

# 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 17, 2021



## TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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All the baptized have a calling in God’s world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn’t important; it’s where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called “the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Every Member ..... Ministers  
 Elizabeth Hess ..... Pastor  
 Ralph Grove ..... Organist  
 Cindy Finnegan ..... Minister of Music

Lectors

..... 6:30 PM  
 ..... 8:15 AM  
 ..... 10:45 AM

Acolytes

..... 6:30 PM  
 ..... 8:15 AM  
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Ushers

..... 6:30 PM  
 ..... 8:15 AM  
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Total donations for the week \$  
 Contributions needed every **WEEK** to meet budget \$4,987.52  
 Amount **UNDER/OVER** budget for the week \$

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRE-WORSHIP MEDITATION:

PASTOR: Let us read together Mark 12:28-31 (the Jesus Rule)

**ALL: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself.**

PASTOR: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

#### PRELUDE

#### \*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: **Amen**

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Loving God,

C: **we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen**

#### \*ENTRANCE HYMN

#### \*GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray....

**C: 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.**

## FIRST LESSON 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

*At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.*

L: A reading from Samuel

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." [Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told 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 expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." 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. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

**PSALM** Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

*You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1)*

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. R**

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.**

For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well. R**

My body was not hidden from you,

while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were  
written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!

How great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. **R**

**SECOND LESSON** 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

*Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.*

L: A reading from Corinthians

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “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 meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL** John 1:43-51

*In John’s gospel, Jesus’ ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip’s friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to “Come and see.”*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the First Chapter

C: **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 toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

**FOR THE CHILDREN**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

## \*APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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**

## \*PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

*"Each of you shall bring such a gift as he can in proportion to the blessing which the Lord your God has given you" Deuteronomy 16:17*

## OFFERING

### \*THE PRAYERS

A: Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

A: Lord in your mercy

C: **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P: Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**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 + give you peace

**C:**       
A - men

The musical notation shows a treble clef on a five-line staff. The notes are: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. A slur is placed under the A4 and B4 notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P:**     Mark 12:28-31

**C:**     **Love God, Love others.**

**\*POSTLUDE**



## **THIS WEEK AT TRINITY!**

*Sunday, January 17 — Saturday, January 23, 2020*

Sunday                      9:30 AM                      Live Virtual Service

Monday

Tuesday                      9:00 AM                      Bible Study

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



## **SYNOD NEWSLETTER**

The Synod Council voted to move the Lutheran Letter to an all-digital newsletter. Any congregation member who wishes to continue receiving the newsletter, please send your email address to Michelle Bossler at [Michelle.Bossler@alleghenysynod.com](mailto:Michelle.Bossler@alleghenysynod.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

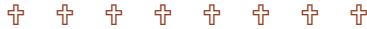
We are grateful you are joining us today for worship. All who are baptized and receive communion in their home church are welcome to communion with us. In Christ's name we welcome our visitors and ask you to please introduce yourselves to Pastor Hess.



### PASTORAL CARE

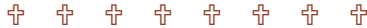
Would you like Pastor Eli to visit or call on a loved one that is in the hospital or at home? Take a moment and drop a note in the collection basket; the information will be given to Pastor. After service when talking to members of the congregation she is often told about more than one person in need of a visit so writing it down will give her the necessary information.

Be sure to include the name of the person in need along with where they are and their phone number. Please include your name and phone number, too, so Pastor can contact you if needed.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Anyone who would like to help out delivering altar flowers to shut-ins please contact Patty Bennett at 944-4823. Ask anyone who has delivered flowers and they will tell you how much the flowers are appreciated.



### ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP DATES

There is one open date for sponsoring flowers. If you are interested please contact Patty Bennett at 944-4823.

Available date: **April 18, 2021.**

# PRAYER LIST

## MEMBERS

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Jim Aungst  
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Kyle Eberhart  
Nathan Frank  
Justin Patz  
Jason Smith  
Eric Sweet



## FRIENDS AND FAMILY

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Amy Gleason  
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Beth Ickes  
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## WHERE NOTHING IS EXPECTED

At one of his life's worst intersections, when legs trembled and steps were mired in bogs of doubt, his companion looked into the man's hollowing eyes and said, "I believe in you. I know you." Have you ever needed such a word?

The list is painfully long that names all of the circumstances and places from which it is assumed nothing good can come. Perhaps you have compiled your own catalog of those who fall short, the irredeemable neighborhoods, or the situations beyond hope in the life of others. Perhaps you find yourself on someone else's list, among those whose life and plight has been dismissed as "nothing good." So it was thought of Jesus, whose life was rooted in the hillside soil of a sidetracked town—Nazareth—where nothing remarkable, not much at all, was expected to grow up. That town and its people were on the "unfavorable" list.

It is a riddle of scripture that the likes of Philip (or Peter, John, James, and Andrew—those gospel familiars) would, seemingly without discernment or a second thought, leave everything when Jesus interrupted his settled life and bid him, "Follow me." For Nathanael, it was different. He took an honest and reasonable step back. He knew all the talk about nothing good coming from Nazareth.

So many of our stories wither and so much of who we are dies when we are confronted with the "I know about you" list of painful failures instead of a loving, hopeful invitation to "come and see" (John 1:46).

There is a mighty mercy, an opening of heaven itself before our very eyes, a retelling of each "Nazareth" in our lives if we dare to "come and see" Jesus. Then that painful, long, imposed or self-inflicted list is no longer our truth because we, in seeing Jesus, begin to see ourselves and others as Jesus does. An epiphany happens: "I believe in you."

