

Old Testament

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.

Epistle

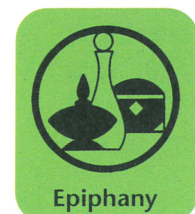
1 Corinthians 6:12–20

^{12a}“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. ^{13a}“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.

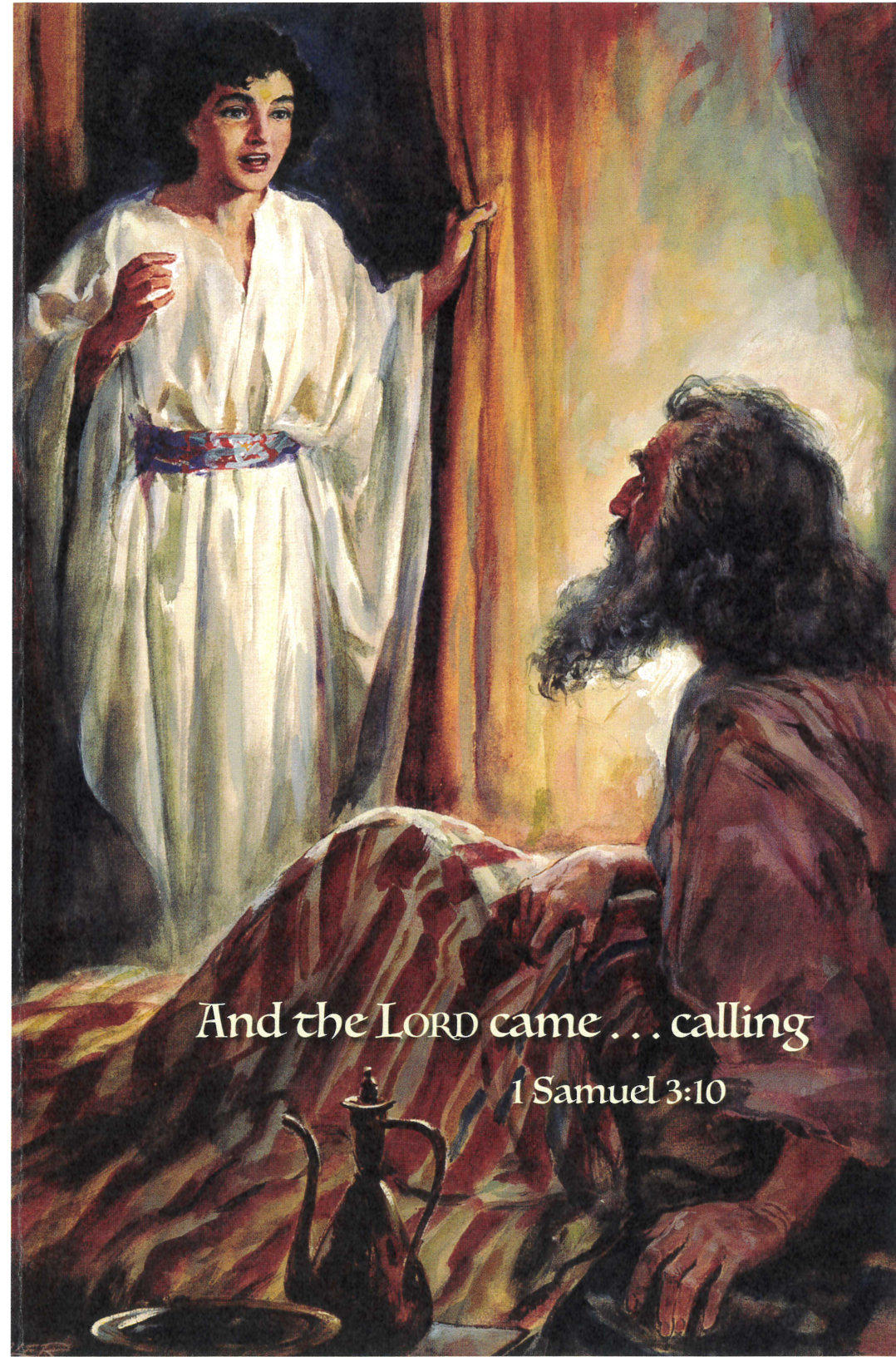
Holy Gospel

John 1:43–51

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.”



About the Cover: Though “the word of the LORD was rare in those days” (1 Samuel 3:1), the startling call of Samuel in the middle of the night shows that the Lord will not remain silent forever. He will speak. In Christ Jesus, He has spoken definitively in “these last days” (Hebrews 1:2). If we need to hear the Lord speak today, we need only turn to the places where He has promised to do so: His Word and Sacraments.



And the LORD came . . . calling

1 Samuel 3:10

2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 10 & 14, 2024

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Three, p. 184

Hymns: 500, 402, 805, 623, 688, 644

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 1/3 (Wed): 29 Comm.: 28 Offering: \$845.04

Attendance 1/7 (Sun): 69 Comm.: 64 Offering: \$3,405.07

Budget Needs: \$3,342.50 Scrip Profit 1/7: \$35.13

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KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (1/14) 6:00 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H

SUN-MON Rural Pastors Conf., Manitowoc

MON (1/15) February Newsletter Items Due

TUES (1/16) 9:30 a.m. – Circuit Pastor's Conf., Manitowoc

WED (1/17) 6:00 p.m. – Confirmation

7:00 p.m. – Worship

7:45 p.m. – Elders

THUR (1/18) 6:30 a.m. – Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study

SUN (1/21) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School

9:00 a.m. – Worship

10:15 a.m. – Bible Class

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Dorothy Maile, Lucas (grandson of Alan Klepps), Pr. John Wille of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS Synod (cancer treatment); Fran (father of Brigitte Sonnabend); Vincent Sucivic (grandson of Duane & Karen Loose), Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules Clausing (infection), Carol Clausing, Sandy Haberland, Elaine Zeamer, and Lori Krueger.

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES – Please email or drop off in the office the contact information – name, address, phone number, email address – for all congregation members in your household (and also extended family) even if the information has not changed since last year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: End-of-the-year giving statements were emailed to those members whose email addresses we have on file. If you did not receive yours, please let the office know. For those members without an email, your statement is in your church mailbox.

VOTERS MEETING will be held Sunday January 28 at 10:00 a.m.

2024 FLOWER CHART & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP – If you would like to donate flowers or sponsor bulletins for next year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

GREETER & USHER SCHEDULE – Thank you to all who have signed up in 2024. We have several openings still available and would like to fill up the slots. Please consider helping. Thank you.

ANNUAL REPORT ITEMS should be turned in already. If not, drop them off at the church office or email them to sblcoffice105@gmail.com ASAP. *Thank you!*

MITE BOX – The LWML Mite Box is on the small table in the narthex for anyone wishing to put their change in throughout the year. Mites go towards many different grants to help those in need. There is a list of them by the mite box.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

John 2:5 – “His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’” What must Mary have thought when Jesus replied, “What does this have to do with me?” (John 2:4). But she knew that whatever her Son said to do would be a blessing, so she knew what advice to give to the servants: Do whatever He tells you! That’s still good advice for us in every aspect of our lives, including in our generosity toward the Lord’s work in the church.