# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 14, 2024 ~ 8:30am

**Welcome to God's house!** Here we meet Jesus, right where He promises to be, in Word and Sacrament. We are so glad you came!

**We love children at Christ Our Savior.** Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A staffed nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

**Please check in with the Friendship Pad or Online.** Remove the Friendship pad from the hymn rack on the center aisle and fill out your information. Take note of the people sitting around you – welcome each other by name! Or check in online at: <a href="https://christoursavior.org/check-in">https://christoursavior.org/check-in</a>

We welcome guests to Sunday School and Bible classes, from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Sunday School	Lead by:	Where:			
Sunday School Opening	Karla Schettenhelm, Matt Fremder	Rooms 8 & 9			
Pre K thru Kindergarten	Dawn Cipa, Susan Weak, Michelle Linderman	Room 15			
1 <sup>st</sup> thru 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Nikki Shingledecker, Kirsten Galka, Sarah Kittleman	Room 8			
4 <sup>th</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Laurie Candela, Tom Brunner, Jim Edwards	Room 10			
7 <sup>th</sup> thru 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Nathan Troike	Room 12			
High School Youth	Judy Bruder, Dan Young, Josh Kittleman	Youth Room			
Adult Bible Studies					
Bethel Bible Series	Judy Mayle	Gethsemane Chapel			
Spiritual Warfare	Pastor Davenport	Gym			
The Prophet Elijah	Pastor Joel	Rooms 5 & 6			

#### **AS WE GATHER**

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).

# Order of Worship

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC David Crittenden

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# ♣ Preparation ♣

#### **OPENING HYMN**

"Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

LSB 589

- Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens, Let Your Word to me come near; Newborn life and spirit give me, Let each promise still my fear.
   Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife, Wars against Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor That I cling to You forever!
- Oh, what blessing to be near You And to listen to Your voice;
   Let me ever love and hear You, Let Your Word be now my choice!
   Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at Your Word;
   But to all who feel sin's burden You give words of peace and pardon.

#### INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **OPENING SENTENCES**

Psalm 139:1-10; 1 Samuel 3:9

- P O LORD, You have searched me and known me!
- You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.
- P You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
- **E** Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.
- P You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.
- Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.
- Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!
- If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.
- P Speak, LORD,
- **G** for Your servant hears.

#### CONFESSION

As the psalmist declares, the Lord searches us, knows us, is ever-present with us, and leads us. He listens to us as we speak to Him. We come before Him in confession.

Silence for meditation.

- The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth."
- We confess, heavenly Father, that we often choose not to call on You in times of need, nor in times of thanksgiving. We fail to be near You in our opportunities to pray, praise, and give thanks. Forgive us.
- P "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."
- We confess, heavenly Father, that in our days of trouble we rely on ourselves and not You. We seek deliverance through our own devices and peace through the temporary offerings of this world. Forgive us.
- P "Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near."
- We confess, heavenly Father, we are the ones who are lost even though You are near and present in Your Word and means of grace. Our sins of thought, word, and deed separate us from You. Forgive us.
- P Speak, LORD,
- for Your servant hears.

#### **HYMN**

"Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

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3. Lord, Your words are waters living When my thirsting spirit pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life-giving; On Your words my spirit feeds. Lord, Your words will be my light Through death's cold and dreary night; Yes, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unfailing!

### **ABSOLUTION**

2 Timothy 1:9; Isaiah 43:1; 1 Samuel 3:10

- As we speak and call out to the Lord in prayer and confession, He calls to us, His people, through His Word of truth, mercy, and grace; for He has "saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began." As a called and ordained servant of the Word and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- But now thus says the LORD, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine."

  Speak, LORD,
- for Your servant hears. Amen.

4. As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; Let Your words in me take root. May Your Spirit e'er be near me That I bear abundant fruit. May I daily sing Your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise, Till my highest praise is given In the endless joy of heaven.

## ♣ Service of the Word ♣

### **SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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P The Lord be with you.



- Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

(The Lord calls Samuel.)

1 Samuel 3:1-10

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." ¬Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁶And 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. ⁰Therefore 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."

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

<sup>12</sup>"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. <sup>13</sup>"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. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup>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! <sup>16</sup>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." <sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

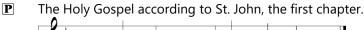
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#### **HOLY GOSPEL**

(Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael.)

John 1:43-51





<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>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." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>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." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>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." <sup>51</sup>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.



## THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE

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.

#### **SERMON HYMN**

"Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure"

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- Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal, Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End; Godhead, humanity, union supernal, O great Redeemer, You come as our friend! Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder: Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!
- 2. Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder! Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear. See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder! He sets us free from our guilt and our fear, Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor. Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!
- 3. Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.
  See now the threatening strong one disarmed!
  Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress,
  Brings forth the pris'ners triumphant, unharmed.
  Satan, you wicked one, own now your master!
  Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!

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4. Jesus has come as the King of all glory! Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r, Capturing hearts with the heavenly story; Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting hour! Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you! Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!

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SERMON "Come and See!" John 1:43–51



#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Hebrews 1:1–2

- P Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
- **©** but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.
- As God has spoken to us in His Word through His Son, let us speak to Him in prayer. We pray for the Church of God and all people according to their needs. We praise You, heavenly Father, for calling us to faith through Your Spirit. As Your Body of believers, called to follow You, enable us to proclaim Your Word of salvation in all truth and purity. Soften the hearts and open the minds of all people, that they may know You have called them as Your own in grace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- As Samuel heard Your call to faithful service, let us also heed Your call to serve You and serve others in joy. For those whom You have called to serve as church workers, bless their ministry, protect their health and well-being both mentally and physically, and grant Your continued presence and blessings upon their work. For those You have called in other vocations with various jobs and employments, let all work be done as work done for You and the benefit of others. For the unemployed and underemployed, continue to give patience and an awareness of the gifts and abilities that come from Your hand, all the while serving You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- As Paul calls believers to flee from immorality, give to Your people steadfast faith and the ability to resist temptation. As You in Your Law have given a clear standard for the right use of our bodies, which were bought at a price through the blood of our Savior, cause us to glorify You in our bodies and in our very selves. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- As Jesus called His disciples to follow Him, so also help us heed His call and follow in faith. Even amid troubles and trials faced in body and soul, keep faith steadfast and firm with trust in Your presence, Your promises, and Your peace. Be especially with those who have requested our prayers. As they call out to You, speak to them Your comfort, compassion, and care. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



- 1. Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
- 2. Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Your Word, And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.
- 3. Abide with heav'nly brightness Among us, precious Light; Your truth direct and keep us From error's gloomy night.
- 4. Abide with richest blessings Among us, bounteous Lord; Let us in grace and wisdom Grow daily through Your Word.
- 5. Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength, Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.
- 6. Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love; Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.

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POSTLUDE	"The Call"	Ralph Vaughan Williams

#### **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS -**

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