

Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, January 14, 2018

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 am



PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy
endures forever.

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.

(A brief silence.) Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

**Alleluia, song of gladness,
voice of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem
ever dear to choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding
thus they sing eternally.**

**Alleluia you are sounding,
true Jerusalem and free;
alleluia, joyful mother,
bring us to your jubilee;
here by Babylon's sad waters
mourning exiles still are we.**

**Alleluia cannot always
be our song while here below;
alleluia our transgressions
make us for a while forgo;
for the solemn time is coming
when our tears for sin shall
flow.**

**In our hymns we pray with longing:
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
at the last to keep glad Easter
with the faithful saints on high;
there to you forever singing
alleluia joyfully.**

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

C: **And also with you.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just the clergy 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 the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

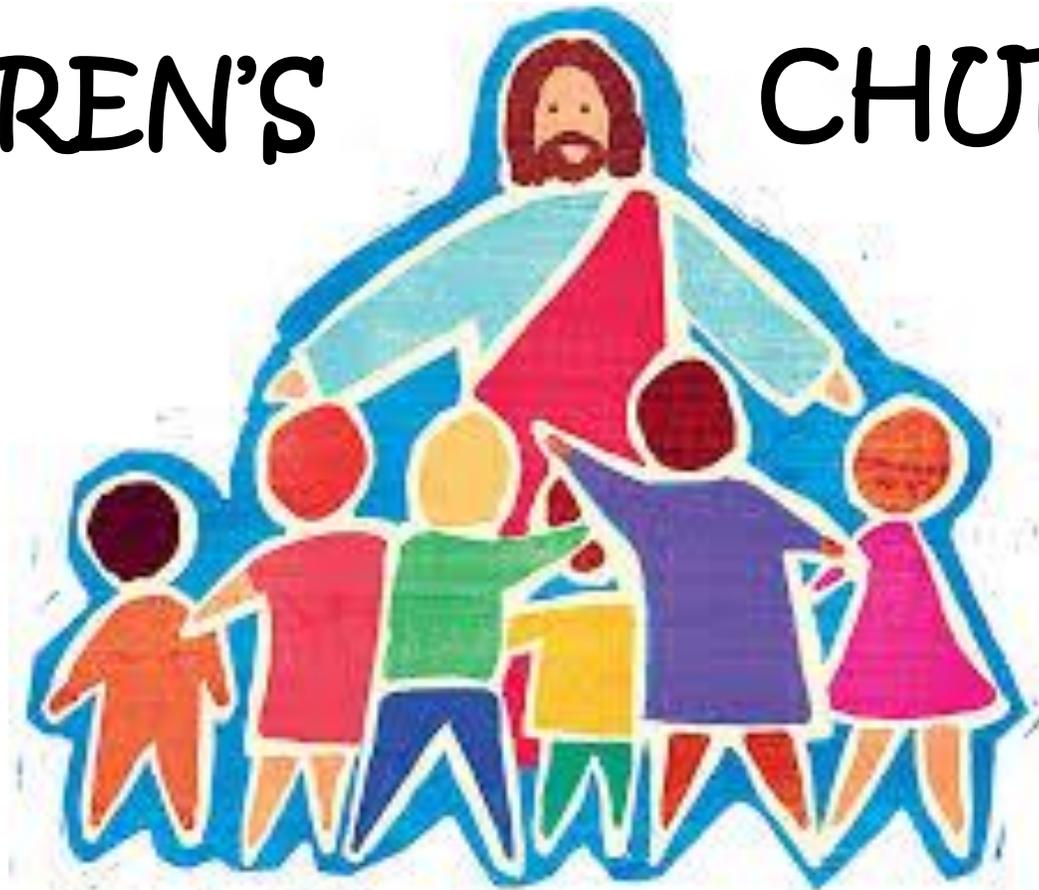
P: Let us pray. (A brief silence.)

C: **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.**

CHILDREN'S

CHURCH



"Let the little children come to me..."

Matthew 19:14 NIV

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

A reading from 1st Samuel, the 3rd chapter.

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. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room;

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. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" 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.

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.”

Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. 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. 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.

Now the LORD came and stood there,
calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!”
And Samuel said, “Speak, for your
servant is listening.”

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 139

R: LORD, you have searched me out;
O LORD, you have known me.

C: **You know my sitting down and my
rising up; you discern my thoughts
from afar.**

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

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

R: You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

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

R: For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

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

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

**C: 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.**

R: How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them! If 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.

C: Amen.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

A reading from 1 Corinthians, the 6th chapter.

“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. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other.

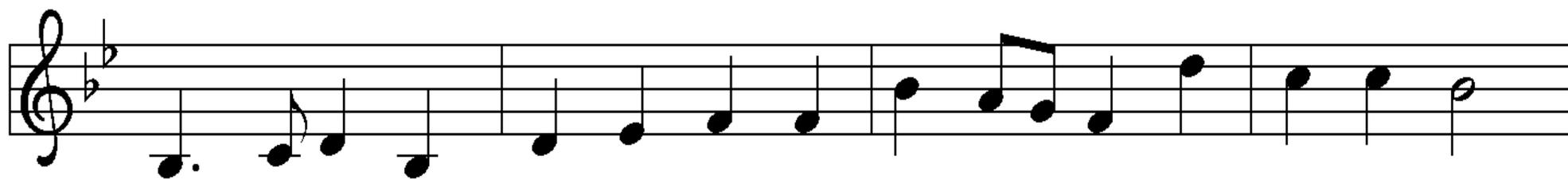
The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her?

For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh."
But anyone united to the Lord becomes
one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every
sin that a person commits is outside the
body; but the fornicator sins against the
body itself. 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?

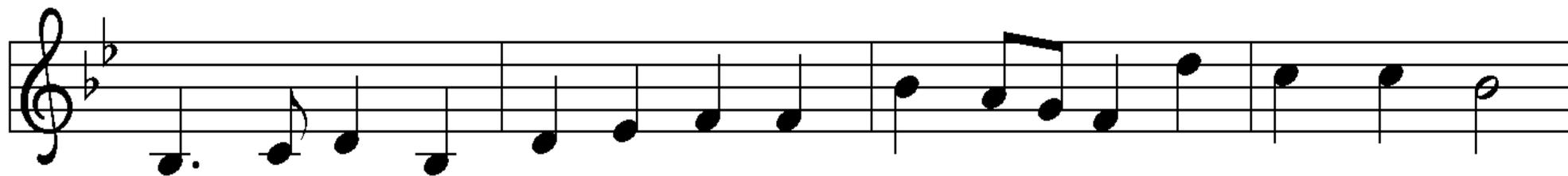
For you were bought with a price;
therefore glorify God in your body.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

P: The holy gospel according to John,
the 1st chapter.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee.
He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."
Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of
Andrew and Peter.

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.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God!”

You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” 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: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“You Are A Temple Of The Holy Spirit”

HYMN OF THE DAY “Here I Am, Lord”

**"I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.**

**All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.**

**I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.**

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?“ *Refrain.*

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

**"I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain***

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

**"I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain***

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

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APOSTLES' CREED

**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
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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For the church throughout the world and for all called to its various ministries, that the Holy Spirit invite us and others to “come and see,” let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For the well-being of creation, for plants that provide nourishment, for animals that tend their young, that your goodness will be revealed through all creation, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For the nations and all in authority,
for advocates, for those who work for
racial justice, and for our community,
that all people may thrive together in
harmony and order, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For all who are oppressed; for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*especially those we now name out loud*); for caregivers and families; for those who grieve and cannot sleep, that comfort will come to those in any distress, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For travelers and those unable to attend worship today, for members of our community celebrating special events, and for those who request prayers, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: In thanksgiving for those who followed Christ and now rest from their labors (*especially Martin Luther King Jr., commemorated this week*), that their witness provide a model of prophetic leadership and tireless justice-making, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

~ VIDEO DURING THE OFFERING ~

“Sound of the Saints”

by Audio Adrenaline

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

***We give thee but thine own,
whatever the gifts may be,
All that we have is thine alone,
a trust, oh Lord, from thee.***

***May we thy bounties thus,
as stewards true receive,
And gladly as though blessed us,
to thee our first fruits give.***

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.

For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

DIALOGUE

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 and praise to the
Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

~ WORDS OF INSTITUTION ~

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

~ ***COMMUNION*** ~

Prayer After Communion

P: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now - today, tomorrow, every day - that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with
grace and mercy. The Lord look upon
you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “*Choral Benediction*”

May the light of God shine on us today.

May the light of God shine on us today.

May it show us where to travel,

lead us back if we should stray.

May the light of God shine on us today.

**May the love of God live in us today.
May the love of God live in us today.
May the warmth we feel within us,
show in all we do and say.
May the love of God live in us today.**

**May the peace of God be with us today.
May the peace of God be with us today.
May it guide us and protect us,
as we go our separate ways.
May the peace of God be with us today.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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Thank you,
Roger Frey,
Financial Secretary**



















