your Son into our flesh to call us to Yourself. Open our ears to hear Your voice and to heed Your call, even as we know You hear our prayers; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.***

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

[Please refer to the back of your service folder or to the screens overhead.]

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Steve Yearout

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 139:1-10

Abbie Crist

O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

*You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.*

**Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**

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*You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.*

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.**

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!

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.**

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Abbie Crist

Please stand.

GOSPEL READING: John 1:43-51

“Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael”

WHAT WE BELIEVE ~ Apostles’ Creed

[Please refer to the inside back cover of the hymnal or to the screens overhead]

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Jane Goss

(Kindergarten – 5th grade students are excused to attend Children’s Church in the ANNEX)

SONG OF THE DAY

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

LSB 711

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.

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- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
- 3 You have promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
- 4 Early let us seek Your favor,
Early let us do Your will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.

MESSAGE

"Called to Call Others"

John 1:43-51

Pastor Marty Tyler

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Sermon Notes

Focus Scripture Verse(s)

The Law (Shows Our Sin)

The Gospel (Shows Our Salvation)

Main Point:

What Does This Mean for Me?

Application:

How does what I learned help me share God's Good News?

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THANKFUL GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support of Grace Ministries.

Our ability to continue to serve you, the Church, and our community is greatly dependent upon the willingness of God's people to give of their time, talents, and treasures. Please remember to support the LORD'S Church by regularly sending in your tithes and offerings; by mail, online at www.GraceLutheranCC.com/Giving, or download the *Vanco* Mobile App. As the Apostle Paul writes, "Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). If you brought your tithe or offering with you today, you may place them in the box marked "I Bring An Offering To The Lord" sitting on the table next to the usher's station at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY SONG

Purify My Heart

Jeff Nelson

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Purify my heart,
Touch me with Your cleansing fire.
Take me to the cross;
Your holiness is my desire.
Breathe Your life in me,
Kindle a love
That flows from Your throne.
Oh, purify my heart____, purify my heart. **(Repeat song)**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.

As God has spoken to us in His Word through His Son, let us speak to Him in prayer. We pray for the Church of God and all people according to their needs.

Hear us, Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(see hymnal inside back cover)*

Please be seated.

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DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

"The Gospel Through You"

Abbie Crist

- Be in the Word: Read Mark chapters 1 and 2.
- Read the new *Portals of Prayer* devotional.
- Join a small group.
- Be doing good works: Walk your neighborhood (or another) and pray for them and reach out to those you meet.

Please stand.

CLOSING RESPONSES

○ Lord, You have searched and known us.

You discern our thoughts from afar.

Where shall we go from Your Spirit?

Or where shall we flee from Your presence?

If we ascend to heaven, You are there!

If we make our bed in Sheol, You are there!

Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

We were bought with a price, the blood of Christ.

CLOSING PRAY

Lord Jesus, Lamb of God and divine Servant, You have a gracious plan for our lives. By the working of the Holy Spirit, direct us in paths of service to You and to others for You. Keep us in true faith and in the fellowship of Your redeemed people, that we rejoice in bringing glory to Your name until we are gathered into Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING TO DEPART

Go out into the world glorifying and praising God, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love, and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

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DEPARTING SONG

The Lord Is My Strength (Based on Isaiah 12:2)

Brad Hirsch

The Lord is my strength. The Lord is my strength.

The Lord is my strength and my song.

The Lord is my strength. The Lord is my strength.

The Lord is my strength and my song.

He has become my salvation. He has become my salvation

He has become my salvation. ***(Repeat song)***

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the Grace Fellowship Hall.

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