



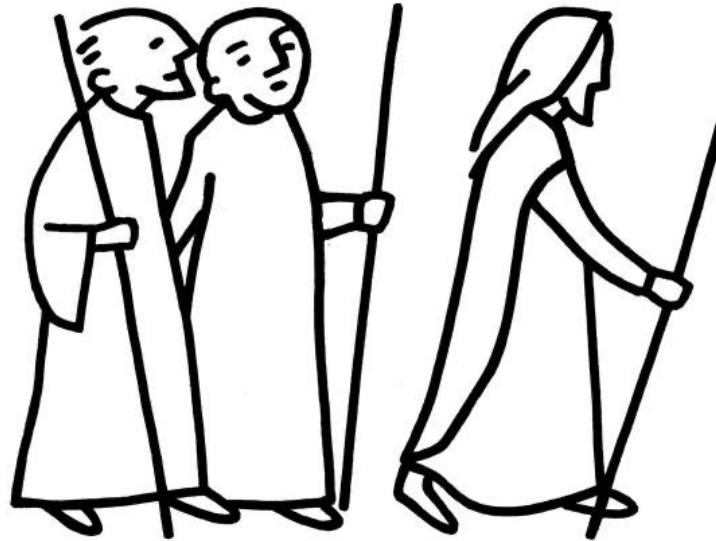
WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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Sunday, January 14th, 2024 * 9:30 AM * INPERSON and ONLINE



2nd Sunday After Epiphany

Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: 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.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.

Announcements are televised or found on our website

Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.

Our community gathers in unity with others in-person and a virtual way.

We hope all people find it easy to follow along.

GOD GATHERS US

Announcements are found on our website

PRELUDE

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen

We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers, using this as a meditation guide all week long.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C: Amen.

OPENING SONG

Do Lord

The Other Song Book

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DO, LORD! : PSALM 27

Adapted by J. Y. from Ps.27, Eph3:21

Traditional
Arr. by John Ylvisaker

G
Refrain

Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do re-mem - ber me!

C **G**

Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do re-mem - ber me!

B7 **Em** **A7**

Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do re-mem - ber me! Look a -

G/D **D7** **G**

way be - yond the blue.

Fine

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G Verses

1. You're my light and my sal - va - tion, I won't be a - fraid!
 3. You will hide me in Your shel - ter in the day of strife;
 4. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther and to God the Son;

C

G

You're the strong - hold of my life, by You all things were made.
 You'll con - ceal me in Your tent or set me on the height.
 Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it, ev - er Three in One.

Foes at - tack me, has - sle me, but I will nev - er
 Now my head is lift - ed up a - bove the storms of
 As it was in the be - gin - ning, till our race is

Em

A7

G/D

D7

G

fade, For I move in the strength of the Lord. _____
 night, So I'll sing to the name of the Lord. _____
 won We can live in the light of the Lord. _____

Refrain D

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,

All: 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

SHARING OF PEACE

P: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

All: And you also.

Share the peace with each other either by a wave or a bow.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING:

Psalms 139:1-6,13-18

You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1)

¹LORD, you have searched me out;

O LORD, you have 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 encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your ^l 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.

¹⁴**I 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.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book;**

my days were fashioned before they came to be.

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.

P: Word of God; Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John

ALL: Glory to you O Lord

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

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.”⁵¹ And 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.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord **ALL: Praise to You O Christ!**

MESSAGE FOR ALL
Pastor David Mercurio

SONG OF DAY **Swing Low, Sweet Chariot**


Refrain



Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com-ing for to car-ry me home.



Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com-ing for to car-ry me home.



1 I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see,
2 If you get . . . there . . . be - fore . . . I do,
3 The bright - est . . . day . . . that ev - er I saw,
4 I'm some - times . . . up, I'm some - times down,



com-ing for to car - ry me home? A band of an - gels
com-ing for to car - ry me home; tell all my friends I'm
com-ing for to car - ry me home; when Je - sus washed my
com-ing for to car - ry me home; but still my soul feels



com-ing af - ter me, com-ing for to car - ry me home.
com - ing . . . too, com-ing for to car - ry me home.
sins . . . a - way, com-ing for to car - ry me home.
heav-en - ly . . . bound, com-ing for to car - ry me home.

APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

OFFERING IS WELCOMED

(An offering will be taken before the prayer.)

Offertory Music

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

P: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

All: Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document or online. Please let us know your prayer needs.

Please respond accordingly

P: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.



A brief silence.

P: Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster.

Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the margins of society. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed and all who long for respite or restoration. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so inspired and empowered to do your work in the world, God of unity. Make us faithful as we build communities of mutual care. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them in the Spirit's love.

P: Let us give thanks to our Triune God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O God. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his Holy Supper.

P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**ALL: 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**

**P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God**

TAKE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion hymns:

**Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child
When Israel Was in Egypt's Land
There is a Balm in Gilead**

**WOV 670 Blue Hymnal
ELW 614 Red Hymnal**

88B Spiritual: Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

1 Some - times I feel like a moth - er - less child.
2 Some - times I feel like I'm al - most gone.

Some - times I feel like a moth - er - less child.
Some - times I feel like I'm al - most gone.

Some - times I feel like a moth - er - less child, a
Some - times I feel like I'm al - most gone, a

long ways from home, a long ways from home.
long ways from home, a long ways from home.

Words: Afro-American spiritual
Music (MOTHERLESS CHILD): Afro-American spiritual

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

ALL: Amen

CLOSING SONG

Lift Every Voice and Sing

ELW 841 Red Hymnal

GOD SENDS US

BLESSING

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✚ bless you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

ALL: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

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

The calling of Samuel

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Glorify God in your body

1/14/24 ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP MASKING-Update We have been sitting at a social distance as we have felt comfortable in the sanctuary. Please continue Masking at your comfort level.

ALTAR FLOWERS The altar flowers today are donated by Josh and Marla Roach and their family to wish everyone a blessed 2024.

THE 2024 FLOWER CHART is up and on the wall in the Gathering Room. The price for 2024 will be \$20.

GRACE'S ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Sun. Jan 28th after our 9:30am worship. Please plan to attend. See Grace webpage for more info www.graceoflilylake.com

GIVING TREE With great joy we had delivered 50 gifts bagged for children at the Elgin Crisis Center. The tree is now down and all the hats, mittens, gloves, socks and scarves have been delivered to the Elgin Crisis Center.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday school will be next Sunday, January 21st and continues to meet on the first and third Sundays of the month through May 2024.

LECTORS ARE NEEDED for readings during our service. Please look for the clipboard. Thank you for your assistance in our service.

NOISY OFFERING We collect a Noisy Offering whenever you wish to empty your change purse or pockets! Our next project we are collecting for is window caulking. Thank you for your support!

BRIDGE TO LIFE DONATIONS The Bridge to Life Group continues to collect donations for the Elgin homeless. For details see the News Letter or Cathy Whiteside.
Thank you for your generous donations!

OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE

Please plan to attend our annual meeting on Sun, Jan. 28, right after our 9:30 worship.

~ Blessings upon Grace in our 129th year of ministry ~

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

- * God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
- * As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
- * Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry.
- * Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

FOR THE WORLD

- * For every living person facing the threat of coronavirus – it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
- * For the healing of the divisions in our Nation.

FOR OUR CONGREGATION

- * For God's Spirit to guide the Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.
- * As we plan regarding the future of our congregation.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

- * Adam & Julia Sajdak, grandson & granddaughter in law of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- * Nathan Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- * William Delmer, grandson of Kirk and Kathy Hooey
- * David Brazee, Grandson of Steve and Cathy Lindquist

(If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

FOR ALL

- * The continued support of our members
- * For all members of healthcare around the world
- * For those serving as first responders and in the military
- * For our Nation, that extend peace in all things.

FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT... Andrew Kinsel and his family in Ukraine, Bob Acker, Fred Alstadt, Barb Asher, Joanna Alverado/Klaus, Vicki Barclay, Aina Baumanis, Viola Bradshaw, Jim (brother of Rita Burnham), Elaine Chaney (Twyla Strom's niece), Jane Cutler, Ken Deutschmann, Alexa Diehl, Natalia Diehl, David Diehl (Kelly's cousin), Jan Docherty, Rebecca Eagen, Ted Ellingsen, Pat Eineke, Marge Granquist, **Lucille Hammers (Cathy Lindquist's sister)**, Joyce Helander and Jim Serafin, Howard (friend of Alexa Diehl), Rich Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Tace Kayser & his family (Tricia's grandson), Paul and Kay Kinsel, Marlene Klingner, Bob Koehling, Katie Kozeva, Pastor Dave and Carol Langseth, Ray Larsen, Gay Leslie, Pat and Chili Lindgren, **Cathy Lindquist**, Sherry Manke, Janelle McDonald, George Morris, **Joan Mortenson**, Linda Mowers (sister-in-law to Pat Lindgren), Ray Navarro, Bob Nelson, Alaina Neufeld, Ed Nordwind, Donald Overby, Carol Prevenas, Kirk Reardon, Nancy and John Schaefer, John Schnaitman, **George Theros**, Tia Thorne, Shirley and Norm Turner, Crystal Vines, Cordelia Vogel, Pastor Arne Walker, Kristy Weydert, Wayne Whiteside, Jon Wild, Kelly Wilken & her family (Missy Barton's sister), Ron & Sharon Wilken (Missy Barton's parents), Bud Wise, & Barbara Zegiel.

Our thoughts and prayers to the family of John Karas, Nancy Schnaitman's nephew, on his passing Dec. 22nd.

Our thoughts and prayers to George Morris and all his family on the death of our dear friend Eileen on Mon. Jan. 8th. Her services were on Jan. 13th here at Grace.

If you have requested that anyone (including yourself) be put on Grace's prayer list, thank you for your faith in our work of prayer! In order to keep our list current and accurate, we would like to hear from you regarding the need for continued prayer, praises and new requests. You may place these in a note in the offering plate, leave them on the answering machine at church (630-365-6751) or speak with Pastor or Kathy Hooey. Aren't we blessed to have a God who listens and cares!

ALSO - Do you know someone who could use a reminder of our prayers and God's constant love? We have lovely **prayer shawls** all ready for delivery. Just see a Rebecca Circle member.

*Please let us know your prayer requests for inclusion in our public prayers.
Type them in the comments or send them to the church office via our prayer card on our website.*