

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 13-14, 2024



Epiphany is both a day (January 6) and a season in the calendar of the church. It is more than a few weeks that separate Christmas from Lent. It is a day and season that celebrates the shining of the true Light to all the world, including both Jew and Gentile. On Epiphany itself, those congregations that gathered heard of the visit of the Gentile Magi (Mt 2:1–12), although that event is often combined with Christmas Day. Next, we joyfully remember the Baptism of Our Lord on the First Sunday after the Epiphany, hearing the declaration that this is God's beloved Son. Now we come to the Second Sunday after the Epiphany, the Gospel reading of Jesus calling His disciples in John 1:43–51. This week, the light of Christ shines on Israel, while next week's readings show the same light shining on the Gentiles. This shining means that Christ's glory is no longer hidden. "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." "Alleluia. You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified. Alleluia." Remarkably, God chooses to reveal the glory of Christ mostly through human beings. The mission to Israel was brought by prophets, and the mission to the world was first carried out by Israel: "I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; . . . I will proclaim and tell of them"!

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Equipping the family of God to joyfully and boldly make disciples of Christ as we

KNOW Jesus and one another, **GROW** to be more like Him and

SOW His love in Word and deed.



Saturday 4 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Services

Divine Service *Setting One* – LSB pg. 151

Dale Scheiderer – Organist

“Are You Listening” - 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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).

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

HYMN OF INVOCATION “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”

LSB 589

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION – LSB pg. 151

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **HOLY BAPTISM** of Jackson Jeffrey Nicol

SERVICE OF THE WORD – LSB pg. 152

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 156

[Today's Bible readings are found on pages 11-12 of this worship program]

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

HYMN OF THE DAY “The Only Son from Heaven”

LSB 402

SERMON: “Are You Listening” - 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

(Sat. 4 p.m.) **APOSTLES CREED**

LSB 159

☩ 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Hebrews 1:1–2

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

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

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.

OFFERINGS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

“Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord.”

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

CLOSING HYMN

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

LSB 919

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Sunday 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Jon Lutz, Rich Rausch & Charles Renner – Accompanists

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Pre-Service Music:

“Awakening”

In our hearts Lord in this nation awakening
Holy Spirit we desire awakening

For You and You alone awake my soul
Awake my soul and sing
For the world You love Your will be done
Let Your will be done in me

In Your presence in Your power awakening
For this moment in this hour awakening

For You and You alone awake my soul
Awake my soul and sing
For the world You love Your will be done
Let Your will be done in me

(REPEAT)

Like the rising sun that shines
From the darkness comes a light
I hear Your voice and this is my awakening
(REPEAT)

Like the rising sun that shines
Awake my soul awake my soul and sing
From the darkness comes a light
Awake my soul awake my soul and sing
Like the rising sun that shines
Awake my soul awake my soul and sing
Only You can raise a life
Awake my soul awake my soul and sing

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Welcome and Time of Greeting

Welcome

Time of Praise and Worship: “Blessed Be Your Name”

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow - Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I’m found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness - Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord - Still I will say,
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun’s shining down on me
When the world’s all as it should be - Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there’s pain in the offering - Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord - Still I will say,
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your glorious name.

You give and take away, You give and take away, My heart will choose to say,
Lord, blessed be Your name.
You give and take away, You give and take away, My heart will choose to say,
Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your glorious name.

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Invocation

Pastor: Just as Samuel listened attentively to the voice of God, may we open our hearts to hear His voice speaking to us today.

People: We still ourselves in the presence of the Lord, eager to hear His voice.

Opening Prayer

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

† We Hear God’s Word †

(Today’s Bible readings are found on pages 11-12 of this worship program)

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Holy Gospel: John 1:43-51

Response Song: “Give Us Clean Hands”

We bow our hearts we bend our knees - Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things - Oh Lord we cast down our idols

Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another

And oh God let us be a generation that seeks
That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob
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Message: "Are You Listening" - 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

† We Respond to God's Word †

Apostles Creed

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.



† We Pray †

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Offerings of Our Time, Talents & Treasures

"Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord."

† We Depart in Peace †

Benediction

Closing Song:

"I Am Free"

Through You the blind will see. Through You the mute will sing
Through You the dead will rise. Through You all hearts will praise.

Through You the darkness flees.
Through You my heart screams I am free!

I am free to run!
I am free to dance!
I am free to live for You!
I am free!

I am free to run!
I am free to dance!
I am free to live for You!
I am free! I am Free!

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NOTES AND NEWS



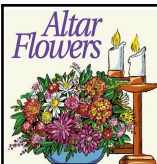
**THE TEXAS TENORS ARE
COMING BACK TO TROY -
APRIL 6, 2024!**

Save the Date... Please contact Jeff or Carol (614-560-5085) or Annie Scheiderer at (937-707-0424) to put your name on the list.

This will be a **SELL-OUT** performance, so we need to know soon. We have reserved 50 seats, which will be held until the end of January. We are asking for a \$10 deposit with your signup. Final cost will be available after we make arrangements for our dinner accommodations before the concert. This group has become the Golden Eagles' (and Lucy's!) most beloved entertainment group! Watch for more details soon!

ATTENTION WISCONSIN TRAVELERS!

We have a few extra copies of our picture booklet and travelogue available. Make sure you have a history of the people and places that made our September 2023 special. See Carol or Jeff Reinhard to get your copy. It's a wonderful keepsake of a special time together in Door County, Wisconsin!



2024 FLOWER CALENDAR DATES

Flower Calendar dates can be reserved for altar or chancel flowers by contacting Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111. Many dates are still available for the year 2024. Dates available for the five months are the following:

January 21	February 18	April 14	May 5
February 4	February 25	April 21	May 12
February 11	March 10		

Thank you for your support!



I want to thank the Sunday school class and Sunday lunch bunch for their get-well cards. Special thanks to Peggy Bunsold, Amy Balderson, Jacque Jobe and Mike Priday for all their help and care while I have been recovering. Thanks be to God for His blessings each day. **Lucy Eger**

Love and thanks to all who sent me cards for my 94th birthday, and to all the little ones for their cards.

Blessings, **Doris Rausch**

Thinking about joining St. John's, or interested in learning more about the Lutheran faith?

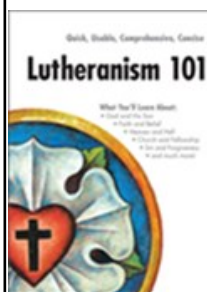
If so, please join us for our Lutheranism 101 **two-day** weekend workshop.

Friday, January 19, 2024 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm

AND

**Saturday, January 20 from
9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Location: Heritage House



Please join us for our Lutheranism 101 weekend workshop if you are considering joining St. John's, are a current member, or a guest who would like to learn more. Lutheranism 101 examines the Lutheran beliefs

and heritage. If you are a life-long Lutheran searching for more information, or new to Lutheranism looking to understand what we believe, then please join us!

We ask that you please register by Monday, January 15, 2024.

Contact Regina Bullerman in the church office. (email: rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org or direct number: 937-240-3004), or use the

Sign-Up Genius Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040845A8AA22A2FB6-lutheranism>



**Everyone, Ladies and Men,
Are Invited To Come!**

Our Thursday, February 1st, Ladies Aid meeting will be held at the Heritage House at 1:00 pm. Our speaker will be Stephen Ministry leader, Marie Van Gorden. You will learn how a Stephen Minister is trained to be a lay Christian caregiver for you, your family or friends. Please come to learn about this vital ministry at St. John's.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

Welcome to St. John's! Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray that you will encounter Christ, the Living Word, and in a new way experience His mercy and grace today. We ask if you are a visitor, or a worship scholarship participant (SJ School), to please fill out the **blue card** located in the pew rack in front of you. Then drop the card in the offering box as you leave worship. If you would like to know more about our ministry, please call the church office at 937-644-5540.

The Lutheran Hour is on the radio Sunday mornings at **7:00am on WLW (700 AM)**. Log on to www.lhm.org for more information and channels. Jim Vandre, LHM Ambassador.

St. John's Radio Program airs Sunday mornings at **8:00am** on local channel **WQTT (1270 AM & 98.7 FM)**.

Valet Parking: Available at the 9:00 am service. Contact Charlie Fisher at 614-370-5495 or clfpagg@aol.com if interested in helping valet park, or have questions.

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Kathleen N. Mambourg**; given by John, Amanda, Luke, Nicholas, and Zachary Mambourg.

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S JANUARY 14-21, 2024

TODAY 9:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service (Live-Streamed)
01/14/24 10:00 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/
Youth & Children Sunday School
10:00 am 2023-24 Youth Catechism Class
11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service

MONDAY **School & Offices Closed: MLK Day**
8:00 pm Adult Open Gym Volleyball

TUESDAY 11:30 am Ladies Aid Quilting

WEDNESDAY 1:30 pm ACES/Youth House

THURSDAY 12:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting
8:00 pm Dartball/Gym

FRIDAY 1:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting
5:30 pm SJ Boys BBall at Home vs. Genoa Christian
6:00 pm Lutheranism 101 Workshop/Heritage House
6:00 pm CEA Movie Night: Avalon Theatre

SATURDAY 9:00 am Lutheranism 101 Workshop/Heritage House
4:00 pm Sanctuary Worship Service: Communion

SUNDAY 9:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service (Live-Streamed):
01/21/24 Communion/2024 Installation of Officers
10:00 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/
Youth & Children Sunday School
10:00 am 2023-24 Youth Catechism Class
11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service: Communion
3:30 pm SJ Boys BBall at Home vs. Tree of Life

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 11:00 am

(Fall-Winter-Early Spring Schedule)

3 Years-Kindergarten—Church Basement

1st-5th Grades—Meet together in the gym with Teacher Mark Moran, and then move to school classrooms.

6th Grade—Mrs. Ashley Monroe's Classroom

7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class—Mrs. Susie Miller & Mrs. Jayme Allen's Modular Classroom

High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"—Youth House

Women's Bible Study—Classroom (below the school loft):

Topic - "Where Love Abides." Bible study based on John 15:1-17, written by Donna Snow.

Adult Bible Study—School Cafeteria: Topic - "Romans 12" led by Rich & Kristine Rausch.

If you have questions, please contact the
Sunday School Superintendent,
Lisa Arnold at 937-205-1802 or
arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com



Weekly Church Attendance

4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

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Weekly Worship Bible Readings

We have provided next weekends Bible readings for those of you who would like to read and study the Word ahead of next weekends worship services:

January 20-21, 2024

Old Testament Reading: *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 7:29-35*

Holy Gospel Reading: *Mark 1:14-20*

Congregational Tithe—3rd Qtr. Mission Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2023-24

LCMS Ohio District - 50%;

Youth Mission Outreach - 10%;

Armed Forces Ministry - 40%



NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

WELCOME,
VISITORS!

Those who are visiting with us today, please feel free to take a blue visitor "welcome" bag located in the back of church or on the tables in the gym at 11:00 am worship service.

Weekly Notes & News Deadline

Please submit articles by no later than Tuesday at noon to Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary.
Call 937-240-3004, mail to the church office, or email to rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org

Worship Transportation Ministry



We are in need of drivers to pick up and drop off members for worship. If you are interested in helping serve in this capacity, please contact Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary,

for more information. Call 937-240-3004 or email rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org.

January Junior Youth Event

January 28th
6-8 pm In the Gym



Prison Ball, 4-Square Volleyball,
Sock Soccer and Devos!
Join the Fun!

Bring yourself and a bag of chips to pass and maybe a friend!



**Family
MOVIE NIGHT
At The Avalon**

FROZEN II

January 19th at 6:30 pm

CEA is excited to host our first movie night at The Avalon! January 19th, doors will open at 6pm, movie begins at 6:30 pm. Join us to view Frozen 2! Due to limited seating and to help cover the cost of renting the theatre we will be selling tickets for this event. Tickets are \$5 per person. We ask that you sign up on this sign up genius for as many seats as you will need and then turn in your money to the school office by January 17th. The sign up genius goes live 1/6 at 9 am! We do expect this event to sell out so please grab tickets as soon as the sign up genius opens to be sure to reserve your seats.

AN ADULT, MUST BE PRESENT AND RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL STUDENT ATTENDING.

CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

Please email cea@sjsmarysville.org with any questions.

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Extra Seats Available for SJS 8th Grade Washington DC Trip!

There are seats available for travel to Washington D.C. with our annual 8th graders trip. This year's travel kicks off with a departure on April 24th and returning on April 27th. We will visit historical and memorial sites included but not limited to The Museum of the Bible, The Library of Congress, The US Capitol, Washington Cathedral, and Mount Vernon. Please contact Mr. Rausch by **February 1st** if you have any questions or are interested.

Email: rtausch@sjsmarysville.org or
Call: 937-240-3003



LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Please join us for this encouraging seminar.



Sunday, February 18, 2024 from 2-4 pm
St. Paul Lutheran Church, 7960 State
Route 38, Milford Center, OH 43045
Text Janet at 614-561-7411 to register

MORE NOTES & NEWS



Greetings from Stephen Ministry. In 2016, we started a new generation of Stephen Ministers at St. John's. Two classes of Stephen Ministers were commissioned and extended compassionate care to many members. The year 2020 was hard for Stephen Ministry. We are looking to restart the Stephen Ministry at St. John's.

Over the next few months, there will be information announced in church as well as in the Notes & News. We will reach out to groups at St. John's to explain what Stephen Ministry does and how you as members of this church can help grow St. John's into a Stephen Ministry church. This is a process that will take some time.

We are in a phase, at this time, to recruit Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers are congregation members, trained by Stephen Leaders, to offer care to people who hurting. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person weekly for an hour.

Pastors feel confident referring people to Stephen Ministers because they know that Stephen Ministers are carefully selected, well-trained, and well-supervised caregivers. Stephen Ministry can help support our pastor in his outreach to those folks who are going through difficult times.

We invite you to listen and read the information that we will present over the next weeks. Our goal is to start a new class of Stephen Ministers after Easter.

We have two scheduled meetings to present more information about Stephen Ministry:

- February 1 at 1:00 pm, Heritage House (Ladies Aid meeting, all welcome)
- February 4 at 10:00 am, Cafeteria (Rich and Kristine Rausch Sunday School, all welcome)

For more information on Stephen Ministry, please contact:

Doug Doellinger - Phone: 937-644-0576, Email - weaverwood8@gmail.com or

Marie Van Gorden - Phone: 614-736-7162, Email - marievangorden@gmail.com

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: *1 Samuel 3:1-20*

The boy Samuel heard a voice calling his name in the middle of the night. Not recognizing this voice as the Lord's, Samuel repeatedly went to Eli. Eli instructed Samuel to listen and respond for the Lord was calling him.

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Paul addressed the issues of sexual immorality amongst the Corinthians. He emphasized that their bodies were temples of the Holy Spirit and urged them to flee from sexual sin and instead honor God with their bodies.

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Sat. 4 p.m. & Sun. 9 a.m.) **Alleluia and Verse**

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Holy Gospel: John 1:43-51

Jesus called Philip to be one of His disciples. Philip found Nathanael and told him the great news, but Nathanael doubted Jesus at first. But when Jesus told Nathanael He had seen him under the fig tree, Nathanael had a change of heart and believed. Many of us are just like Nathanael with doubts and reservations, but Jesus knows us intimately and calls us to a life of faith. As we answer the call to follow Jesus, we can expect to witness His transforming work in our lives.

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

C Praise to You, O Christ.