

**Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 14, 2018**



St. Philip's Lutheran Church

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Gathering

Welcome

Prelude “Adagio” from Toccata in C *by J. S. Bach*

Gathering

Hymn “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak” **ELW 676**

Greeting ...be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day 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. *Amen.*

Word

First Reading **1 Samuel 3: 1 -20**

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

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.]

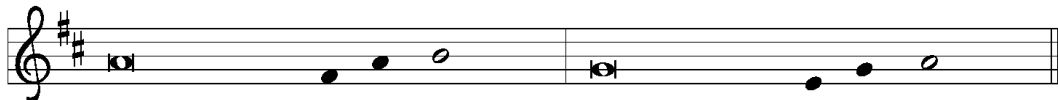
L: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 139 *Refrain*
1 - 6, 13 - 18



Tone



- 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. R**
- ⁵You encompass me, behind | and before,
and lay your | hand upon me.
- ⁶**Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain 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 mar- | velously made;
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well. R**
- ¹⁵My body was not hid- | den 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. **R**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 6: 12 - 20

Reading *Paul is helping the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.*

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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Children's Message

Pastor Tuula Van Gaasbeek

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.

John 1: P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

43 - 51 C: *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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon

Pastor Tuula Van Gaasbeek

Hymn of the

Day "Here I Am, Lord"

ELW 574

**Prayers of
Intercession**

P: Let us pray.

C: *Have mercy, O God.*

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: *And also with you.*

Offering

Hymn “Open our Eyes, Lord”

W & P 113

(please see insert)

Offering

Prayer

God of light and hope, we bring our gifts to further your work and ministry of love in all the world. May our gifts bring light and new opportunities to all. May our gifts and our lives bring great light into the pains and sorrows of the world. In the name of Jesus. *Amen.*

The Great

P: The Lord be with you.

Thanksgiving

C: *And also with you.*

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

P: It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

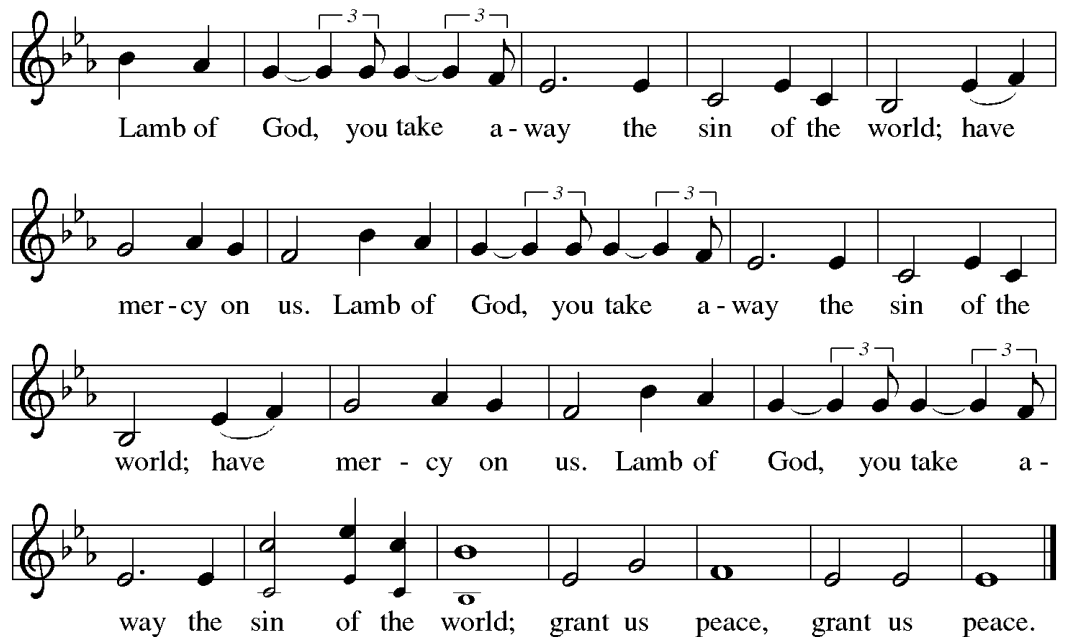
Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving

at the Table P: In the night...Amen.

Lord's Prayer C: *Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.*

Communion



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion “Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult”
Hymns “Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am”

ELW 696
ELW 814

Prayer After Communion We thank you, God, that you have fed us at your table with bread and wine beyond compare. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Sending

Blessing The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Sending Song “Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW 798

Dismissal **P:** Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
C: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude Excerpt from the Second Piano Concerto, First Movement
by *S. Rachmaninoff*
(*Please remain seated or leave quietly. Thank you.*)

SERVING US TODAY

Assisting Minister	Marcia Powers-Dunlop
Audio	Gary Wuschnakowski
Lector	Judy Marcuson
Communion Server	Doug Kearns
Ushers	John Stewart, Neil Stewart
Greeter	Wendy Kearns
Altar	Martha Lochert
Counters	Dave Brown, Alex Kretchman
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THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

DAY	TIME	PROGRAM
Monday	7:15 pm	Joyful Noise Bell Choir
Tuesday	10:30 - 11:30 am	Senior's Fitness
	11:30 am	Euchre
	5:00 - 6:30 pm	Homework Club
Wednesday	10:00 am	Cover Girls Sewing Group
	7:30 pm	Choir
Thursday	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Moms and Tots
Friday	6:30 pm	Yoga

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our prayers....

Rodney Erlandson, Sabine George, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Julie Potocny, Janice Rouse, Diane Roy, Elga Smidt, Chris Suknundun, and Hugh Wood.



Wednesday, January 10, 17, 24 @ 7:00 - 9:00 pm: Interfaith lecture series for 3 sessions, “Understanding our Abrahamic Roots” at Islington United Church, 25 Burnhamthorpe Rd. Check out the flyer on the Islington website and register using the Eventbrite link or sign up by contacting Barbara Sheffield at: b.sheffield@rogers.com.

Tuesday, January 16th @ 12:30 pm: SPLC Book Club will meet in the Choir Room.

Sunday, January 21st: CLAY Lunch n’ Learn after worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Early bird registration is available.



January 28: Sock Sunday!! Please bring in new pairs of warm socks to be blessed on this day and then given to those in need.

HOLIDAYS: Margaret Isaacs, Office Administrator will be on holidays from **January 19 - 26** inclusive.

VISION STATEMENT

*We are a diverse and inclusive Lutheran faith community freed by the grace of Christ to find God and self as we connect with our neighbours. We **practise** hospitality of open hearts and open arms. We **unite** with partners to make a difference in our neighbourhood. We **nurture** community of Christ.*

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