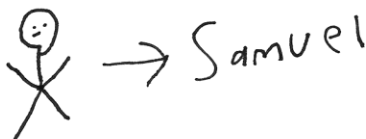




Speak, for your
servant is listening.



Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!"
And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."
1 Samuel 3:10

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2021

Shared on Augsburg Lutheran Church YouTube Channel

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where – or rather whom – we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and ... the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet.

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by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through
worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Four

✠ GATHERING ✠

ACCLAMATION

William Stevens

Alleluia. We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ,
who brings us grace and truth. Alleluia.

(John 1:41, 17)

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Duo” and “Récit de Nazard”

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

GATHERING HYMN 575 In Christ Called to Baptize

ST. DENIO

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 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.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876, alt.
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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.**

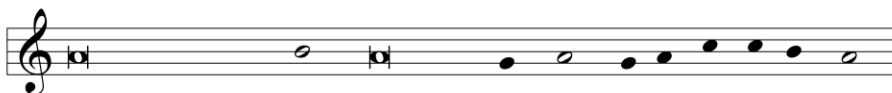
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



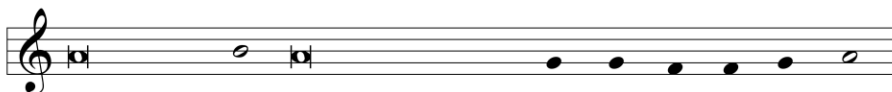
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord



God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have



mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the



Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the



Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the



most high, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the



glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen.

We sit.

WELCOME

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the 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. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and 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. The 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." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The 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. Therefore 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. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18

Tone by Mark Mummert

¹LORD, you have searched me out;

O LORD, you have known me.

²You 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.

⁴Indeed, 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.

⁶Such 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.

¹⁴I 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.

¹⁶Your 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.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL John 1:43-51

The holy gospel according to Saint John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Wollner

We stand.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system contains the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains the next four lines. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee; 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love; 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King; 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold; take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise. take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee. take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee. take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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

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

Each portion of the prayers conclude:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

We sit.

✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Locus iste*

Anton Bruckner

Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum; irreprehensibilis est.

This place was made by God, an inestimably holy place. It is without blame.

We stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all
creatures here below; praise God above, ye
heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace.



SENDING HYMN 310 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

SALZBURG

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,

an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Caprice sur les grand jeux

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Soli Deo Gloria

Announcements

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of his mother, Jane Maxey, by Rik Maxey.

This week we keep in prayer Eleanore Regenthal, 7551 Fair Oaks Drive, #113B, Clemmons, NC. 27012. Please send **Eleanore** a note.

A Called Meeting of the Augsburg Congregation will take place on Sunday, January 31 at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. The agenda of this meeting includes 1) The Call of a Minister of Word and Service and 2) The Presentation of the Revised Outdoor Gathering Space plans. A special edition of the Beacon will be sent to all Augsburg members early next week via Flocknote or by USPS for those who do not have Flocknote.

Save the Date for a Meet and Greet with our Candidate for Minister of Word and Service on Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. You will receive a Zoom invitation closer to the event.

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 18, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday.

The Kairos class will continue discussing the Lord's Prayer this week during the Sunday School hour from 10-11:00 a.m. Arthur DeBaugh will guide the discussions. All are welcome for a little adult confirmation of our faith! Email kevinkooken@gmail.com to receive the Zoom invite.

Don't forget to sign up for shelter meals. We are committed to providing lunches and dinner every Thursday through March. You can sign up using this link <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/407005958080468079/true#/invitation>

If you have any questions or need assistance Contact John Collins (336-408-1519; jhcollins@gmail.com) or Ann Ragan anncragan@gmail.com). John Collins will send a Shelter sign up email.

Please join Pastor Paul for Bible Study Tuesday, January 19. This week will focus on chapters 4-5 of the Book of Ecclesiastes. The same class will be offered on Zoom at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. each week.

Our Food Drive looks a little different this month, but your help is needed to fill the shelves of Christ's Beloved Community Food Pantry! We have one location this month Please bring non-perishable items to the portico at Augsburg from 12:00-4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 28. The portico is on the backside of our building at 844 Pilot View. Items most needed include: macaroni and cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, bags of rice and beans (pinto/black), canned tomatoes, canned potatoes, canned fruit, canned soups, canned meat, granola bars,

spaghetti-o's, peanut butter, jelly, bags of sugar and flour, paper towels, toilet paper, diapers (any size).

Submissions for the February Beacon should be emailed to Kathy Barnes at kathy@alcws.org before noon Wednesday, January 20.

Altar Flower Dedication. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the beautiful altar flowers each week. If you are interested in dedicating flowers as a memorial or in honor of a loved one, please contact Betty Covington at covingtonbet@gmail.com. The cost is \$80.00.

The Efrid L. and Maria F. Hine Fund committee will meet for its Winter Quarter meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Agendas will be ready for members to pick up in the work room today, Sunday, January 17. Please call or email Kris Andrews if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Please keep our Financial Secretary Joyce Holton in your prayers as she continues to recover at home. The Council has appointed Kris Andrews to serve as Acting Financial Secretary during Joyce's absence. Please email financialsecretary@alcws.org or call the church office for more information about sharing your gifts with Augsburg. We are grateful for all of your offerings!

We keep you in prayer during our time apart. Our pastors continue to be available for your pastoral care needs. If you would like to reach a pastor, please call their cell phones, send them a text, or an email. Pastor Paul is 803-331-5970 or seniorpastor@alcws.org and Pastor Lori is 336-414-2838 or pastoralassociate@alcws.org

Readings for next week: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Worship attendance for services last week: 247 views on YouTube.

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