



As We Gather Second Sunday after Epiphany Jan.14, 2024

Since the beginning of creation, God has spoken. He spoke into being our universe and our very selves as the crown of His creation; He spoke when seeking out Adam and Eve in a fallen world; He spoke many times and many ways through the prophets; and He spoke by the very words that came from the mouth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. From Him came words of instructing, healing, forgiving, and of invitation to follow Him as we hear today with Philip and Nathanael. The Lord still speaks to us today in His Word, as His Spirit spoke instruction and encouragement of the use of bodies through Paul in his letter to the church of Corinth. Through all He speaks, we are called to listen to that Word to guide and direct, and to hear His continued words of forgiveness, peace, hope, and joy as “in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son” (Hebrews 1:2).

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**Please meet with an usher for prayer requests.
Ask us about Associate Memberships for Lutherans who are part-time residents.**

A Gentle Reminder to turn off cell phones. Thank You.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION



As Lutheran Christians, we believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present (not symbolic) in the Bread and Wine and received by all who attend. Since our Lord reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment, all are encouraged to examine themselves that they may receive it worthily. (1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

Please use the following questions and LSB p. 329 as a personal guide before partaking of this Holy Sacrament:

- *Do I renounce sin, Satan and my own flesh, and seek true forgiveness and reconciliation with God and my neighbor?**
- *Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?**
- *Do I believe that Christ's own words, this is my body and this is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins (Mt. 26:28), mean exactly what they say for us today?**
- *Do I earnestly desire to live a Godly life by the power of the Holy Spirit and in thanksgiving to Christ?**

Because attendance at Communion is also a testimony to this faith in the Triune God confessed and taught here, and to unity in belief as brothers and sisters in Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we ask that any visitors not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and who desire to receive the Sacrament introduce themselves to the Pastor or Elder beforehand if possible.

Please Note

An invitation for children not confirmed in the Lutheran church to come and receive a blessing at the altar.

We offer a traditional communion wafer,
Off-White Color Wafers are Gluten Free.

While communing, please point to the bread meeting your preference.
Clear Color Wine is Alcohol Free

PRELUDE J.S. Bach
WELCOME

PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN #589 “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens sts. 1-2

- 1 Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens, Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me, Let each promise still my fear.
Death’s dread pow’r, its inward strife, Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love’s strong fervor That I cling to You forever!**
- 2 Oh, what blessing to be near You And to listen to Your voice;
Let me ever love and hear You, Let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at Your Word;
But to all who feel sin’s burden You give words of peace and pardon.**

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INVOCATION

- [P]** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
[C] Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 139:1–10; 1 Samuel 3:9*

- [P]** O LORD, You have searched me and known me!
[C] You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.
[P] You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
[C] Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.
[P] You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.
[C] Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.
[P] Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!
[C] If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.
[P] Speak, LORD,
[C] for Your servant hears.

CONFESSION *Psalms 145:18; 50:15; Isaiah 55:6; 1 Samuel 3:9*

- P** As the psalmist declares, the Lord searches us, knows us, is ever-present with us, and leads us. He listens to us as we speak to Him. We come before Him in confession.

Silence for meditation.

- P** “The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.”
- C** **We confess, heavenly Father, that we often choose not to call on You in times of need, nor in times of thanksgiving. We fail to be near You in our opportunities to pray, praise, and give thanks. Forgive us.**
- P** “Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”
- C** **We confess, heavenly Father, that in our days of trouble we rely on ourselves and not You. We seek deliverance through our own devices and peace through the temporary offerings of this world. Forgive us.**
- P** “Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.”
- C** **We confess, heavenly Father, we are the ones who are lost even though You are near and present in Your Word and means of grace. Our sins of thought, word, and deed separate us from You. Forgive us.**
- P** Speak, LORD,
- C** for Your servant hears.

HYMN #589 “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens” *LSB 589 st. 3*

**Lord, Your words are waters living When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving On Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light Through death’s cold and dreary night
Yes, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unfailing!**

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ABSOLUTION *2 Timothy 1:9; Isaiah 43:1; 1 Samuel 3:10*

- P** As we speak and call out to the Lord in prayer and confession, He calls to us, His people, through His Word of truth, mercy, and grace; for He has “saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.” As a called and ordained servant of the Word and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

- P** But now thus says the LORD, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine. Speak, LORD,
- C** for Your servant hears. Amen.

HYMN #589 “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens” *LSB 589 st. 4*

**As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; Let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e’er be near me That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given In the endless joy of heaven.**

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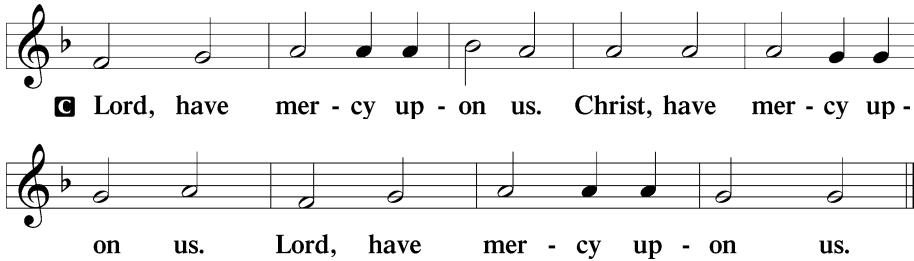
WORD

INTROIT

- P** I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
- C** **I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;**
- P** I waited patiently for the LORD;
- C** **he inclined to me and heard my cry.**
- P** He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
- C** **and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**
- P** He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
- C** **Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.**
- P** Blessèd is the man who makes the LORD his trust,
- C** **who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!**
- P** You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!
- C** **I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
- C** **I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation.**

KYRIE

LSB 186



HYMN OF PRAISE LSB 790

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Samuel 3:1–10

“The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. 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, 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. And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose 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.

And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalms 117:1–2a; 96:8*

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

C Extol Him, all peoples!

P For great is His steadfast love toward us,

C and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

C bring an offering, and come into His courts!

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 6:12–20

“‘All things are lawful for me,’ but not all things are helpful. ‘All things are lawful for me,’ but I will not be enslaved 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 not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

- P** Alleluia. You are my servant, Israel,
C in whom I will be glorified. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL **John 1:43–51**

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.
C 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 of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY #827 “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”

SERMON “Sought And Found” Psalm 139:1-10

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian

Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- [P]** Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
- [C]** **but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.**
- [P]** As God has spoken to us in His Word through His Son, let us speak to Him in prayer. We pray for the Church of God and all people according to their needs. We praise You, heavenly Father, for calling us to faith through Your Spirit. As Your Body of believers, called to follow You, enable us to proclaim Your Word of salvation in all truth and purity. Soften the hearts and open the minds of all people, that they may know You have called them as Your own in grace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- [C]** **hear our prayer.**
- [P]** *[Petitions...]* Lord, in Your mercy,
- [C]** **hear our prayer.**
- [P]** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- [C]** **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

- [C]** **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

SACRAMENT

PREFACE

- [P]** The Lord be with you.
- [C]** **And also with you.**
- [P]** Lift up your hearts.
- [C]** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- [P]** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- [C]** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *LSB 178*

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF OUR LORD “Remember Me” G. Gustafson & M. Nystrom

- P** (*sung*) “On the night ... This is My blood poured out for you and as you drink it remember Me.”
- C** (*sung*) “So we thank You for the wine and for the bread;
For we see the life You gave And the blood you shed.
And we remember Your wondrous love
You gave your body You shed Your blood
And we remember Your wondrous love
You gave your body You shed your blood.”

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** 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.

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI O Lamb Of God, We Pray tune: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

- 1 O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away—
Our faith increase. Have mercy on us all, Strengthen us when we fall,
Answer our fervent call And grant us peace.

(Text: Dorothy Schultz)

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#907 God Himself is Present #830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

#829 Christ the Eternal Lord #832 Jesus Shall Reign

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
- C** His steadfast love endures forever.
- P** We give thanks to You, gracious Father, for what You have revealed to us through Your Son. As Your Spirit continues to call us through Your Word, grant us ears to hear, wills to obey, hands to serve, and hearts filled with the grace that You have bestowed in this Holy Supper. Strengthen and preserve us all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN # 644 “The Church’s One Foundation”

ANNOUNCEMENTS/POSTLUDE

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Reader Today: Jan Aslin

PRAYERS: Aaron, (step-son of Jan Crouch) brain cancer; Simon, (cousin of Roger Takashita), brain cancer; Frank Ethington, surg. recovery; Brandy Sula, surg. recovery.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 15	2:00 p.m.	Church Council
Tues Jan 16	10:00 a.m.	LWA meeting (Lutheran Women's Auxiliary)
Tues. Jan. 16	11:00 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
<u>Wednesdays</u>	3:00 p.m.	Deadline for announcements for the bulletin. The bulletin is printed on Thursday.
Thur. Jan. 18	10:30 a.m.	Grief Group
Thur. Jan. 18	11:00 a.m.	Jesus Time (Preschool)
Thur. Jan. 18	1:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Thur. Jan. 18	3:00 p.m.	Choir
Sunday Jan. 21	8:30 Bible Study	10:00 a.m. Worship

Please note: WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will resume Wed. Jan. 24th.

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 18 Bonnie Semmler	Jan. 20 Annie Black	Jan. 23 Greg Larson
Jan. 26 David Gnacinski	Jan. 26 Jim Jones	Jan. 26 Ruby Stuart
Jan. 30 Beverly Brack	Jan. 30 Joan Samuelson	Jan. 31 Jeff Meckley

ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 19 Mike & Cindy Yantis Jan. 31 Gordon & Carol Shepherd

RED ROCK ZONE 31/32 LWML 2024 PRAYER AND PRAISE

EVENT **February 3, 2024 9:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m.** Ingathering: Bring food item for Lutheran Social Service food pantry. **RSVP by January 24, 2024** **To: Barbara Coverdale, Zone Secretary, bcoverda@wyoming.com** Or Kathi Anderson, VP Gospel Outreach, text to: 702-427-4186. **Gathering At: First Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 301 S. Maryland Parkway Las Vegas.** Joyfully let's gather together!

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