

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Come and See

January 13 & 14, 2018

5:00pm & 8:00am

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.

WELCOME

"To [the saints] God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Colossians 1:27)

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #901 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!

Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav’n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!

Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe’er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o’er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.

Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

(Rise)

INVOCATION & 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 rise up.

Pastor: Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

People: If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

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

People: even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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Pastor: Glory be to God on high:

People: (sing)

and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord, God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

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**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

BAPTISM HYMN (5:00) #593 “See This Wonder in the Making”

See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.

Miracle each time it happens As the door to heaven opens
And the Father beams, “Beloved, Heir of gifts a king would covet!”

Far more tender than a mother, Far more caring than a father,
God, into Your arms we place them, With Your love and peace embrace them.

Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature,
Now God’s precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and water.

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✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *1 Samuel 3:1–20* (“Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.”) 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. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. 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, 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. 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.” Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. 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.”

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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 hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.” Then the LORD said to Samuel, “Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. And I declare to 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. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever.” Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” And he said, “Here I am.” And Eli 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.” So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, “It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him.” And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 6:12–20* (We are not our own, for we were bought with a price.) “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. “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. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. 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! 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.” But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. 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, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

CHOIR ANTHEM (5:00) “*Lord Have Mercy*”

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *John 1:35–51* (Philip invites Nathanael to come and see Jesus.)

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you

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staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter). 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 of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" 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." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 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." 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."

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #589 "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

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.

SERMON

"An Eureka Moment"

John 1:35-51

(Rise)

NICENE CREED (8:00) *found on the inside back cover of the hymnal*

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the grace to hear when God speaks and to proclaim His words of judgment and hope without fear or favor of men, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the Spirit's wisdom to remember that our bodies are meant for the Lord and not for sexual immorality, and for grace to live as temples of the Spirit, purchased at the price of Christ's own blood, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For a renewed zeal to invite those who do not yet know Christ to come and meet Him, to gather in the assembly of His people, and be blessed by His Word and Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For Olivia and Hunter, who have been baptized into Christ, that they may grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus, and for our new members, that we may all grow together in faith and fellowship and grow to know and love one another, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the wisdom from above, that as we gather at special voters' meetings, God would lead, guide, and bless us as we seek to call His servants to positions of ministry, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the government and those who protect us, that they may be strengthened and upheld in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the afflicted in mind or body, the grieving and lonely, the orphans and widows, the imprisoned, those persecuted for the name of Jesus, and for all those we have been asked to remember: Donna, Dolores, Pat, Cliff, Jerry, Dee, Dan, Manley, Debbie, Pat, Charles, Ruth, Shirley, Gladys, Herb, Matthew, Russ, Arlene, Dorothy, John, Arlene, Jean, LuEva, Jack, Shirley, Jonathan, Helen, Leonard and Sarah, that they be given grace to wait patiently for the Lord until He sees it is time to rescue and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For eyes of faith to see that Jesus himself comes to us in the Sacrament of the Altar today with His true body and blood, that with joyful faith we may confess and welcome Him as truly God’s Son and Israel’s King, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For Samuel and Paul, Philip and Nathanael, and all those who have spoken God’s words faithfully in every age, especially our Together in Mission partners, let us give God our thanks and praise, that He would preserve in us trust in His unfailing promises, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (8:00)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #783 “Take My Life and Let It Be”

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use Ev’ry pow’r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

HYMN #907 “God Himself Is Present”

God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him And with awe appear before Him,
God is in His temple; All within keep silence; Humbly kneel in deepest rev’rence.
He alone On His throne Is our God and Savior; Praise His name forever!

God Himself is present; Hear the harps resounding:
See the hosts the throne surrounding. “Holy, holy, holy!” Hear the hymn ascending,
Songs of saints and angels blending. Bow Your ear To us here;
Hear, O Christ, the praises That Your Church now raises.

Fount of ev'ry blessing, Purify my spirit, Trusting only in Your merit.
Like the holy angels, Worshipping before You, May I ceaselessly adore You.
Let Your will Ever still Rule Your Church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.

HYMN #895 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness,
who in loving-kindness sent your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we
thank you that for His sake you have given us pardon and peace in this
Sacrament, and we ask you not to forsake your children but always to rule
our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled
constantly to serve you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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.

CLOSING HYMN #737 "Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing"

Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing, A cheerful trust maintain;
For God, the source of ev'rything, Your portion shall remain.

He is your treasure, He your joy, Your life and light and Lord,
Your counselor when doubts annoy, Your shield and great reward.

Why spend the day in blank despair, In restless thought the night?
On your Creator cast your care; He makes your burdens light.

Did not His love and truth and pow'r Guard ev'ry childhood day?
And did He not in threat'ning hour Turn dreaded ills away?

He only will with patience chide, His rod falls gently down;
and all your sins He casts aside In ocean depths to drown.

His wisdom never plans in vain Nor falters nor mistakes.
All that His counsels may ordain A blessing ending makes.

Upon your lips, then, lay your hand, And trust His guiding love;
Then like a rock your peace shall stand Here and in Heav'n above.

Preacher
Liturgist
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Acolytes
Children's Message
Organist
Choir Director 5:00

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