

Who Said That?!



**Sunday, January 14, 2024
Second Sunday after Epiphany**

Thought: Have you ever felt called by God to a task in the church, or beyond, to a task in the kingdom? God is calling you today in worship. Listen! God often chooses ordinary people to do wonderful work. God still chooses people today. No one is too ordinary to be chosen by God! Nor too young or old, even you and me! “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”

Prelude – Lillian Pinkston

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Call to Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gathering Hymn – “Listen, God is Calling”

ELW #513

<https://youtu.be/7Y7I7BzID7Y?t=27>

by Peace Lutheran

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: O God, you call and call our names.

C: There are times that we, like Moses, make excuses and ask not to serve you. There are times that 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 the knowledge to follow your call.

A time for silence and reflection

P: Help us recognize your voice in our lives.

C: Give us the eagerness of Samuel to jump up, even in the middle of the night, to respond to your call.

Forgive us when we ignore you or make excuses.

P God will continue to work in us a willing spirit. In Christ who continues to Call, we are forgiven.

C: We pray in the name of the one who calls us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen and Amen!

Hymn of Praise – “We All Are One in Mission” ELW #576 vss. 1&2

Prayer of the Day

L: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give.

C: 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.

Preparing for the Word

L: Loving God, your Spirit calls us together this day to worship your name, be filled with your Word, and be equipped to serve you.

C: Help us leave our cares and worries at your feet, that we might attend fully to your presence with us today.

The Word

<https://youtu.be/qFeWbj4B5WA?si=G4zgxQE7pGf10CT5>

Old Testament reading – 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Speak, for your servant is listening.

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." [¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

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

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

You have searched me out and known me.

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 ^l of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written ^l in your book; my days were fashioned before they ^l came to be.**

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

¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number ^l than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to ^l be like yours.

Epistle reading – 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

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.

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

Holy Gospel – John 1:43-51

https://youtu.be/lvZpNbA2pJA?si=0vrfcNquC_fE3XPv

The Holy Gospel According to John. Glory to you O Lord.

“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.”⁵¹ And 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.**

Children of God Time

<https://youtu.be/5CHEnlGQsjo?si=ilV55rJaOCiWr0iB>

Message – “Listen, God is Calling”

https://youtu.be/Fk8iJJssyXc?si=O1YAL2iAuci_6MaC

Hymn of the Day –“Will You Come and Follow Me” ELW #798 vss. 1, 2 &4

<https://youtu.be/GiXnbOORTAU>

by Jereme Asunto

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: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

L: Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church (*especially*) be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the margins of society. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims of racism or cultural bias, and all who long for respite or restoration (*especially*). God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so inspired and empowered to do your work in the world, God of unity. Make us faithful as we build communities of inclusion and mutual care. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints (*especially the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. whose faithful advocacy for peace and justice continues to embolden the church*). God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Offering/Offertory Music – “We Are an Offering” ELW #692

<https://youtu.be/vE3-BQsg8tA>

by Chris Christian

Offertory Prayer

L: O God, you have satisfied our desires,

C: you have provided for our needs.

L: We ask but one thing more: accept these gifts,

C: and with them our hearts.

L: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: 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.

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 – Lillian Pinkston

Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

L: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son

C: **By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Benediction from Numbers 6

Sending Hymn – “Here I Am, Lord” ELW #574

<https://youtu.be/EcxOkht8w7c>

by Eric Tom

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude – Lillian Pinkston

