

2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ~ January 17, 2021

Worship 10:00 am

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GATHERING - Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Sign of the Cross

*P: Blessed be God, Creator, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure
and whose steadfast love endures forever.*

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG “This Little Light of Mine” ELW 677

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Confession and Forgiveness

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose
mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all
creation.*

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: you search us and know us.

You are acquainted with all our ways.

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.**

We distrust those who are not like us.

**We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.
Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.
Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;
receive them in your divine mercy.
Amen.**

P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ✝ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C: Amen.

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: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer,

C: 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.

Sharing Christ's Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

WORD

1st Reading – 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

R: Word of God, Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

R: Word of God, Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

Young People's Message

Gospel Acclamation – “*Alleluia, I am the Light of the World*”

Gospel – John 1:43-51

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY – “Will You Come and Follow Me”

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris’ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around, through my sight & touch & sound in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when I but call your name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Affirmation of Faith: Apostle’s Creed

P: Siblings in Christ, we are invited to join our voices with the voice of the whole Church on earth as we profess what we believe as Christians:

C: We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We 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.

We 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.

Offering *Thank you for your on-going gifts and for being the generous people who support the mission & ministry of our congregations.*

Offering Prayer

P: O God,

C: receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

P: Let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

Benediction

*P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit
the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.*

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG – “I Saw the Light”

**I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin. I wouldn't let my dear Savior in.
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night. Praise the Lord I saw the light.**

*refrain: I saw the light, I saw the light, No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight Praise the Lord I saw the light.*

**Just like a blind man I wandered along Worries and fears I claimed for my
own Then like a blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light. (refrain)**

**I was a fool to wander and stray Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right Praise the Lord I saw the light.
(refrain)**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

We Pray for:

Boutang family in their loss, *Eileen* Macomber in the loss of Kevin, *Joel* Cederberg, *Dori* Dodson (Chelsea Morehead), *Dennis & Barbara* Franke, *Jackie* (Nancy), *Cynthia* Holmberg (Nancy), *Clarice* Moore (Gary Walker), *Lois* Niewohner, *Bill* Peters, *Janice* Ostnes, *Ariana* Preshaw, *Victoria* Raquepaw's cousin, *Susan* & especially for *her son, Mato*, *Ashley & Sherri* Stephens, *Laura (Babe)* Stephens.

Our Prayer Partner Church: Table of Grace, Bethel

Announcements

TODAY IS MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY - we are recognizing new members, Chelsea Morehead, Sue Camasi and the Howard family, Trevor, Molly, Bjorn and Grace. Once we are gathering together in person we will ask the congregation to join in formally welcoming them.

DISCIPLESHIP IN DEMOCRACY STUDY GROUP facilitated by Pastor Lou on Wednesdays at 7:00pm via ZOOM. Join in this study topic covering the social message from the ELCA called "*Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in Democracy*". There are links for both the Meeting and PDF files for the Social Message and the Study Guide – see below.

Here is the Zoom link to the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84837353942?pwd=enJwOTlqNlNFbVJlSjRlc0pDd05VWjMUT09>

Here are the links to the PDF files:

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Government_and_Civic_Engagement_Social_Message.pdf

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Government_Civic_Engagement_Study_Guide_Sessions.pdf

FOODBANK AND CHURCH OFFICE closed Monday for Martin Luther King Day.

MIRIAM CIRCLE and GOVERNING COUNCIL meet this Tuesday. Miriam Circle at 2:00pm here at the church and Council at 7:00pm via Zoom.

TOWN HALL MEETING will be held on **Tuesday, January 26th** at **6:00pm**. This will be a virtual **ZOOM** meeting in preparation for our Annual Congregational meeting. The topic of the town hall meeting is our budget for the coming year.

Here is the invitation link to the meeting on ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87642896833?pwd=V3E0NlZlZEYkhDR3hoOEExWTkxPdmNiQT09>

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will be held on Wednesdays at 6:00pm with Pastor Lou via ZOOM beginning on January 27th. If you know of a parent who would like to include their child, the classes are for 7th and 8th graders. Contact the church office or Pastor Lou.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is coming up the early part of February, that's February 14th. Committee departments heads should be working on their reports to be included in the reports. Thank you!

THANK YOU to Cindy Olsen for orchestrating the Blessing of the Prayer Shawls and to Lois & Phil Heine for putting away our beautiful narthex Christmas tree. Thanks as well to the many others who help take care of our building.

WORSHIP SERVICES are being streamed online via Facebook due to the high alert numbers of COVID infections in the state. Thanks for being flexible in our worshipping together and as we trust God through it all!

Office Hours – due to our High Alert status for COVID the church building will not be open to the public. As numbers lessen, our Reopening Task Force will revisit opening to the public again. Thanks for your patience.

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