

**† HOME SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER †**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 17, 2021**

**PRELUDE**

O Word of God Incarnate

Ann Slowins

**INVOCATION and CONFESSION**

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.

**C Almighty God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, move us to serve You faithfully. Amen.**

P God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

O Word of God Incarnate

O Word of God incarnate, O wisdom from on high.  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;  
we praise You for the radiance that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The Church from You, dear Master, received the gift divine;  
and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,  
mid mists and rocks and quicksand still guides, O Christ, to You.

O make Your church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold  
to bear before the nations Your true light as of old!  
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace  
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see You face to face!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

**C Almighty God, look with favor upon Your people who are called to serve in Christ's name. Give us courage and patience, and strengthen us in our witness to the world and service to one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

1 Samuel 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>The 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." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The 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. <sup>9</sup>Therefore 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. <sup>10</sup>Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

<sup>12</sup>"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. <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 meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do 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! <sup>16</sup>Do 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." <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or 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? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORY

P Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

**C All who receive it will no longer dwell in the shadows, but will have the light of life.**

P May the Word of God dwell in us richly, so that everything we do in word or deed will be done in the name of the Lord Jesus,

**C giving thanks to God the Father through Him.**

## GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<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 about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

<sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>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.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

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!

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.

## SERMON

"Reflections on the Reading: 1 Samuel 1:3-10" (insert)

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**C 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P** Guided by Christ, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

**P** For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that the church may continue to show forth its light. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has made, that we serve as wise stewards of our earthly home. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** For police officers and firefighters, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, especially all who serve in Washington D.C., that they may protect those under their care and be shielded from harm. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, for those who are imprisoned or homebound, and for all who suffer fear or anxiety, that God may console and restore them. We lift up especially all on our prayer line and those we remember now, either silently or aloud... (PAUSE). Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P For our community of faith, for those who would like to be present but cannot, and for the educational ministry of The Chapel School and Concordia College, that all who seek to know God may be fed and encouraged by His Holy Word. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**

P In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, especially the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, hear our prayers for the sake of the One who dwells among us, Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray:

**C 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.**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** Lift Every Voice and Sing Craig Courtney

**BENEDICTION**

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

**C Amen.**

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Lobt Gott, ihr Christen Dietrich Buxtehude

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**Special thanks to our additional participants in today's service:**

**Lector** Miriam Mathew

**Musical Offering** Concordia Community Choir  
George Heath, Director  
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# Reflections on the Reading by Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

January 17, 2021

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## Reflections:

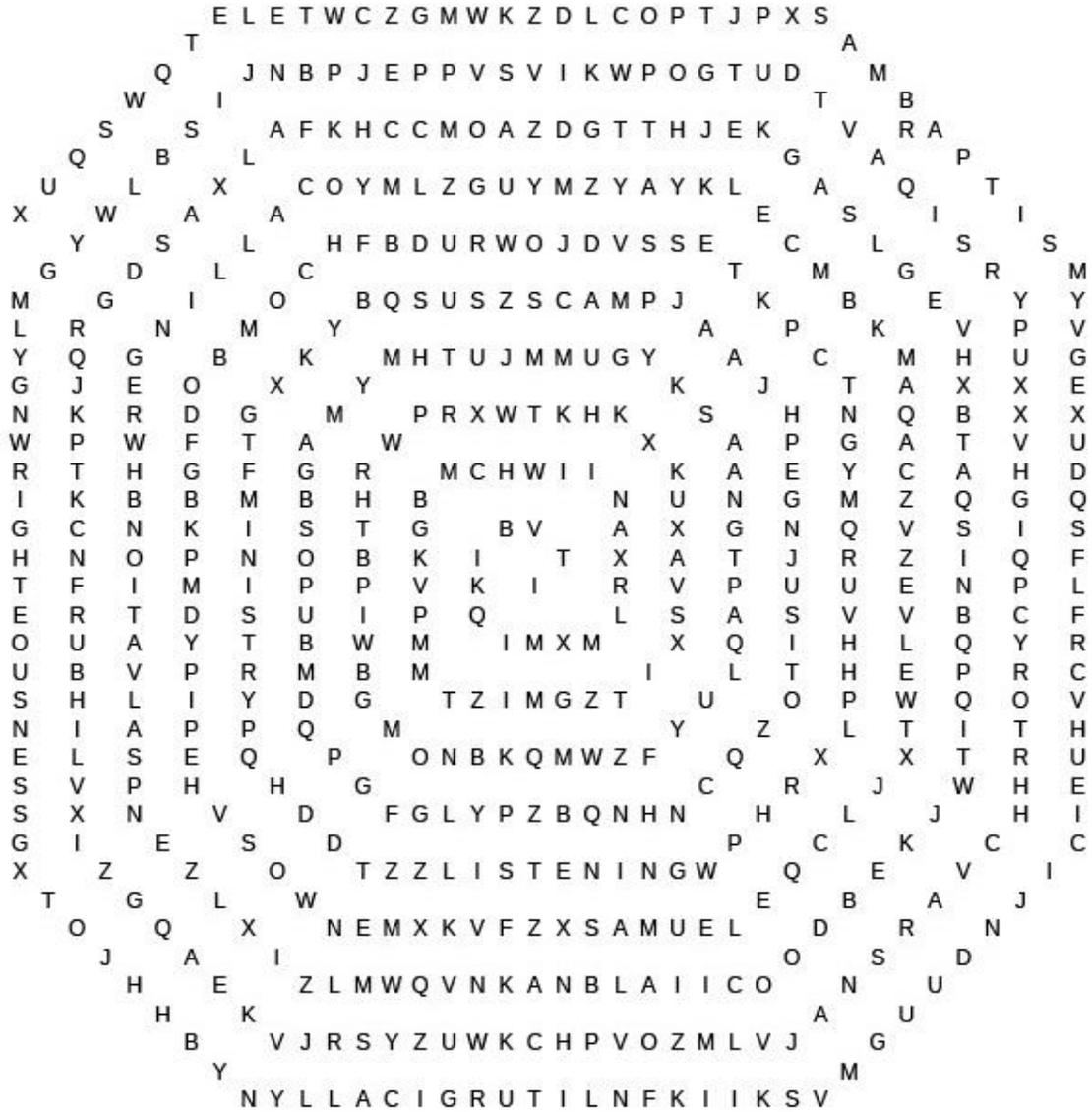
1. Samuel was an important prophet of God. The Old Testament highlights him as a vital part of the story of salvation.
2. The Gospel reading reminds us that Jesus called the twelve disciples to share in His ministry.
3. The Epistle vividly tells us that we are chosen for righteousness and not sin.
4. This week logically follows the Baptism of Jesus (celebrated last week). It liturgically stresses that our baptism was God's call into ministry.
5. God is calling you. Are you listening?

Reflections  
on  
the  
Reading

## Personal Notes:

Reflections Word Search Puzzle:

# 1 Samuel 3:1-10



WORD LIST:

BAPTISM  
CALLING  
LISTENING

LITURGICALLY  
MINISTRY  
RIGHTEOUSNESS

SALVATION  
SAMUEL  
SIN

TWELVE