



A SIMPLE INVITATION



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Sunday, January 17, 2021
The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Good morning and welcome to worship today!

Did you ever notice how powerful the simple things of life are?

A simple "Hello". A simple "Thank You card". A simple gesture of kindness.

Very often, it's the simple things that make a huge difference. We never know what outcome could result from a simple invitation to follow Jesus, but we as followers of Christ are commanded to go and make disciples, trusting the Holy Spirit to give us the words.

Our sermon title for today is, "A Simple Invitation!"

Pre - Service Music

Michael Van Bemmelen

Welcome

Pastor Paul Appold

Opening Song

"Lord, I Need You"

**Lord I come, I confess Bowing here, I find my rest
And without You, I fall apart
You're the one, that guides my heart**

**(CHORUS) Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

**Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found, is where You are
And where You are, Lord I am free Holiness, is Christ in me
Where You are, Lord I am free Holiness, is Christ in me (CHORUS)**

**(BRIDGE) So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and stay
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**(CHORUS) Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
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Invocation

(Psalm 139:1-4; 13-14)

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! You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

C: You discern my thoughts from afar.

P: You search out my path and my lying down

C: And are acquainted with all my ways.

P: Even before a word is on my tongue,

C: Behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

P: For You formed my inward parts;

C: You knitted me together in my mother's womb

P: I praise You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made

C: Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

P: Our Lord knows all about our lives. He knows our deepest needs. He calls us today to come to Him, to repent of our sins, and receive His forgiveness. Please join me as we confess together...

(A moment of silence beneath the cross, to meditate on God's Word.)

All: Forgiving Father, we approach Your throne of grace in need of Your forgiveness. We have not loved You with our full heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. So, we beg for Your forgiveness and plead for Your help to overcome the temptations of the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh. Please send us Your Holy Spirit, Lord!

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was sent to pay the full payment for your sins. His death on the cross and resurrection from the grave, gave victory to all who believe in Him. You are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen. Thank You Lord for Your great love!

Hymn of Praise

"King of Kings"

**In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt**

**(CHORUS) *Praise the Father Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings***

**To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake You died**

CHORUS

**And the morning that You rose All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored**

**And the Church of Christ was born Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me**

CHORUS

Praise forever to the King of Kings

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Prayer of the Day

P: Heavenly Father, You are God above it all. You are powerful and mighty, You are awesome and magnificent, and we praise You. You call us by name, and You know us intimately. In our mothers' wombs, you knit us together. You fashioned us to be Your people. Lord God, You are worthy of all honor, glory, and praise! Open our ears and our hearts, so that we may hear Your word and follow it in our lives.

C: In the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

The young boy Samuel heard a voice call his name and thought it was the prophet Eli.

When he ran to Eli's room for the third time, it dawned on the prophet that God was calling Samuel.

R: The First Reading for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany is from the book of 1st Samuel, the third chapter:

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³ The 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. ⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and 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. ⁶ And 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."

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ And 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 boy. ⁹ Therefore 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. ¹⁰ And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

¹¹ Then 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. ¹² On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ And 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. ¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵ Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." ¹⁷ And 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." ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him." ¹⁹ And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Our bodies were fashioned to honor God. We are to refrain from sexual sins because our bodies are members of Christ and we are to be united with Him.

R: The Second Reading is from the book of 1st Corinthians, the sixth chapter:

“All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated 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. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵ Do 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! ¹⁶ Or 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.” ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or 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, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 1:43-51

Jesus invited Philip to follow Him. Philip in turn invited Nathanael to come meet Jesus from Nazareth, who scoffed at the thought of anything good coming from that town. But when Jesus told Nathanael where he had just been, Nathanael moved from skepticism to faith.

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip 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.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael 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.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹ And 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.

Apostles Creed

All: 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

Children's Message

Pastor Paul Appold

Sermon Hymn

"Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

LSB #589



1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten
3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in



me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,
to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,
spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;
me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me



Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward
Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,
On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your



strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with
Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who
light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my
praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est



love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!
feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.
sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!
praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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Sermon

"A Simple Invitation"

John 1:43-51

Offerings

(Thank you for your faithful offerings for the Lord's Kingdom. Please place them in the offering plate near the entrance.)

Prayers of the Church

(Response to the petitions)

P: Lord, in Your Mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

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.

Dismissal Blessing

P: May the Lord search us and meet us where we are.

May He bless you with strength for the journey that lies ahead.

C: May the Holy Spirit guide us.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Goodness Of God"

I love You Lord

Oh Your mercy never fails me

All my days

I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head

I will sing of the goodness of God

(CHORUS) All my life You have been faithful

All my life You have been so so good

With every breath that I am able

I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

(CHORUS) *All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

(BRIDGE) Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me **(REPEAT BRIDGE)**

(CHORUS)
I will sing of the goodness of God

Announcements

Continue to join us for worship on our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/tlcmuskegon or on our website at www.tlcmuskegon.org.

GIVING AT TRINITY Thank you for continuing to give generously to Trinity and support the ministry with your Offerings. You may do so by mailing your Offering envelopes to Trinity at 3225 Roosevelt Road, Muskegon, MI, 49441 or by giving online. To set up an online giving account, please visit www.tlcmuskegon.org/give

“Speak, for your servant hears.” 1 Samuel 3:10b

2021 FLOWER CHART The new Altar Guild Flower Chart is posted and ready for orders. Altar flowers are \$14 per vase, checks should be made out to “Trinity Altar Guild”

ALTAR GUILD MEETING Monday, January 25 at 6:30pm in the Parlor



DRIVE IN COMMUNION SERVICE We will have another opportunity for those who have not returned to in person worship to come and take communion. This will be in our parking lot on **Sunday, January 17 at 1:00pm**, with the individually packaged communion sets.

DOOR OFFERING Sunday, January 24 will be our celebration of Life Sunday. We will have a door offering for the Muskegon Pregnancy Center. The Muskegon Pregnancy Center is a Pro-Life organization that seeks to save and change lives through support & tangible resources.

2021 DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE *Want a great resolution for 2021? How about reading through the Bible in one year. Here is a great guide from a great organization--Lutheran Bible Translators...Go ahead and give it a try!* [2021 DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE](#)

CD's & DVD's of our services are delivered to those who are unable to watch via the internet. This has been a blessing to many of our members! Please let the church office know if you or someone you know would like to be added to this group.

We would also appreciate additional drivers to assist with this endeavor!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

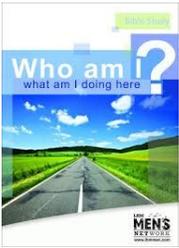
We rejoice with Dale Kliner who celebrates his birthday today!

And for those who celebrate this week; Toni Burkett, Jacob Huston, Addie Kuhl, Tim Thielbar Jr., Bob Burch, Chase DeMarr, Cerina Bartels, Gail Koch, Florette Rabe, and 16th birthday wishes to Jack Taylor!

If you wish to have contact information, please call or email the church office at telephone number - 231.755.1292 or email info@tlcmuskegon.org



THANK YOU ALL! *For your notes, cards, and prayers. Each one was received with a grateful heart for your thoughtfulness! My shoulder is doing well. - Barb Rudick*



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY The class is titled, "Who Am I, and What Am I Doing Here?" This class will focus on the purposes of our lives, why God has us here, and how we can make the most effective use of our time. This class will be led on Zoom and in person every Sunday morning, beginning January 10th at 11:00. **ZOOM ID 204 576 0929 Passcode Trinity** Please join us!

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY *"Listening to the Language of the Bible."*

Meets every Thursday from 7-8 pm. The class is open to new participants. We will be studying Biblical words and phrases in their original context in order to expand our understanding of God's direction and understanding for our living in Christ. Get the details by sending your e-mail and address to Pastor L at dennlass03@gmail.com You will receive a copy of the book and a study guide along with information on how each class session is planned.

MONTHLY MIRACLE DRIVE For the months of December and January we are collecting monetary donations and diapers for Muskegon Pregnancy Services. You may send a check to Trinity with the notation MPS on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!



THE MICHIGAN MINUTE NEWS FROM THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT, LCMS

Now, more than ever, it is important to be up-to-date with the news of our church body, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, as a whole. The Michigan District of the LCMS is working hard to provide resources of encouragement, answer theological questions, provide financial guidance for churches, educate about best practices of staying connected for worship online, and more. To connect, subscribe to their Michigan Minute Enews emails by going to <https://michigandistrict.org/about-us/publications/michigan-minute-e-news/>. You will need to click on an additional link on the top of this webpage (it says, "To subscribe to the Michigan Minute E-newsletter, [click here.](#)")

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CEF Click the link to find January Interest Rates [View/Download Rates at CEF Website](#)

THOSE WHO SERVE

Today - Sunday, January 17
 Communion: N/A (Drive-In Today)
 Prayer Leader: Don Bogema
 Reader: Don Bogema
 Ushers: Tim Koeppe's Team
 Door Opener: Tom Jandt
 Hospitality: Lynn Koeppe

Next Sunday - Sunday, January 24
 Communion: Dan Trach & Tom Jandt
 Prayer Leader: John Gallagher
 Reader: Patti Bogema
 Ushers: Bob DeBoer's Team
 Door Opener: Morningstars
 Hospitality: Laura Custer

Attendance & Contributions for January 2021

| Attendance | | | |
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| Bible Studies | | Online | |
| Sunday, Jan 3 | 0 | 9 | |
| Thursday, Jan 7 | NA | 12 | |
| Sunday, Jan 10 | 7 | 3 | |
| Thursday, Jan 14 | NA | 9 | |
| Church Attendance | In Person | Online | Communion |
| Sunday, January 3 | NA | 41 | NA |
| Sunday, January 10 | 51 | 32 | 47 |
| Sunday, January 17 | | | |
| Sunday, January 24 | | | |
| Sunday, Jan. 31 | | | |
| * Online refers to highest number of total viewers during Facebook Live | | | |
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| Contributions | | | |
| December Totals (General & Building/Debt) | | | |
| Monthly Need | \$27,200 | Monthly Total | \$27,515 |
| January 10, 2021 | | January Month-to-Date | |
| General Fund | | General Fund | |
| Weekly Need | \$5,600 | MTD Need | \$11,200 |
| Offerings | \$5,134 | MTD Total | \$12,266 |
| Building Fund | | Building Fund | |
| Weekly Need | \$1,200 | MTD Need | \$2,400 |
| Offerings | \$998 | MTD Total | \$2,301 |
| Total | | Total | |
| Weekly Need | \$6,800 | MTD Need | \$13,600 |
| Offerings | \$6,132 | MTD Total | \$14,567 |

