

Sunday, January 14, 2024 2nd Sunday After Epiphany

10:00 a.m.



"Meeting the Unexpected"

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Ancient Words

Announcements

* (indicates please stand) Confession and Forgiveness

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the Φ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the [♠] Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Song	Create in Me	
Prayer of the Day		
Song	Father God	
please be seated Lesson	1 Samuel 3:1-10	Pew Bible pg 244
Gospel	John 1:43-51	Pew Bible pg 967
Children's Message		Pastor Steve Albertin
Sermon	"Meeting the Unexpected"	Pastor Steve Albertin

- We like Nathanael are blinded by our assumption that "nothing good can come out of Naza-reth."

- But it is not just a faulty assumption that blinds us. It is our bad faith that prevents us from "seeing" Jesus in the ordinary places of life.
- Exposed, expecting only the worst, Jesus surprises us with his unexpected grace.
- This amazing and unexpected reversal enables us to "see" Jesus in all the wrong places.
- Once we have "seen" Jesus, we can love him by loving those who never expected to be loved: the poor, ordinary and outcast of this world.
- * Song

The Epiphany Carol

Abertin/Von Schakel

The Epiphany Carol lyrics reflect the Gospel of the day.

A wondrous light descends upon the earth's dark night. Warming the cold; melting the dark. Shedding the gloom, pouring the light upon the wounds of time's great plight, ending the curse of sin's dread might.

Chorus:

Rejoice humanity! For this Epiphany, Reveals divinity, a blessed symphony. Sweet notes of light sing through the night; The song of God's delight.

When Jesus says to his disciples, "Follow me." They are surprised For in their eyes how could He be the Deity From Nazareth, a poor city, no place from where a king should be. *(Chorus)*

But then the skeptics heard the sweet and gentle call: "Please come and see Look carefully heaven is here, to make it clear That God has saved us from the Fall, so we can shine God's love to all." (*Chorus*)

please be seated The Offering

* Offertory	We Are an Offering	ELW 692
* The Apostles' Creed		ELW pg 105

Prayers of the Church : (the congregation joins in speaking the names of those for whom we pray.)

Members:

Tim Reeb, Susan Kraabel, Kay Munholland, Craig Ellis, Lisa Excell & her mother Sandy, Judy Naaman, Wes & Lee Bucher, Bill Crampton, Alden Meyer (Rahn's grandson)

Family & Friends

Pete, George, Bob, Linda, Jeannie, Joyce, Randall & Mary, Haley & Hannah

Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen!

please be seated

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at his table. There, they receive him and the new life he offers. Those who eat and drink at his table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all that God has made. If you are not baptized, contact Pastor Albertin to learn how you can receive the great gift God has for you in baptism. Today, you are welcome to join us at Christ's table.

* Ending Song

Shout to the Lord

Benediction

- P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God!