

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 17, 2021

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Here I Am, Lord"

M. Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in God's mercy and grace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—

our own sins and the brokenness that binds us.

We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love.

We distrust those who are not like us.

We exploit the earth and its resources

and fail to consider generations to come.

Forgive us, gracious God,

for all we have done and left undone.

Amen.

How vast is God's amazing grace!

Through the power and promise of Christ Jesus,

our sins are washed away, and we are truly forgiven.

And now as God's beloved children,
let us live out Christ's justice and mercy,
and share with the world, God's reconciling peace.

Amen.

PEACE

In Jesus Christ, God has reconciled us to himself. Let us also be reconciled and at peace with one another. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

A Reading from 1 Samuel

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 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! 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. ⁶The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up 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. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you

called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” [¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told 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 expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.

¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” ¹⁷Eli 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.

Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

(1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20])

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18 (Read Responsively)

¹LORD, you have searched me out and known me;

²**you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

⁵You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

**¹⁴I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

**¹⁵My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.**

**¹⁶Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.**

**¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!**

**¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

A Reading from 1 Corinthians

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “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 meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body.

(1 Corinthians 6:12-20)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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 about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

(John 1:43-51)

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak"

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SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Read in Unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church might daily live out its calling, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of God's creation, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those lacking food or shelter, for those broken or grieving, for those imprisoned or homebound, for those affected by COVID-19, (and *especially for everyone on our prayer list*), that God will console all who suffer, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For our neighborhood, for visitors who are visiting with us, and for those absent from our assembly, that all who seek to know God may be nourished by God's Holy Word, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, that their lives may give us a vision of the gospel in action, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Read in Unison)

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

May Almighty God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

be with you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

“Here I Am, Lord”

vs. 1 & 2

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THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"The Call to Serve"

F. Ritter

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Altar flowers are presented in memory of Muriel S. Reibie, mother and grandmother, by Sue, Kurt, and Juli Schenck.

Chancel flowers are presented in memory of Clint Rarick by Tom and Gwen Wehr.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, January 17	8:00 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Worship
Monday, January 18	6:00 PM	Worship & Music
	7:00 PM	Council
Thursday, January 21	7:00 PM	Adult Forum via ZOOM
Saturday, January 23	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, January 24	8:00 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Worship

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (1/17/21)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Kay Weidensaul

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Sue Reier; GREETER: Chris Long; USHERS: Tom and Gwen Wehr;

ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright and Danielle Richards;

COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Pat Davis

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (1/24/21)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Justin McClure

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Sarah Eger; GREETER: Chris Long; USHER: Madelyn Knecht;

ALTAR GUILD: Tina Butler and Chris Long;

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Joanne Emerich, and Barb Sterner

Introduction to the Day: All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called “the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

LET'S HELP FOSTER CARE KIDS

Maddie Swick is working on a project to help earn her Girl Scout Gold Award. She has decided to pack suitcases for foster care children at Kids Peace in Pottsville but needs our help!

Having already reached her goal of 25-30 suitcases, all Maddie needs to do now is fill them; this is where the generosity of our congregation comes in! By January 31st, please consider donating kids and adult sized toothbrushes, toothpaste, hairbrushes, and toiletry bags approximately 5" x 10" long.

Maddie's donation box is in our narthex and includes tags like those on our Angel Tree, where members can take a tag and donate the item requested. Maddie came up with this project because she recently found out that foster care children usually do not have a way to carry their belongings with them when they move from home to home. Sadly, they often use trash bags to carry their personal possessions. Maddie's goal is to supply foster kids with belongings of their own, *and* a place to keep them.

She believes our church should be involved in this worthy project because helping foster care kids is a way to show we care about the well-being of others.

Please help Maddie complete her project by January 31st. THANK YOU!

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GATHERING HYMN

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

vs. 1 & 4

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

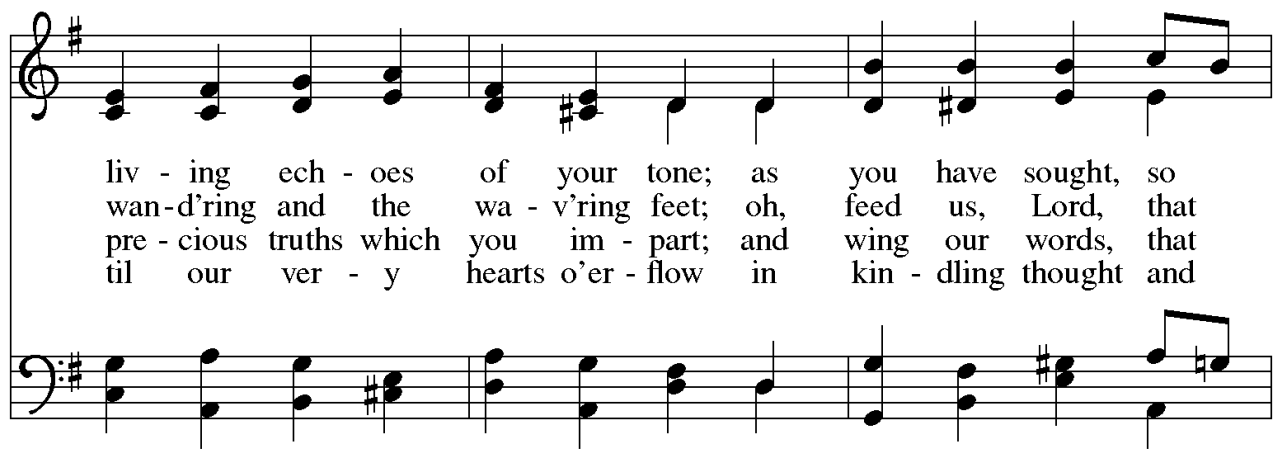
nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
Music: MUNICH, *Neuermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak”



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

SENDING HYMN:

“Here I Am, Lord”

vs. 1 & 2



1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?”

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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