

**St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Sunday Worship Booklet  
The Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 17, 2021 A.D.**



*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.*

PR=Pastor Ryan  
L=Lector  
C=Congregation

**PRELUDE**      *Blessed Assurance*      setting by Emma Lou Diemer

**OPENING HYMN**      *Blessed Assurance*      ELW #638      ASSURANCE

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

PR: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

*Silence for self-reflection and examination.*

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Holy God,

**C: you search us and know us.**

**You are acquainted with all our ways.**

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—  
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us.**

**We exploit the earth and its resources  
and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,  
for all we have done and left undone.**

**Even before the words are on our tongues,  
you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

PR: How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,  
our sins are washed away  
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness,  
we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice  
and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **C: Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

PR: 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. **C: Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]**

*At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.*

This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

**R:** *You have searched me out and known me.*

L: 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.**

L: 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**

L: 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.**

L: 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**

L: 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.**

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

**C:** **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. R**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

*Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.*

This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

*Jesus Shall Reign* ELW #434

DUKE STREET

**HOLY GOSPEL: Saint John 1:43-51**

*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."*

The holy gospel according to St. John the first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Silence for reflection.*

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: 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.**

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

PR: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

Let us pray, **C: have mercy, O God.**

PR: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

PR: My dearest Lord and Savior, though I am but a sinful servant, I approach you with confidence. I am truly sorry for having offended you by my sins because you are infinitely good. I have a great desire to receive you in Holy Communion and since I cannot be united with you in the Blessed Sacrament, I beseech you most earnestly to come to me at least spiritually and refresh my soul with the sweetness of your grace.

Come my Lord, My God, and my All, come to me and let me never again be separated from you by sin. I wish to become like you. Teach me your grace to practice meekness, humility, purity, charity and all the virtues of your most sacred heart.

Oh my Jesus, I consecrate to you my heart with all of its affections, my soul, with all its power and my body, with all its senses. In union with you I will live and labor and suffer to do the heavenly Father's will. I will ever be mindful of the presence of my God and strive to be perfect. Bless me in life and death that I may praise you forever and ever. **C: Amen.**

## **TAKING FAITH HOME**

### **BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

PR: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

PR: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

PR: The God of all grace + bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**     *Here I Am, Lord*    **ELW #574**     **HERE I AM, LORD**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**                     *Sonata*                                     Domenico Scarlatti

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