

**Sunday, January 17, 2021**  
**Second Sunday after**  
**Epiphany / Lectionary 2,**  
**Year B**



*St. Stephen's Lutheran Church Wilmington*  
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*Leader Pages*

**GATHERING**

**Prelude** - *Cantor*

**Confession and Forgiveness** - *Presiding Minister*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who was in the beginning,  
who makes a dwelling among us,  
who covers us with justice and mercy.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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

Holy God,  
**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.**

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.  
**Amen.**

# Gathering Song - *ELW 575*

The image shows a musical score for a four-part vocal setting. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, each corresponding to a system of music. The lyrics are: 1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace share, 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share, 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach, 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love, and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race. a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care. the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach. for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove. In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death, Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread. By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow. then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath. One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head. in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways. In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

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**Greeting** - *Presiding Minister*

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

**And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day** - *Assistant Minister*

Let us Pray.

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.**

**Song of Praise** - *Glory to God Setting 9*

**WORD**

**First Reading (1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20])** - *Lector*

A reading from First Samuel.

1Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

2At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 3the 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. 4Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" 5and 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. 6The 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.” 7Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8The 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. 9Therefore 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.

10Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading (1 Corinthians 6:12-20) - Lector**

A reading from First Corinthians.

12“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. 13“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. 14And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. 15Do 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! 16Do 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.” 17But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. 18Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. 19Or 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? 20For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** - Celtic Alleluia ELW 174

**Gospel (John 1:43-51) - Preacher**

The Holy Gospel According to John.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

43The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45Philip 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." 46Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" 48Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." 49Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." 51And 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."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ.**

# Sermon - Pastor Jason

## Hymn of the Day - ELW 455

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't  
your name? Will you care for cruel and  
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners in -  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?  
kind and nev - er be the same?  
free and nev - er be the same?  
side and nev - er be the same?  
you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
pray'r in you and you in me?"  
mean in you and you in me?"  
sound in you and you in me?"  
grow in you and you in me.

**Creed** - Lector

Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession - *Lector*

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

### Offering Song ELW 284 - *Cantor*



1 'Twas in the moon of win-ter-time when all the birds had fled, that  
2 With-in a lodge of bro-ken bark the ten-der babe was found; a  
3 The ear-liest moon of win-ter-time is not so round and fair as  
4 O chil-dren of the for-est free, the an-gel-song is true; the



\*God the Lord of all the earth sent an-gel choirs in-stead; be-  
rag-ged robe of rab-bit skin en-wrapped his beau-ty round; but  
was the ring of glo-ry on the help-less in-fant there. The  
ho-ly child of earth and heav'n is born to-day for you. Come,



fore their light the stars grew dim, and wan-d'ring hunt-ers heard the hymn:  
as the hunt-er braves drew nigh, the an-gel song rang loud and high:  
chiefs from far be-fore him knelt with gifts of fox and bea-ver pelt.  
kneel be-fore the ra-diant boy, who brings you beau-ty, peace, and joy.



Je-sus your king is born! Je-sus is born, in ex-cel-sis glo-ri-a!

**Offering Prayer** - *Assistant Minister*

Let us pray.

O God,

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.**

**Dialogue & Thanksgiving** - *Presiding Minister*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you, O God, for your creating Word!

You set the foundations of the world

and gave breath to every living thing.

There is no Rock like you.

Blessed be God, forevermore;

**our hearts sing of your mercy and might!**

We praise you, O God, for your liberating Word!

In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed,

you guided them by your strength to the land of promise.

You have lifted up the lowly.

Blessed be God, forevermore;

**our hearts sing of your mercy and might!**

We praise you, O God, for your life-giving Word!  
Your Word became flesh and lived among us,  
full of grace and truth.

You have looked with favor on the lowliness of your servants.  
Blessed be God, forevermore;

**our hearts sing of your mercy and might!**

Blessed be God, from this time on and forevermore,  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

With Miriam, Hannah, and Mary, we give you thanks and praise  
for your creating, liberating, and life-giving Word!

Send us forth in the power of your Spirit  
to sing of your greatness and serve all people,  
following Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit we pray as Jesus taught:

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.**

## **SENDING**

**Blessing** - *Presiding Minister*

Almighty God,  
who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary,  
proclaimed joy through the angels,  
sent the shepherds with good news,  
and led the magi by a star,  
bless you and those whom you love and pray for this day †  
through the Word made flesh.

**Amen.**

**Dismissal** - *Assistant Minister*

Go in peace. Follow the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** - *Cantor*