

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Second Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 2, Year B

Prelude

ELW 677 *This Little Light of Mine*

Announcements - Annual Meeting on Zoom on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021 at 11 am

Temple Talks on zoom Sundays, Jan. 17 & 24 at 11 am

After Announcements

ELW 574 *Here I Am, Lord*

Confession and Forgiveness

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.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

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.

How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of ✠ Christ Jesus, your sins are washed away
and you are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, you are forgiven.

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

Prayer of the Day

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.

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First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 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! 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. ⁶The 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." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The 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. ⁹Therefore 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.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Music based on Psalm 139 *O God, You Search Me* - Bernadette Farrell - OneLicense # 80099

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²"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. ¹³"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. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do 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! ¹⁶Do 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." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you

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have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body.

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Gospel: John 1:43-51

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." ⁵¹And 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."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of Day ELW 584 *The Son of God, Our Christ*

The Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us profess our faith praying the words of The Apostle's Creed.

Prayers of Intercession

P: 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.

A: For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its' calling every day, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

A: For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

A: For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

A: For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound, that God console all who suffer, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

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A: For First Evangelical Lutheran Church Community that the Holy Spirit lead and guide us in our upcoming Annual meeting, let us pray. Have mercy, O God.

A: In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

P: 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. **Amen.**

Music ELW 336 *Lamb of God*

Offering Prayer

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us:
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care,
and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love,
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. **Amen.**

Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus.
Come and be fed.

Prayer after Communion

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life,
and are strengthened for our journey.
Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit,
to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.
Amen.

Blessing

May God the creator, strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace. **Amen.**

Music ELW 310 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God**