

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 14, 2018

11:00



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.

PRE-SERVICE “The Way”

Peens/Dryden/Camp/Williams

All creation cries out with longing
With groans only You can comprehend
And with wisdom You always answer
And give the words of life
So unfailing

And Your glory shines all around us
Your faithfulness shown for all to see
When we think of all of Your wonders
The beauty of Your plan that's been revealed
When we walk in Your light
When we walk in it

CHORUS: Shine bright. Let Your glory fill this land
Lift high the King of kings and great I AM
Jesus You are the Way. You are the Way

We can see the works of Your loving hands
With the hope and peace not made by man
When You poured out Your grace and Your mercy
And You held out Your arms
So we could see
You bled for all mankind
And set the captives free yeah **CHORUS**

Na na na na na nah, Jesus. Na na na na na nah
You are the Way
Na na na na na nah, Jesus. Na na na na na nah

CHORUS: Shine bright. Let Your glory fill this land
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✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING SONG “Even So Come”

Tomlin/Ingram/Cates

All of creation all of the earth
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

CHORUS 1: Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

There will be justice all will be new
Your name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon. CHORUS 1

So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon
So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon

CHORUS 2: Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing . . .
Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

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(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 ✠

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. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do 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! ¹⁶Or 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.” ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or 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, ²⁰for 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)



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.

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 of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.**” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “**Come and see.**” ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael 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.” ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And 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.**

SONG OF THE DAY “Your Name”

Baloche/Packiam

**As morning dawns and evening fades You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart and glorify Your Name.**

**CHORUS: Your Name is a strong and mighty tower;
Your Name is a shelter like no other;
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
‘Cause nothing has the power to save but Your Name.**

**Jesus, in Your Name we pray, come and fill our hearts today.
Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your Name. CHORUS**

[Interlude]

**Your Name is a strong and mighty tower;
Your Name is a shelter like no other;
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
‘Cause nothing has the power to save but. . .**

**Your Name is a strong and mighty tower.
Your Name is a shelter like no other.
Your Name let the nations sing it louder,
‘Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name.**

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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 “Step By Step” Strasser

**O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning and I will learn to walk in Your ways.
And step by step You'll lead me. And I will follow You all of my days. REPEAT SONG**

And step by step You'll lead me. And I will follow You all of my days.

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✠ 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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing: Praise to the King of Kings!
You are my ev’rything, And I will adore You! REPEAT**
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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.

(Please be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION SONGS “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” *LSB 549, v. 1-4*

**All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Hail Him, ye heirs of David’s line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.**

“It Is Well”

DiMarco

**Grander earth has quaked before Moved by the sound of His voice
And seas that are shaken and stirred Can be calmed and broken for my regard**

**PRE-CHORUS: And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You
And through it all, through it all, it is well
And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You, and it is well with me.**

**And far be it from me to not believe Even when eyes can't see
And this mountain that's in front of me Will be thrown into the midst of the sea**

**PRE-CHORUS: And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You
And through it all, through it all, it is well
And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You, and it is well.**

It is well . . .

**So let go, my soul, and trust in Him
The waves and wind still know His name REPEAT X3**

The waves and wind still know His name

**CHORUS: And it is well with my soul It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul. REPEAT CHORUS**

It is well, it is well with my soul It is well, it is well with my soul

**PRE-CHORUS: And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You
And through it all, through it all, it is well
And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You, and it is well with me**
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(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 SONG “Awesome Is The Lord Most High” Pierce/Tomlin/Reeves/Abel

**Great are You Lord mighty in strength, You are faithful, and You will ever be.
We will praise You all of our days, It's for Your glory we offer ev'rything.**

Raise your hands all you nations, shout to God all creation, How awesome is the Lord most high.

**Where You send us, God, we will go. You're the answer we want the world to know.
We will trust You when You call our name. Where You lead us we'll follow all the way.**

**Raise your hands all you nations, shout to God all creation, How awesome, is the Lord most high.
We will praise You together, for now and forever. How awesome is the Lord most high.**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, how awesome is the Lord most high.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, how awesome is the Lord most high.**

**Raise your hands all you nations, shout to God all creation, How awesome, is the Lord most high.
We will praise You together, for now and forever. How awesome is the Lord most high. X2**

Hallelujah Hallelujah.Hallelujah.

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POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

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