

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 13 & 14, 2018

5:00 & 8:15



AS WE GATHER

“Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.” With this invitation, the prophet Samuel opens himself to receive God’s Word for His people. In the Epistle, Paul reminds us that we are not our own. Rather, we belong to the Lord because we have been bought with the price of Jesus’ precious body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. This Jesus is God’s first and final Word to all humanity—the Logos incarnate. Born in Bethlehem and heading for Golgotha, Jesus invites people to follow Him. From one disciple to another, the invitation is to come and see the One whom Moses and the prophets foretold—Israel’s Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, our Lord and our God.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS - *We Prepare our hearts and minds for worship*



WELCOME

✕ PREPARATION ✕

OPENING HYMN “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

LSB 411

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

***Refrain:* In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain***

**I’m looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain***

(Please Stand)

INVOCATION

Pastor: At our Lord’s Epiphany, we celebrate God in man made manifest.

Men: ***Manifest to the Magi.***

Women: *Manifest to the Jews.*

Men: ***Manifest to the Gentiles.***

Women: *Manifest to all nations.*

All: **Manifest to us! Manifest through us!**

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

People: **Amen.**



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 45:7, 17*

*(If you would like private confession and absolution,
please call the office (314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark)*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8–9**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19–23*

People: **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

HYMN OF PRAISE “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

LSB 394, v. 1 & 5

**Songs of thankfulness and praise Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar.**

Branch of royal David’s stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:

Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word—

Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;

That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany

And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,

People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



OLD TESTAMENT READING *1 Samuel 3:1–10* (“Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.”)

³ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³ 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. ⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵ 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. ⁶ And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose 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.” ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**



EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 6:12–20* (We are not our own, for we were bought with a price.)

¹² “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “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 not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

GOSPEL VERSE “O God of God, O Light of Light”

LSB 810, v. 1

**O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
To You in heaven’s glory bright The song of praise forever rings.
To Him who sits upon the throne, The Lamb once slain but raised again,
Be all the glory He has won, all thanks and praise! Amen, amen.**



HOLY GOSPEL *John 1:43–51* (Philip invites Nathanael to come and see Jesus.)

The congregation is invited to speak the scripture in bold

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

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

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, **“We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”** ⁴⁶ Nathanael

said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "**Come and see.**"⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!"⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these."⁵¹ And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, 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.



APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 159

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.

(Please Be Seated)



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "This Little Gospel Light of Mine" v. 1

**This little gospel light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little gospel light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little gospel light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine all the time let it shine.**

HYMN OF THE DAY "By All Your Saints in Warfare"

LSB 518, v. 1, 23, 3

**By all Your saints in warfare, For all Your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus, Forevermore be blest!
For You have won the battle That they might wear the crown;
And now they shine in glory Reflected from Your throne.**

**All praise for him whose candor Through all his doubt You saw
When Philip at the fig tree Disclosed You in the law.
Discern, beneath our surface, O Lord, what we can be,
That by Your truth made guileless, Your glory we may see.**

**Then let us praise the Father And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One
Till all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne,
Ascribing pow'r and glory And praise to God alone.**



SERMON

(Please Stand)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: God, who shatters the silence, open our ears like Samuel’s to listen to Your living voice as You speak to us through Your Word and in the Holy Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God, who shatters the silence, You have told us that we are not our own, but we were bought with a price—not with gold or silver, but with the precious blood of Jesus. Help us to live as Your redeemed and beloved people and to share Your love with others in our various callings and vocations, inviting them to come and see Jesus who loves us and gave Himself for us all. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God, who shatters the silence, we ask You to speak healing over all who are sick and suffering in body, mind, or spirit, [*especially . . .*]. Trusting that Your Word accomplishes the purpose for which You send it, whether now or in eternity, we trust You to bring Your healing purposes to completion in all lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

(Special Petitions)

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

People: Amen.

(Please be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

(Please Stand)

OFFERTORY “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

LSB 806

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.

**And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

Give thanks, give thanks.



✠ SACRAMENT ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Ascension in the confession that, as He says, our Lord gives not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. All those who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [*Colossians 3:1*]

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [*Psalm 136*]

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for Your Son is God in flesh made manifest to us. You continue to make Him known to the nations today through Your Holy Word and Spirit. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

LSB 161

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

LSB 162

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

(Please be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “Come Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake” LSB 688

**“Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake, “All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate’er betide, Take My example for your guide.**

**“I am the light, I light the way A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.**

**“My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, On Him I call.**

**“I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul’s salvation,
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”**

**Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff’ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain The crown of heavn’ly life obtain.**

“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens” LSB 589

**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!**

**Oh, what blessing to be near You And to listen to Your voice;
Let me ever love and hear You, Let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at Your Word;
But to all who feel sin’s burden You give words of peace and pardon.**

**Lord, Your words are waters living When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life giving; On Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light Through death’s cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unfailing!**

**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.**

(Please Stand)



BENEDICTION *Isaiah 60:1*

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
People: **and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.**

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.
Numbers 6:24–26

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling” *LSB 827*

**Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, “Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting– Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me”?”**

**Some take up His task in morning, To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday, Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting, Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty That God’s Word so richly yields.**

**For as rain and snow from heaven Water seeds in dusty soil,
Causing them to bud and flower, Giving bread to those who toil;
So the Lord sends forth His promise, Words of life and joy and peace—
Never void to Him returning, Bearing fruit with great increase.**

**Harken to the Lord whose coming Marks the time when grace shall end,
When with His angelic reapers He in glory shall descend.
Soon the night, the final harvest; Soon the time for work shall cease.
Then the souls His grace has garnered Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.**

POSTLUDE

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