

**Answer quickly when  
He calleth,  
“Here am I,  
send me, send me!”**

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## The 2nd Sunday After Epiphany ..... January 14, 2024

Epiphany is both a day (January 6) and a season in the calendar of the church. It is more than a few weeks that separate Christmas from Lent. It is a day and season that celebrates the shining of the true Light to all the world, including both Jew and Gentile. Now we come to the Second Sunday after the Epiphany, our sermon text, the *Old Testament Reading*, 1 Samuel 3:1–20, and the *Gospel* reading of Jesus calling His disciples in John 1:43–51. This week, the light of Christ shines on Israel.

***The Lord's Supper*** is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any 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 this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. If you are not partaking of the Lord's Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please come up to the communion rail when sent by an elder, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest. The Pastor will then know that you desire a blessing.

**OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US.** Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church.

**In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."** We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you want to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use, located just outside the sanctuary.

### **Service of the Sacrament: Part 1**

***Sanctus:*** Latin for "holy". Drawn from the song of angels, rejoicing in the presence of God.

***Words of Our Lord:*** The words of Jesus, spoken by the pastor over the bread and wine, by which the body and blood of Christ are truly present, distributed and received.

***Lord's Prayer:*** Jesus taught His disciples this prayer and today is continued to be prayed as He instructed.

## Opening Hymn 402 "The Only Son from Heaven"

### ✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION ✠

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

**C** Amen.

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

**C** **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)*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **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.**

**P** 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)*

**C** Amen.

### ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

#### Introit

*Psalm 40:1-5; antiphon: v.10a*

**P** I have not hidden Your deliverance within my heart;

**C** **I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation;**

**P** I waited patiently for the LORD;

**C** **He inclined to me and heard my cry.**

**P** He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,

**C** **and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

**P** He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**C** **Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.**

- P** Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust,  
**C** **who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!**
- P** You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You!  
**C** **I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- P** I have not hidden Your deliverance within my heart;  
**C** **I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation.**

**Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy** (*Mark 10:47*)

*LSB 152*

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** 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.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



- C** A - men.

**This Is the Feast** (Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)

LSB 155

*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

- 1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** 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.



## Old Testament Reading

*1 Samuel 3:1–20*

<sup>1</sup>The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>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." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup>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 young man. <sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for Your servant hears." <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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."

<sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>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.”<sup>18</sup>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.”

<sup>19</sup>And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8*

**P** Praise the LORD, all nations!

**C** **Extol Him, all peoples!**

**P** For great is His steadfast love toward us,

**C** **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

**P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

**C** **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 6:12–20*

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything.

<sup>13</sup>“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. <sup>14</sup>And

God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. <sup>15</sup>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! <sup>16</sup>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.” <sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. <sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a

person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a

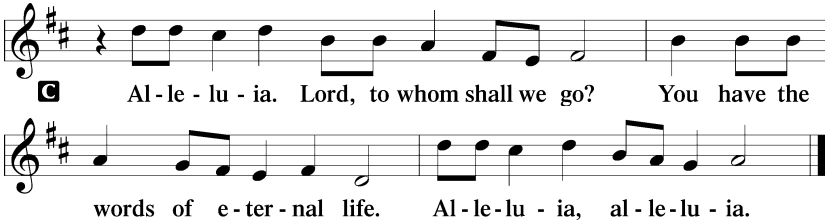
temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup>for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse (John 6:68)

LSB 156



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

John 1:43–51

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to Him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>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." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>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." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>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." <sup>51</sup>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."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of



**God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn 589** "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

**Sermon Text**

*1 Samuel 3:1-20*

**Sermon** "A Word to Hear When God Seems to Be Silent"

1. Lord, teach me \_\_\_\_\_ .

2. Lord, teach me \_\_\_\_\_ .

3. Lord, teach me \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Hymn 834** "O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth"

**Prayers**

$\dagger$  SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT  $\dagger$

**Preface**

*LSB 160*

**P** The Lord be with you.

*(2 Timothy 4:22)*



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

*(Colossians 3:1)*



**G** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*(Psalm 136)*



**G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy** *(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)* *LSB 161*



**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*LSB 161*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With

repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

*(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)*

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **Lord's Prayer** *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**C 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.**

### **Pax Domini** ~ *The Peace of the Lord* *(John 20:19)*

*LSB 163*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - - men.

**Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God (John 1:29)**

*LSB 163*

**C** 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.

**Hymn 623** "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

**Hymn 629** "What Is This Bread"

**Hymn 634** "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"

**Hymn 642** "O Living Bread from Heaven"

**Thank the Lord**

*LSB 164*

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.  
 Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.  
 He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy  
 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

*LSB 166*

**P** 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  $\text{†}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn 507 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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**For those who would like to give their offerings to the Lord electronically**, there is a QR Code link posted next to the offering box in the Narthex.

**There are many open dates** to sign up to for altar flowers. Please feel free to check out the flower chart in the Narthex by the Altar Guild room if you'd like take an opportunity to adorn the altar with flowers.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all who donated to Mission Haiti during our "Haiti Art Sale" this past month. Through your loving generosity we were able to raise \$1,115 for the Lutheran School teachers in the Jeremie District, enabling them to continue to teach the children about Jesus as well as give them a much needed education. (If you missed out, there are still a few pieces in the church office. Please see Terry or Janet Miller if you are interested.) May He bless all of you and to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be all the glory!

## Calendar of Events

**TODAY ..... January 14th, 2024**

Breakfast Potluck .....	8:00 am
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion.....	9:30 am
Adult Basketball.....	2:00-4:00 pm
Bell Choir Practice .....	5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice .....	6:00 pm

**MON:**

School Board Meeting .....	4:30 pm
Board Meetings.....	7:00 pm

**TUES:**

Board of Lay Ministry Meeting .....	6:30 pm
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**WED:**

Day School Chapel .....	11:00 am
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**THURS:**

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study .....	9:30 am
Preschool Chapel .....	9:30 am
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Public School Confirmation .....	5:00 pm
New Member Class 2.0.....	7:00 pm

**FRI:**

**NEXT SUNDAY ..... January 21st, 2024**

Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am
Voters' Meeting-Bethany Room.....	After Worship Service
Adult Basketball.....	2:00-4:00 pm
Bell Choir Practice .....	5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice .....	6:00 pm

### **2024 Church and School Ministries Budget**

Copies of the 2024 Church and School Ministries Budget, approved by voters in the November 2023 voters meeting, can be found on the table in the Narthex next to the Offering Box should you desire a copy.

**From the church office** – the secretary will be out of the office on Thursday mornings for the next 4 weeks. Normal office hours will resume on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your understanding.

## YOUTH NEWS

**Ice Skating (Sunday, January 14th):** For Youth in Grades 4 through High School signed up to attend the Ice Skating outing, we will meet at the church at 5:30 this evening and head to Iron Works in Mishawaka, returning to Bremen by 8:30. Cost is \$5/attendee. If you have any questions, please contact Andy Wildauer.

**Youth Activities (early 2024):** Our Youth Board will be busy planning future service opportunities (at local organizations) and activities for our Youth over the next few months (e.g. Super Bowl subs, Middle School Lock In, etc.). Stay tuned for more information in the weeks ahead.

## SCHOOL CORNER

Despite the arrival of winter weather, we are off to a good start in 2024!

**Please notice the Teacher Wish List Tree in the narthex.** If you would like to gift the teachers with an item for their classrooms or volunteer time, take an ornament from the tree and sign your name beside the corresponding item on the list. Items can be brought to the school office or placed under the tree. Thank you for your donations!

We are also preparing for National Lutheran Schools Week, January 21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday of that week, the students will be going bowling to raise money for the Lutheran Charities Comfort Dog Program. The comfort dogs are working Golden Retrievers, trained to bring care and comfort to those experiencing crisis or disaster in over 27 states. Students will be collecting donations and pledges the next few weeks, or donations can be given at the school office, if you would like to donate to this worthy cause.

Thank you for all you continue to do to support the students and teachers of St. Paul's!

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### **Thank you for all the end-of-the-year donations to the Lutheran SGO and Tuition Assistance!**

Our goal is to make a Christian education affordable, so please continue to give, and receive the tax credit and deduction for your donations!

**Now, there is a link to donate to the LSGO on the church's website under the School drop-down menu.**

You can also find several (easy) ways to donate at [www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate](http://www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate). Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW**

**electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. These scholarships make a big difference for our families. Please contact Jennifer Harman, in the school office, if you have questions.

**We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.**

**Servants for Today's Worship January 14, 2024**

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Joe Hughes & Paul Wonnacott

Acolyte: Gabriel Mejia

Elder: Larry Britt

Communion Assistant: Dave Burcham

Video Streamer: Bruce Schmidt

**Servants for Next Sunday's Worship January 21, 2024**

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Larry Britt & Jim Mitchell

Acolyte: Reuben & Colton Napper

Elder: Dennis Sienicki

Video Streamer: Tyler & Dakota Schmeltz