

Our Savior Lutheran Church
Sunday, January 15, 2023
Second Sunday after Epiphany



Thought: John exclaimed, “Look here is the Lamb of God!” His disciples left to follow Jesus. The invitation is given and Jesus says: “Come and See.” This is also our opportunity to witness to the “Light of the World.” As Philip said to Nathanael, “Come and See” an invitation we can also share. God has prepared a banquet for all people. We are not called to stay in the banquet hall and serve tables. We are “extenders of the invitation.”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Call to Worship

A: We are individuals, and we are a community, called of God.

C: We gather to worship at God's bidding.

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C: We gather to listen for God's fresh speaking of the Word.

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C: We gather in preparation of being sent to do God's bidding.

Gathering Hymn – "Here I Am, Lord" ELW #574

<https://youtu.be/EcxOkht8w7c>

by John Michael Talbot

Invocation and Confession

P: O God, you call and call our names. There are times we ignore or make excuses.

A time of silence for reflection

P: Help us in those times Heavenly Father.

C: When like Moses, we make excuses and ask not to serve you. When we like Jonah, say we will serve but then turn and go the other way. There are times that we, like Samuel, hear your voice but lack knowledge to follow your call. Help us recognize your voice in our lives.

P: Cleanse us of our sins and give us the eagerness as Samuel to jump up, even in the middle of the night, to respond to your call. By your grace and love you forgive our sins as Jesus continues to call us to share the Good News with others. We pray in the name of the one whose voice guides us, Jesus our Lord.

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

Hymn of Praise – “We All Are One in Mission”
#576

ELW

<https://youtu.be/w0AmVKrX6xg>

by First Plymouth Church, Lincoln NB

Prayer of the Day

A: We join our voices with that of John, O God, proclaiming your presence among us:

C: “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

A: We join our voices with that of Andrew, O God, sharing your presence with others.

C: “We have found the Messiah!”

A: Rename us, O God,

C: as your Son renamed Simon “Peter.”

A: And bid us follow you,

C: as Christ bade the disciples, “Come and see.”

A: For we desire your name upon us, O Creator of all things.

C: We desire to follow in your way of peace.

A: Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now...

C: and forever. Amen.

The Word

Old Testament reading – Isaiah 49:1-7

The servant brings light to the nations

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,

pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb, he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—

⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴**Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸**'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'**"

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually I keep me safe.

Epistle reading – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul's gives thanks for the grace found among the saints

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – John 1:29-42 (43-51)

<https://youtu.be/8lOQp2jWnzc>

The Lamb of God...Come and See!

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you O Lord.**

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are

Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Jesus Chooses Philip and Nathanael

43-44 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. There he met Philip, who was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. Jesus said to Philip, “Follow me.”

45 Philip then found Nathanael and said, “We have found the one that Moses and the Prophets^[a] wrote about. He is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.”

46 Nathanael asked, “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Philip answered, “Come and see.”

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said, “Here is a true descendant of our ancestor Israel. And he isn't deceitful.”^[b]

48 “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

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

49 Nathanael said, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God and the King of Israel!”

50 Jesus answered, “Did you believe me just because I said that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see something even greater. ⁵¹ I tell you for certain you will see heaven open and God's angels going up and coming down on the Son of Man.”^[c]

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children of God Time

<https://youtu.be/ZzZuKuAzJHM>

Homily – “Come and See”

https://youtu.be/l6laVx_kBa8

Hymn of the Day – “I Love to Tell the Story” ELW #661

<https://youtu.be/onJLwQS8dR0>

by First Plymouth Church, Lincoln NB

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 he will come 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.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (*synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. Preserve the world's waters: protect them from pollution, support plants and animals who depend on them, and bring rain in places of drought. Guide us in protecting local waterways (*especially*) and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need (*We pray especially for . . .*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a

sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

Offering/Offertory Prayer

A: O God, you have graciously given us all that we need to live...

C: ...and so much more.

A: You provide for all of our physical needs. And you have sent your Son...

C: ...” the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

A: Accept our offerings, O God. Although they are already yours...

C: ...accept them as from us. Accept them as tangible signs of our love.

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

"Here Is Bread"

ELW #483

<https://youtu.be/GgysV3EZKas>

by Chet Valley Churches

Consecration

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.

Distribution

Communion Music

Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

A: We praise you, O Lamb of God.

C: For we look and see the feast you have spread for us.

A: We praise you, O Lamb of God.

C: For in this feast, we experience a foretaste of the feast to come.

A: Lead us to your heavenly banquet. You are the Lord forever more.

C: Amen.

Benediction – from Numbers 6

Sending Hymn – “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”
ELW #676

https://youtu.be/DNHVikEE_xQ
by OUMC choir

Dismissal

A: We go to serve and share the invitation – “Come and See!”
C: **Lord, speak to us that we may speak! Amen.**

Postlude

