



*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Greenville
Christ Lutheran Church, Sharon*

*The Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 17, 2021*

Service of the Word

Significance of the Day: 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 God.

Gathering

Prelude

Hymn Preludes on *Canonbury, Repton*, and
Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

(Hobby et al)

Greeting and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
you search us and know us.
You are acquainted with all our ways.
We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.
We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.
We distrust those who are not like us.
We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.
Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.
Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;
receive them in your divine mercy.
Amen.

How vast is God's grace!
Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
Indeed, we are forgiven.
In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.
Amen.

Opening Hymn

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Apostolic Greeting

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

A reading from 1 Samuel:

1 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.

2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 3 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. 4 Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" 5 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. 6 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." 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8 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. 9 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.

10 Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." 11 Then 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. 12 On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. 13 For 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. 14 Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

15 Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. 16 But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." 17 Eli 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." 18 So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

19 As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. 21 The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 LORD, 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.

3 You 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.

5 You 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.

13 For 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.

15 My 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.

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

18 If 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.

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

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. 14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. 15 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! 16 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.” 17 But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. 18 Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. 19 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? 20 For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

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

Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(The reading of the Gospel.)

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 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." 46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" 48 Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." 49 Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50 Jesus 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.

Hymn of the Day

Will You Come and Follow Me



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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

A: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need, responding, "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

(Brief silence)

A: For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, musicians, worship leaders, council members, teachers and all who do your work, Lord in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

A: For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, Lord in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

A: For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable. We pray for our nation, that it find ways to heal our wounds. We pray for our president, Donald; our president-elect Joe; our governor, Tom; and all local elected school and municipal leaders, Lord in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

A: For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound, that God console all who suffer. We pray for those anxious about COVID-19, those who are ill, those who are in quarantine; bring us the saving vaccine so that we can quickly bring normalcy to our community life, Lord in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

A: For our neighborhood, for visitors joining us for the first time or returning, and for those absent from our assembly, that all who seek to know God are nourished by word and sacrament, Lord in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

A: In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, especially Sally, Irene, Elsie, Donald, Evelyn, and Jayna, that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action, Lord in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

A: Are there others for whom we should pray?

P. 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.

C. Amen.

Peace

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

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.**

Our Prayer for These Times

**O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot
see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Finale on *Galilee*

(Jude)

Serving Today

Presiding Ministers Pastor Dennis Blausen, Christ Lutheran, Sharon
Pastor Brenda Martin, Holy Trinity, Greenville
Assisting Minister Cynthia DePaul
Organist Maidene Hackett
Cantor Billie Hollenbaugh

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Pastors in residence:

The Rev. Julia Fraser, chaplain at St. Paul Homes
The Rev. Brian Riddle, Thiel College Campus Pastor
The Rev. Martin Roth, retired pastor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, January 17, 2021, *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

- 9:30 a.m. Virtual Liturgy of the Word
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday Church School/Confirmation
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Monday, January 18, 2021, *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Office closed

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Congregation Council
 - 7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion
- Messenger articles due today*

Thursday, January 21, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (Zoom)

Saturday, January 23, 2021

NO Liturgy

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 24, 2021, *Third Sunday after Epiphany*

- 9:30 a.m. Virtual Liturgy of the Word
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday Church School/Confirmation
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Seniors for Safe Driving

Thursday, January 28, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (Zoom)

Saturday, January 30, 2021

NO Liturgy

Offering Envelopes

At the end of 2020 we learned from our Offering Envelope distributor that shipping costs on each packet of envelopes was going to almost double what it had been in the past. In order to prevent this increase for each quarter's mailings, Council / Finance chose to change to a once a year mailing delivered to the church. **Please make note that there will be no quarterly mailings to your home.**

The boxes of 2021 offering envelopes are at the church and ready for you to pick up. **These envelopes are for use beginning in February.** You can stop in Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The boxes are in the nursery in alphabetical order. If you need to make other arrangements, please call the office at 724-588-8870 and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Confirmation Class

The confirmation class, in lieu of class on January 24, will be packing food for the Greenville school district's backpack program, one of our class's service projects for this year. Each weekend, the school district places bags of food in the backpacks of students whose families are food insecure. We will meet in person at church at 11:00 a.m. on that 24th to go to the Methodist church to do that work. We encourage parents and siblings to come along and pack, since more hands make lighter the work. Let's meet in the parking area at the church office door, and then we'll head to the Methodist church down Clinton Street together.

Congregational Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2021, at 11:15 a.m. This is the meeting at which we approve the annual budget.

We are planning for the meeting to be a hybrid of in-person and online attendance.

Most of you will join us via a Zoom computer link. We will post the link in our Holy Trinity Facebook group, and will also email to as many of you whose email addresses are in our computer system. If you have not received communications from us in either of those places and would like to receive the Zoom link, please let Tammy know in the church office.

For others who do not have computer access, you can join in-person in Brath Hall downstairs. Pastor Brenda will be there with the computer for those attending via Zoom.

Good Shepherd January Request

The Good Shepherd Center is our church community social service agency that supports the needs of many in the area. The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for **January is Pancake mix, syrup, and cereal.**

Please note there is an urgent need for toilet paper.

Donations may be dropped off at the church office or directly at the Food Pantry.

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before your call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

Dennis (brother of Jim Martin)	William J. (father of Catherine Mott)
Kelly (friend of Jill Murrin)	Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)
Earl and Carol (friends of Bonnie Long)	Lori
Tammy (friend of Jill Murrin)	Carl
Betty K.	Paul
Hank (son of Henry and Ruth Heil)	Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher and Beth Harpst)
Kate (friend of Paul and Sue Bittler)	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)
Jim	
Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)	

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

The Rev. Donald Hake
Cynthia Richardson (mom of Ray and Cathy Richardson)
Evelyn Ramming
Sally Werner (friend of the congregation)
Jayna Spigelmeyer

In Military Service

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)
Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Frederiksberg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)
Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)
CDR Ryan Leary, USN, Operation Officer, 7th Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan (son of David and Judy Leary)
Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)
Ian McQuiston, US Air Force, Kuwait (friend of Betty K. Junk)