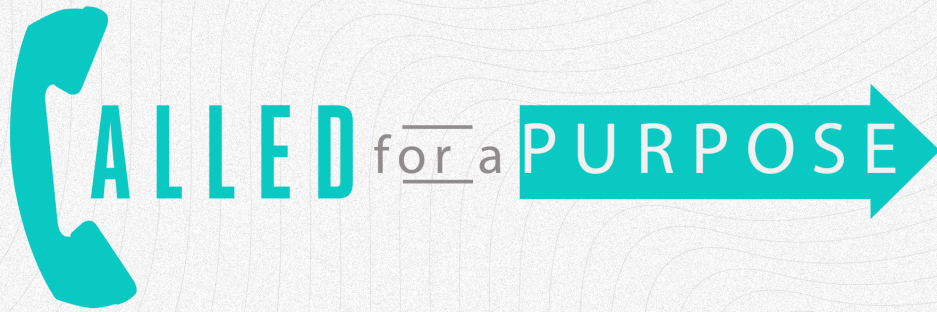


**Sunday, January 14, 2024, 11:15am**  
**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**



John 1:43-51

*Those who have (had) young children are 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).*

### ***Opening Praise Song***

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

**C: Amen.**

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.**

P: 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.

*Silence for meditation.*

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

**C: I confess, heavenly Father, that I often choose not to call on You in times of need, nor in times of thanksgiving. I fail to be near You in my opportunities to pray, praise, and give thanks. Forgive me.**

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

**C: I confess, heavenly Father, that in my days of trouble I rely on myself and not You. I seek deliverance through my own devices and peace through the temporary offerings of this world. Forgive me.**

P: Speak, Lord,

**C: for Your servant hears.**

P: As we call out to the Lord in confession, He calls to us, through His Word of grace, for He has saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own grace, which He gave us in Jesus. 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: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Together, we pray,

**C: 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.**

## **Children's Time**

### **1 Samuel 3:1–20**

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **1 Corinthians 6:12–20**

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **(John 1:43-51)**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## ***Sermon Praise Song***

## **The Sermon**

## **The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes**

## **The Prayers of His Children**

P: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: ...who taught us to pray,

**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.**

## **God's Benediction**

## ***Sending Praise Song***