

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday after Epiphany, January 17th, 2021

GREETING

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

People: **And also with you.**

GATHERING HYMN

Give Us Ears

You call us all to follow. Follow on the way.
To drop the nets we're holding; and hear the words you say.
The people come to find you, in every distant land.
We call to you for healing, and you stretch out your hands.

Chorus: Give us ears that we might hear, give us eyes that we might see.
Give us hope that we might hope, give us faith that we might be
the ones who break and share your bread, declare you risen from the dead,
that all your people might be fed, and on the way we might believe.

We saw you feed the thousands, two fishes and some bread,
You calmed the raging water, can you calm our raging dread?
We saw you help the helpless, and give to those in need.
You know that we believe, now, please help our unbelief. *Chorus*

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the ones who break and share your bread, declare you risen from the dead,
that all your people might be fed, and on the way we might believe.

When you climbed the mountain, you faced your death alone.
And in your final hours, we left you on your own.
When we were at our weakest, the strength of God was shown.
God revealed the mystery, and rolled away the stone. *Chorus*

Words and Music: Lost and Found

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: You are here for us, O God;

People: **you give us security in an uncertain world.**

Pastor: You encourage us to sing new songs;

People: **you joyfully set our worship free.**

Pastor: You challenge us as we go on the journey of life;

People: **it is your gracious way that leads to fulfillment.**

Pastor: There is no end to the love you lavish on us;

People: **we know your love is there for us, in time and beyond time.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: The Word of God continues to be heard.

People: **In the sharpening of our listening skills,
with fresh insight into your call,
in a determination to serve faithfully,
you define our discipleship.**

Pastor: Pardon and peace are yours. Know it; believe it!

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

READINGS

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

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

¹LORD, you have searched me out;
O LORD, you have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my resting places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

⁵You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

¹⁵My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶**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.**

¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸If 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.

GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

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."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME (*in place*)

Jesus Loves Me!

Jesus loves me this I know, for the bible tells me so
Little ones to him belong, we are weak and He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me. The bible tells me so.

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Down By The Riverside

Gonna lay down my burden
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Gonna lay down my burden
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Gonna walk with the Prince of Peace
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Gonna walk with the Prince of Peace
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside

Gonna put on my starry crown
 Down by the riverside
 Down by the riverside
 Down by the riverside
 Gonna put on my starry crown
 Down by the riverside
 Down by the riverside
 Gonna put on my golden shoes
 Down by the riverside
 Down by the riverside
 Down by the riverside
 Gonna put on my golden shoes
 Down by the riverside
 Down by the riverside
 Gonna lay down my burden
 Down by the riverside
 Down by the riverside
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 Gonna lay down my burden
 Down by the riverside
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CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Lord Listen To Your Children Praying

Lord listen to your children prayin'
 Lord send your spirit in this place
 Lord listen to your children prayin'
 Send us love, send us power, send us grace.
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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Here I am Lord

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I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
 I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.

I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, 'till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)
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With the baptized of every time and place we profess the faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Reader: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

Reader: For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day, let us pray.

People: **Have mercy, O God.**

Reader: For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray.

People: **Have mercy, O God.**

Reader: For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

People: **Have mercy, O God.**

Reader: For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound (*especially*), that God console all who suffer, let us pray.

People: **Have mercy, O God.**

Reader: For our neighborhood, for visitors joining us for the first time or returning, and for those absent from our assembly, that all who seek to know God are nourished by word and sacrament, let us pray.

People: **Have mercy, O God.**

Reader: Accept our thanksgiving for the people you surround us with, especially:

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enrich her with a sense of your grace and comfort. Let us pray,

People: **Have mercy, O God.**

Reader: We pray for the Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod, our Bishop, and St Thomas Lutheran in Anadarko, OK, that together we will boldly proclaim your Good News in Jesus Christ. Let us pray,

People: **Have mercy, O God.**

Reader: For those fighting cancer and other serious illnesses, grant strength and grace. We pray for doctors, nurses, technicians, researchers and all who work toward treatments and cures. Let us pray,

People: **Have mercy, O God.**

Reader: For those we know and love who serve in our military and their families. We pray that you watch over them and keep them safe bringing them home safely, especially: Evan Bias, Robert Marulli, Kaitlyn Tschida, Adam Shepherd, David Powell, Robert Woodrey, Nick Coleman, Mark Pritchard, James Wagoner, Jonathan Wagoner, Shawn Werchan, Kevin Spurgin, Daniel Picazo, Michael Morton, Daniel Mock, Dustin Miller, Rudy Palomares, Tyler Starkey, Jonathan Young, Austin Watlington, Yahola Jones, John Winsworth, James Winsworth, Justin Smith, Kobe Coker, John Burns III, Garrick West, Logan West, Brenden Salvador, and Jordyn Scott. Let us pray,

People: **Have mercy, O God.**

Reader: In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us (*especially Antony and Pachomius, renewers of the church*), that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action, let us pray.

People: **Have mercy, O God.**

Reader: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord... Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

OPEN COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The blessings and body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.

People: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

I Can Only Imagine

I can only imagine, what it will be like, when I walk, by Your side. I can only imagine, what my eyes will see, when Your face, is before me. I can only imagine. (*Chorus*)

(*Chorus*)

Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel? Will I dance for You, Jesus, or in awe of You be still? Will I stand in Your presence or to my knees will I fall? Will I sing hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all? I can only imagine, (Yeah), I can only imagine.

I can only imagine, when that day comes, and I find myself standing in the Son.

I can only imagine, when all I will do, is forever, forever worship You. I can only imagine, I can only imagine. (*Chorus X 2*)

Words/Music by Bart Millard

BLESSING

Pastor: God the creator strengthen you;

Jesus the beloved fill you;

and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace.

People: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

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

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**