

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Dear Lord, You Call!
January 17 & 18, 2015

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, but mediately through the Church. Apart from those special calls, 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).

WELCOME

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12, NIV)

FELLOWSHIP GREETING

+ 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

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

People: Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

Pastor: Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

People: O LORD, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to you!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: The Lord calls to all to repent of our sins and put our faith in Christ.
Merciful God,

People: we confess that we have often ignored your gracious call to life and salvation and have not been aware of our need for you. We come to you now, therefore, pleading your forgiveness, your strength, and your help as we say, “Speak, for your servant hears.” Lead and guide us in the ways of your commands and restore to us life for the sake of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: “God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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

To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!
We praise and bless you, Father; Your holy name, we sing –
Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our Heav’nly King.

To You, O solebegotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

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)

+ **WORD** +

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Samuel 3:1–20 (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. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual 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. Samuel answered, "Here I am." 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. 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." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel a third time, 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. 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. The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." And the LORD said to Samuel: "See, I

am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears of it tingle. At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family--from beginning to end. For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons made themselves contemptible, and he failed to restrain them. Therefore, I swore to the house of Eli, 'The guilt of Eli's house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.' " Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the LORD. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision, but Eli called him and said, "Samuel, my son." Samuel answered, "Here I am." "What was it he said to you?" Eli asked. "Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you." So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, "He is the LORD; let him do what is good in his eyes." The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 6:12–20 (Flee sexual immorality.)

"Everything is permissible for me"--but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me"--but I will not be mastered by anything. "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food"--but God will destroy them both. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. 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! 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." But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit. Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

5:00 CHOIR ANTHEM

"You Are Mine"

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL John 1:43–51 (Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael.)

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. 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." "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said

Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #826 "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying"

Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, "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?"

If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.

If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.

Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

SERMON "Hearing the Call of the Lord"

John 1:43-51

(Rise)

APOSTLES' CREED *(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.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, you call your people to various works of service in your kingdom.

People: We pray that, like Samuel, we would graciously heed your call and faithfully do the work you have called us to do in your kingdom.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, you redeemed our bodies to be temples of the Holy Spirit, that the Spirit might work through each day. Help us to realize that we are not our own, but that we have been purchased by the body and blood of Jesus Christ, given and shed for us on the cross.

People: Help us to glorify you in all that we say and do in the body.

Pastor: Lord, we pray that you would make us like Philip, who after seeing your Son, Jesus, went and told Nathanael about Him. Move us to faithfully tell others about Jesus and His life, death and resurrection for the sake of all.

People: Open our lips, that we might proclaim His redeeming love and grace to all the world. Bless all missionaries, especially our Together in Mission partner, Pastor Chuck Ferry, that they would boldly and humbly share the Word of Life.

Pastor: Father in heaven, you graciously gather your children into your family. We rejoice with the Gennerman family as Abigail Marie is baptized into Christ this Sunday.

People: Bless Abigail to grow together with us, growing in faith and in living out our faith in daily life.

Pastor: Lord of the Church, you desire that your house be filled with your faithful people. Yet there are many who have wandered away from you. Others have rejected your Word.

People: Bless the outreach efforts of this congregation and of the Church throughout the world, that those who have wandered from you might be brought back into your kingdom of grace.

Pastor: Lord God, you created man and woman to live as husband and wife in harmony with one another and to treat one another with respect and love. You created marriage to guard us from sexual immorality and lust.

People: Forgive us when we are not as pure in our relationships as you have called us to be, and grant us the strength to withstand the temptations of the flesh.

Pastor: Lord of life, you create and bless all life with your abundant care and mercy. As we celebrate Life Sunday this day, make us ever mindful of the many blessings you have given to us in this life.

People: Move us to stand firm against the destruction of life in the womb and help us to extend and protect that blessing of life for all people, including the elderly and those who suffer in the body. Keep us steadfast in your Word of life forever.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, you send your Son into the world to suffer and die on the cross to grant us forgiveness. Bless us this day, as we partake in His holy and precious body and blood in the Lord's Supper.

People: Grant us faithfully to receive the forgiveness won for us by Christ and His great sacrifice for us all.

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

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ 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

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(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 #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 unailing!

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.

HYMN #688 "Come, Follow Me,' the Savior Spake"

"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 guide 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 heav’nly life obtain.

HYMN #830 “Spread the Reign of God the Lord”

Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev’rywhere His creatures call To His heav’nly banquet hall.

Tell how God the Father’s will Made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.

Tell of our Redeemer’s grace, Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion’s price, Gave Himself as sacrifice.

Tell of God the Spirit giv’n Now to guide us on to heav’n,
Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.

Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!

Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath’ring nations all See You light and heed Your call.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: How can we thank you, Lord, for all your loving kindness? Grant that
your Spirit’s help be always given to us that He may renew our hearts to
serve you willingly. Hear our supplication, accept our adoration, and
guide us, that we may serve you here and abide with you forever;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy
Spirit—bless you now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #832 “Jesus Shall Reign”

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun Does its successive journeys run:
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made, And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise With ev’ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev’ry tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where’er He reigns: The pris’ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest, And all who suffer want are blest.

Let ev’ry creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.

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Adult Instruction Class

On Sunday, January 18th, we will begin a ten week class for all those who wish to join
our congregation who are coming to us from a non-Lutheran background. We will be
meeting in room 203 on the second floor of the Lincoln Ave. classroom building. The
class is also open to any members who want to refresh their understanding of the basics
of the faith. (Members: If you have a Catechism, bring it!) Catechisms will be provided to
new members joining us. Pastor Stanton will serve as instructor. Please sign up on the
list in the narthex so we’ll know you’re coming!

Together in Mission

Church leadership has decided to continue our support of Pastor Church Ferry as he
serves our Lord in Indonesia. Please continue to keep Pastor Ferry and family in your
prayers. Check out the beautiful Indonesian artwork of Christ’s passion found on display
in the narthex. The Ferry family gave that as a reminder to keep them in our hearts and
prayers. We have also committed to \$1,000 of financial support per quarter. We will be
taking special offerings in the months of January, April, July, and October toward this
end. Please support as the Spirit leads you. You can put the amount on the third line of
your offering envelope and identify it as: "Together in Mission." Thanks in advance for
your support.