

*January 16, 2021 ~ 5:00 p.m.*  
*Second Sunday After the Epiphany*



He first found his own brother  
Simon and said to him,

**“We have found  
the Messiah.”**

John 1:41, ESV

*Trinity Lutheran Church & School*

*Our Mission:  
To Make More and Better Disciples of Jesus Christ.*

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## AS WE GATHER

The prophets like Samuel and apostles like Philip, Nathanael, and Peter were all called directly—immediately by God to serve Him. Pastors in the Office of the Ministry today are also called by God. All Christians are called by God through their Baptism to serve in their specific vocation in life. We discover and “hear” that call where God has promised to be found, namely, in His holy house, through the Word of Jesus and as He guides us through the various circumstances of our life of faith. The prophets and apostles were commanded to proclaim the Word of God. So, too, are we sent “that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9).

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## WELCOME

## INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

People: **You know when I sit down and when I get up; You understand my thought from far off.**

Pastor: You search my path and my lying down and are aware of all my ways.

People: **For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O LORD, You know it fully.**

Pastor: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell at the end of the sea,

People: **even there Your hand shall guide me, and Your right hand shall take hold of me.**

## HYMN

### ***"Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"***

(v 1-3, 6, 7)

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Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears  
That bids our sorrows cease,  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.

See all your sins on Jesus laid;  
The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an off'ring made  
For ev'ry soul of man.

To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav'n.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 145:9*

Pastor: God, whose Word establishes reality,

**People: we admit that we have turned from the face-to-face relationship of love with You for which we have been created. Sin infects us through and through. Yet, we trust in Jesus alone whose life, death, and resurrection bring Your healing power to bear on our grave condition. Hear us, and heal us by Your love for Jesus' sake.**

Pastor: "The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made."  
Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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 READING: 1 Samuel 3:1–10** (*The Lord calls Samuel.*)

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

<sup>2</sup> One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. <sup>3</sup> The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, “Here I am.” <sup>5</sup> And he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

But Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.” So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup> Again the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

“My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.”

<sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup> A third time the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”

Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 6:12–20** (*To whom does your body belong?*)

<sup>12</sup> “I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but I will not be mastered by anything. <sup>13</sup> You say, “Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both.” The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup> By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.” <sup>17</sup> But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

<sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. <sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL: *John 1:35–51* (Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael.)**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup> The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

<sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

<sup>39</sup> “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

<sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

<sup>46</sup> “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.

“Come and see,” said Philip.

<sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

<sup>48</sup> “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

<sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

<sup>50</sup> Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." <sup>51</sup> He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

### ***"Here I Am Lord"***

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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:**

**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)**

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)**

**SERMON: "Ways to Witness" John 1:35-51 (See insert)**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give You thanks for the revelation of Yourself through Your Holy Word. which By Your Spirit, give us ears to hear Your call and hearts of faith to respond with our lives in service to You and to our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, receive our worship, honor, and thanksgiving, empowered by the gifts we receive from You. Lead us in the way You would have us go. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Continue Your call of grace to the whole world as You call, bless, and send pastors and witnesses with Your Word that all people may come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Mercifully cause all in the authority of government in this and every land to lead all people in peace and safety, and move the hearts of all citizens to seek peace and honorable works to the welfare and benefit of society. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Through Your Son, You call all people to come to Him and find rest for their souls. Give to all who are in any need, in sickness or injury, in trouble or loneliness, in conflict or any anxiety, Your mercy and grace, that all may find their true rest in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: (Special petitions) Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## 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.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

## HYMN

### ***"Abide With Me"***

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Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if thou abide with me!

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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