



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

*The Lord knows us and calls us to know and confess him.*

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## Epiphany:

If Christmas was about God becoming man, then the season of Epiphany is that this man is God. Jesus is revealed to the world as God in flesh and blood.

## Worship Theme:

It is in the Word that we hear the call of God that has in it the secret power of God to give what he commands. He commands: Believe! and the Word creates faith. He says, Follow me! and the Word creates the desire and the ability to follow him. That he should consider it glorious to call sinners, is that not an amazing thing? That he should attach such power to his Word that we answer the call, is that not a wonder that lasts an eternity for each of us?

## *The Service of the Word and Sacrament*

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*The high and holy worship of God is faith in Jesus Christ. Such faith is created and sustained by God's service to us (the German, "Gottesdienst," "God/Divine Service). In the Divine Service, the Lord comes to us in His Word and Sacrament to bless and enliven us with His gifts. The Service is not something we do for God, but His service to us received in faith. The liturgy is God's work. He gives, we receive.*



## HYMN

735 – Speak, O Lord

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## INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness,

**C: we lie and do not practice the truth.**

M: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,

*From God's Word we know that wherever God puts His name, there He is to bless. In the Old Testament the temple was the place where God graciously caused His name to be present (1 Kings 8:27-30).*

**C: we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6,7)**

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

*Silence for meditation on God's Word and for self-examination as you consider your thoughts, words, and actions according to the Ten Commandments.*

**C: Holy and merciful Father,**

**C: I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## ABSOLUTION

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.

**C: Amen**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY - *Kyrie*

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C: Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your lov

*God has put His name —Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—on us in Holy Baptism. The Divine Service begins with the Invocation, the words spoken over us at our baptisms. Every Divine Service is for the hallowing of the Lord's name, which the Small Catechism reminds us is done "when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it" (Matthew 28:18-20).*

*The shorter repeated expressions in the liturgy are excellent ways for young children to participate in the worship service. Help children watch for and join in phrases like, "Lord, have mercy," "Amen," and "Alleluia."*

courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

### O LORD, OUR LORD



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it;      you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight.    You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all.      O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us;      you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood.      You are the



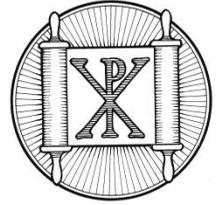
King of glo - ry;      you are the Lord!      O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## *The Service of the Word*

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*Having just received absolution for their sins, believers now gather around the Word of God to find encouragement and peace for their lives on earth.*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and Everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of your people and grants 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.

**C: Amen**

### **FIRST LESSON**

1 Samuel 3:1-10

*Undoubtedly Samuel has heard of the Lord, he knows of the Lord, but God is about to make himself known. Samuel doesn't know the Lord in an intimate way, God, nevertheless knows him. We don't know the Lord but God has always known us. He first reveals himself to us in baptism.*

**3** The boy Samuel served the LORD in Eli's presence. In those days the word of the LORD was rare and prophetic visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>One day Eli, whose eyesight was failing, was lying in his usual place. <sup>3</sup>Before the lamp of God had gone out, Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was located.

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called Samuel,<sup>[a]</sup> and he answered, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>He ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"I didn't call," Eli replied. "Go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup>Once again the LORD called, "Samuel!"

Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"I didn't call, my son," he replied. "Go back and lie down."

<sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, because the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>Once again, for the third time, the LORD called Samuel. He got up, went to Eli, and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>He told Samuel, "Go and lie down. If he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD came, stood there, and called as before, “Samuel, Samuel!”  
Samuel responded, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

## PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalm 139a*

### *Refrain*



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

### *Psalm tone*



O LORD, you have searched me and you know me;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.  
You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.

### *Refrain*

Where can I go from you Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?  
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.  
If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.

**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.**

### *Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

*There were many problems in Corinth. Here sexual sins are against the body we have. It is a temple of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. Our bodies are an image of the intimate relationship we have with God.*

<sup>12</sup>“Everything is permissible for me,” but not everything is beneficial. “Everything is permissible for me,” but I will not be mastered by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will do away with both of them. However, the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>God raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup>Don’t you know that your bodies are a part of Christ’s body? So should I take a part of Christ’s body and make it part of a prostitute? Absolutely not! <sup>16</sup>Don’t you know that anyone joined to a prostitute is one body with her? For Scripture says, **The two will become one flesh.**<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>17</sup>But anyone joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

<sup>18</sup>Flee sexual immorality! Every other sin<sup>[b]</sup> a person commits is outside the body, but the person who is sexually immoral sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>Don’t you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup>for you were bought at a price. So glorify God with your body.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

Ephesians 1:9

**Alleluia. He made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he purposed in Christ. Alleluia.**



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**THE GOSPEL**

*John 1:43-51*

*Jesus knows Nathaniel as well the concerns of his heart. Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael to follow him.*

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> decided to leave for Galilee. He found Philip and told him, “Follow me.”

<sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the law (and so did the prophets): Jesus the son of Joseph, from Nazareth.”

<sup>46</sup> “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Nathanael asked him.

“Come and see,” Philip answered.

<sup>47</sup> Then Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

<sup>48</sup> “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

“Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you,” Jesus answered.

<sup>49</sup> “Rabbi,” Nathanael replied, “You are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel!”

<sup>50</sup> Jesus responded to him, “Do you believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this.” <sup>51</sup> Then he said, “Truly I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*The Only Son from Heaven | CW 86*



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by  
 2 Oh, time of God ap - point - ed, Oh, bright and  
 3 A - wak - en, Lord, our spir - it To know and  
 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore you With God the



an - cient seers, By God the Fa - ther giv - en,  
 ho - ly morn! He comes, the King a - noint - ed,  
 love you more, In faith to stand un - shak - en,  
 Ho - ly Ghost And Je - sus, we a - dore you,



In hu - man form ap - pears. No sphere his  
 The Christ, the vir - gin - born, Grim death to  
 In spir - it to a - dore, That we, through  
 O Pride of an - gel host. Be - fore you



light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly  
 con - quer for us, To o - pen heav'n be -  
 this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en  
 mor - tals low - ly Cry "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As he, our Morn - ing Star.  
 fore us And bring us life a - gain.  
 prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.  
 ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

Text: Elizabeth Cruciger, c. 1500–35, abr., st. 1-3; *Lutheran Book of Worship*, Minneapolis, 1978, st. 4;  
 tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, st. 1-3, alt.

Tune: HERR CHRIST, DER EINIG GOTTS SOHN (76 76 776) *Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein*, Erfurt, 1524, alt.

## SERMON

1 Samuel 3:1-20

*Having heard the Word of God, we confess our faith in His name. The creed is our saying back to God what He has first said to us. In the Creed we acclaim the truth of the triune God and His work of salvation accomplished for us in His incarnate Son, Jesus Christ.*

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation,**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance  
with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory**

**to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

*Dt. 6:4*

*2 Cor. 6:18*

*Is. 51:13*

*Col. 1:16*

*1 Cor 8:6*

*Jn. 3:16*

*Heb. 1:2,5*

*Jn. 1*

*Jn. 10:30*

*Jn. 1:3*

*1 Th. 5:9*

*Jn. 6:38*

*Lk. 1:35*

*Gal. 4:4*

*Mk. 15:15*

*1 Cor. 15:3-4a*

*1 Cor. 15:4b*

*Ac. 2:33-34*

*Heb. 1:13*

*Mt. 25:31*

*2 Tim. 4:1*

*Lk. 1:33*

*Job 33:4*

*Jn. 15:26*

*Jn. 4:24*

*2 Pet. 1:25*

*The Nicene Creed is the great Confession of the Christian faith professed by all Christians. The Creed originated at the First Council of Nicaea (c. AD. 325)*

*The Creed itself was crafted as a confession of Scripture in opposition to the Arian heresy, which denied that the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit are God.*

**We believe in one holy Christian  
and apostolic Church.**

*Mt. 16:18; Eph. 2:19-20*

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.** *Eph. 4:5; Ac. 2:38*

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*1 Cor. 15:21-22*

*Rev. 22*

## **OFFERING**

*In response to God's love and forgiveness, we give back a portion of what he has given us. The members of Christ Lutheran Church have joined to proclaim the gospel to this community. These offerings support that work. While our guests are welcome to participate, they should not feel obligated to do so.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

**M:** Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

**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.**

**THE BLESSING**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Take My Life and Let It Be | CW 469*



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se -  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways,  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; Not a  
5 Take my will and make it thine; It shall



cra - ted, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments  
im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet and  
on - ly for my King. Take my lips and  
mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel -  
be no long - er mine. Take my heart— it



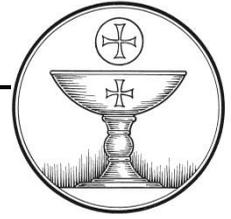
and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
is thine own; It shall be thy roy - al throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79.  
Tune: PATMOS (77 77) William H. Havergal, 1793–1870.



## The Service of the Sacrament



*This greeting marks a new service, so to speak. These ancient introductory words & phrases help to highlight, celebrate and bring attention to the Sacrament.*

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. *In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory.* Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – *Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22*

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ✚ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my ✚ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

*The Words of institution both proclaim the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's Supper.*

**PEACE OF THE LORD – Pax Domini**

*John 20:19*

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

**C: Amen**

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD – Agnus Dei**

*John 1:29*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



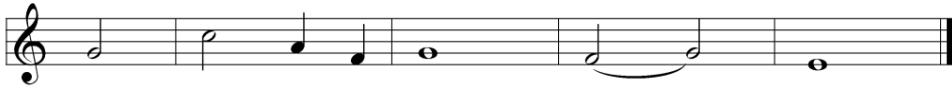
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

## DISTRIBUTION

Those who will be receiving Holy Communion today may wish to read **Personal Preparation for Holy Communion**, found on page 156 in the front section of the hymnal. This page helps us put into practice what the Bible encourages: “*Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.*” (1 Corinthians 11:28)

*Christ Lutheran Church confesses and practices the Biblical teaching of a **Close Communion**. We ask that only members of the Wisconsin Synod [WELS] or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS] join us at the Lord’s Table. If you have questions concerning our communion practice, or would like to inquire about how you, too, can commune with us, please speak with the Pastor following the service.*

## THANK THE LORD



**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



**Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.**



**He re-news 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!**

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through

Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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# Jesus Is Revealed by his Gospel Call

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany—CWS Series B

## God's Word for Today

*How is Jesus revealed to the sinful people of this world? Not by threats. God is serious about his "Do's" and "Don't's," but he does not force people to be Christians. Instead, Jesus is revealed to blind sinners by the call of the gospel, God's word of forgiveness. The Holy Spirit shows us our sin, then calls out "Jesus died for you" in God's Word and sacraments. He changes unbelievers into believers who want to live for God.*

## First Lesson (1 Samuel 3:1-10)

1. Who did Samuel think was calling him?
2. Who was really calling Samuel?
3. What model attitude does Samuel display for Christians?

## Gospel (John 1:43-51)

4. What did Philip do when Jesus commanded: "Follow me"?
5. How did Nathanael react to Philip's news?
6. When Nathanael met Jesus, how did he react?
7. What now unites heaven and earth, like a stairway?