

SECOND SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

January 14, 2024
8:00 AM and 10:30 AM



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Prelude

“Prelude on 'Savior Jesu'” Paul Fey
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Announcements

+ Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Loving God,

we confess that we have turned from you to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we've acted too quickly and the times we haven't acted at all, for the hurt we've caused those close to us and those we don't even know, for the ways we've denied grace for others and the ways we've denied your grace for us. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light (715)

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

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.

Special Music **“A Peaceful Meditation” Paul Fey**
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Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10

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

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 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. Then the LORD called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ and he said, ‘Here I am!’ 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. The 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.’ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The 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. Therefore 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.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-12

*LORD, you have searched me out;
O LORD, you have known me.*

**You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

*You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.*

**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

*You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.*

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

*Where can I go then from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?*

**If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

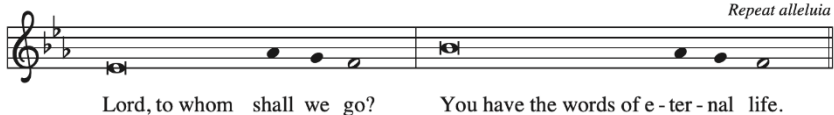
*If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,*

**even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.**

*If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"*

**darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.**

+ Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading

John 1:43-51

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip 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.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And 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 the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Dan Holt

Hymn of the Day

Children of the Heavenly Father (781)

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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+Apostles Creed

**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 into hell.
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.**

Prayers

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation

(a brief silence)

After each petition:

*Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.*

Those remembered in prayer this week ...

Melvin Allen, Mary Ann Bond, Allen Brooks, Brad Buhler, Ferne Dillow, Michael Foret, Eileen Hedstrom, Stewart Hellem, Don Knight, Pam Landry, Steve Passon and family at the death of Carol, Cerne Rieves, Rick Rogers, Fran Schumacher, Jeff Sebben, Cassie Shaffer, Cathy Stanley, Bruce Thompson, Carol Thompson, Bob Vanlandingham, all our men and women serving overseas, especially Anthony Calderon and all others we lift up to you at this time.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering “For the Flutes” Louis Claude D’Aquin

Offering Song

1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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Offering prayer

Holy God,

you abide with your creation and in Jesus Christ you gather us at your table. As you stayed with your disciples for the meal, so now stay with us. As we receive these gifts of bread and wine, open our hearts to share what we have received, the abiding love of Jesus, our risen Savior. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Preface to the Sanctus

It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
 God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

All creation sings your praise. Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory. Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders.

With Sarah and Abraham we go out in faith, trusting your promise.
With Ruth and Naomi we bind ourselves together in covenant love.
With Mary and Elizabeth we welcome your presence in the birth of Jesus, the Holy One.

With disciples and followers we marvel at the reign of God come near.

With saints through the ages we ponder the mystery of Christ's dying and rising.

Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed ...

With hearts full of memories and hopes, we break this bread and share this cup, remembering the death and resurrection of Christ, and his promise to be with us always as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Praise to you, Author of creation.

Praise to you, O Beloved One.

Praise to you, O Giver of all good things.

Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

For those worshiping in the sanctuary, come forward to the altar to receive the bread and wine. Gluten free bread and white grape juice are available.

God's love and this meal are for all, including children. If your child is not ready to receive, they may receive a simple blessing such as "May the Lord bless you and keep you."

For those worshiping at home, when invited by the pastor we encourage you to eat and drink trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for you.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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Arise, Your Light has Come! (314)

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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Prayer after Communion

We thank you, O God,

that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Shine Jesus Shine (671)

Text: Gaham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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Benediction

Amen

Sending

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

**“Prelude to the Tu Deum”
Marc-Antoine Charpentier**

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Ushers: 8:00- Rob & Chris Koehler, Rollan Yocum

10:30: Donna & Scott Crump

Worship Deacon: 8:00- Russ Johnson **10:30-** Alice DeLoughry

Lector: 8:00- Wini Klein **10:30-** Jim Levitt

Communion Assistant: 8:00- Greg Gulliksen **10:30-** Sue Trinko

Cantor: Annie Saunders-Pirtle

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Communion Prep: Jenine Ebershohl

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