SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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Divine Service

As We Gather

Those who have had younger children at times become aware of their selective hearing. When told of something exciting or a treat to be enjoyed, a quick and evident response from hearing is had. Yet, when asked or told to do something which may be unfavorable, it seems listening is lost. Either a claim is made of, "I didn't hear you," or the response are questions of "what?" or "why?" As children of God, we can learn from Samuel regarding our response to what our heavenly Father speaks. Whether good news or something we'd prefer not to be told or asked, we are wise to not only hear but to listen, and more than that, to respond in faith, "Speak, for Your servant hears" (1 Samuel 3:10).

PRELUDE

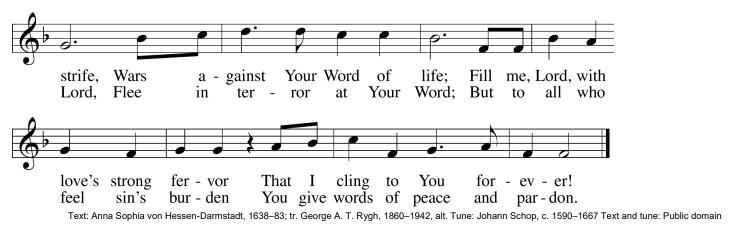
RINGING OF THE BELLS

GREETING

P: Peace be with you, C: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens" LSB 589 v.1&2





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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † 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!

C: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; 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 Psalm 145:18; 50:15; Isaiah 55:6; 1 Samuel 3:9

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

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: "The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth."

C: 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.

- P: "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."
- C: 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.
- P: "Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near."
- C: We confess, heavenly Father, we are the ones who 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.

P: Speak, Lord,

C: for Your servant hears.

ABSOLUTION 2 Timothy 1:9; Isaiah 43:1; 1 Samuel 3:10

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." As a called and ordained servant of the Word 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.

C: Amen.

P: But now thus says the Lord, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine. Speak, Lord,

C: for Your servant hears. Amen.



"Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

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SALUTATION

HYMN

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Lord of all mercy and grace, You sent Your Son into our flesh to call us to Yourself.

C: Open our ears to hear Your voice and to heed Your call, even as we know You hear our prayers;

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.

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THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-20

¹The 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.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The 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. ⁴Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸And 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. ⁹Therefore 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.

¹⁰And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." ¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." ¹⁷And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

E/P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

E/P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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VERSE Isaiah 49:3

P: Alleluia. You are My servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 1:43-51

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than

these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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SERMON "Here I am"

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APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be"

LSB 783 v.1&2





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.

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GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
- C: but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.
- P: 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. We praise You, heavenly Father, for calling us to faith through Your Spirit. As Your Body of believers, called to follow You, enable us to proclaim Your Word of salvation in all truth and purity. Soften the hearts and open the minds of all people, that they may know You have called them as Your own in grace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.

P: As Samuel heard Your call to faithful service, let us also heed Your call to serve You and serve others in joy. For those whom You have called to serve as church workers, bless their ministry, protect their health and well-being both mentally and physically, and grant Your continued presence and blessings upon their work. For those You have called in other vocations with various jobs and employments, let all work be done as work done for You and the benefit of others. For the unemployed and underemployed, continue to give patience and an awareness of the gifts and abilities that come from Your hand, all the while serving You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: As Paul calls believers to flee from immorality, give to Your people steadfast faith and the ability to resist temptation. As You in Your Law have given a clear standard for the right use of our bodies, which were bought at a price through the blood of our Savior, cause us to glorify You in our bodies and in our very selves. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: As Jesus called His disciples to follow Him, so also help us heed His call and follow in faith. Even amid troubles and trials faced in body and soul, keep faith steadfast and firm with trust in Your presence, Your promises, and Your peace. Be especially with those who have requested our prayers, [including . . .]. As they call out to You, speak to them Your comfort, compassion, and care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Special Prayers

P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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; who by the Holy Spirit has called us by the Gospel, enlightened us with His gifts, and sanctified and kept us with Jesus Christ in the true faith.

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

P: 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.



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."

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."

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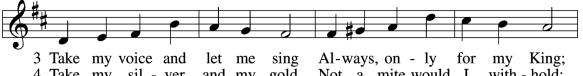
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

LSB 783 v.3-6



- gold, 4 Take my sil - ver and my Not a mite would I with - hold:
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no long - er
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I At Thy feet trea - sure store; pour its



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. Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy roy - al Take my-self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"

LSB 827



- 1 Hark, the voice of Je sus call-ing, "Who will go and work to day?
- 2 Some take up His task in morn-ing, To their Lord re-spond-ing soon;
- 3 For as rain and snow from heav-en Wa ter seeds in dust y soil,
- 4 Hear ken to the Lord whose com ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing—Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"

Some are called in heat of mid-day, Oth - ers late in af - ter-noon;

Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;

When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de-scend.



Loud and long the Mas-ter call-eth; Rich re-ward He of-fers thee. E-ven as the sun is set-ting, Some are sent in to the fields, So the Lord sends forth His prom-ise, Words of life and joy and peace—Soon the night, the fi-nal har-vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an-swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"? There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields. Nev - er void to Him re-turn-ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease. Then the souls His grace has gar-nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

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"Here I Am, Lord"

SGBK 26

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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

C: His steadfast love endures forever.

P: We give thanks to You, gracious Father, for what You have revealed to us through Your Son. As Your Spirit continues to call us through Your Word, grant us ears to hear, wills to obey, hands to serve, and hearts filled with the grace that You have bestowed in this Holy Supper. Strengthen and preserve us all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF DEPARTURE "Spread the Reign of God the Lord"

LSB 830



- 1 Hark, the voice of Je sus call-ing, "Who will go and work to day?
- 2 Some take up His task in morn-ing, To their Lord re-spond-ing soon;
- 3 For as rain and snow from heav-en Wa ter seeds in dust y soil,
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THE SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Welcome to Peace in the name of the Risen Savior!

We request that visitors register by using the Communication cards found in the pew card holders. We ask that you share your name and address so that we can recognize your visit with us. All members are requested to register by using the Communication cards found in the pew card holders. Members, please indicate all family members present and those who took communion, so that the Pastor and Elders can be spiritually accountable for you and your family. Are your cell phones turned off? Cell phones are indeed a great convenience in life these days. However, please, out of courtesy, silence cell phones during the worship service. Thank you!

Hearing assist devices and large print bulletins are available for those who may need them. Please see an Usher or the Elder who will be happy to assist you.

A Mother's Room is available for parents of young children if the need arises. The Mother's Room in the west hallway. The worship service is able to be heard in the Mother's Room.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Holy Communion. Scripture teaches that Holy Communion is a sacred act, established by Christ Himself and is given to His Church. As members of **The Lutheran**Church-Missouri Synod, we hold the doctrine of the Real Presence, in with and under; meaning that Jesus gives His Body and Blood with the bread and wine, as He Himself says, "This is my body... This is

my blood... for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:26ff)

The Holy Scriptures also teach us to receive this meal in a way that is responsible and healthy. As overseer, St. Paul wrote- "let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself" (1 Cor. 11:28-29). Out of genuine care for God's people we ask that those (1) who have not been baptized and instructed in the faith or (2) who come from another church body, not in altar or pulpit fellowship with us, refrain from receiving Holy Communion. For those preparing to receive Holy Communion, Luther encourages us to ask ourselves these questions:

Do I repent of my sins, desiring to turn away from them, back to the Lord?

Do I believe Jesus died and rose for me and gives me His Body and Blood this day "for the forgiveness of sins"?

Do I intend to use this means of grace to change my life, following His will and way?

We ask that all who receive the Lord's Supper fill out a "Care Card" and place it in the offering plate. <u>Please note that</u> reduced-alcoholic white wine is available in the center cups of the communion tray.

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