

GRACE

The Second Sunday after Epiphany January 17, 2021

8:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

Grace Council Statement on Racism

The events that have unfolded in our nation in recent months have reawakened us to the deep divides that still exist within our country. Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

As We Gather

At least one of the people Jesus called that day was not imagining that this would go anywhere. They were about as ordinary as you could get, and Jesus himself was from the backwoods town of Nazareth. Their expectations probably did not amount to much. After all, "what good could come out of Nazareth," Phillip asks. This Jesus leads these ordinary people to all sorts of unexpected places, leading ultimately to a cross outside of the city. What good could come out of that? And Jesus calls us too, especially when we feel ordinary, like we do not have what it takes, when our expectations are slim, when we do not measure up, when our faith is fleeting and we feel weak. There empowered by the Spirit Jesus leads us to unexpected places, even to the place of death, and through the eyes of faith we find our expectations overturned again and again. Come and see.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: In Christ Called to Baptize Michael Burkhardt ENTRANCE HYMN: In Christ Called to Baptize ELW #575 Christ called wit - ness In to bap - tize, we grace to 1 2 In Christ called ban - quet, ta - ble share, to one we 3 Christ called wit - ness, grace we will preach In to by 4 U - nite us, а noint us, Ó Spir - it of love, from and gath - er peo - ple each land and а race. ha ven of wel - come, а cir - cle of care. а giv life -God's love will teach. the ing gos - pel; we for you are with in us, а round us, а bove. deep, flow - ing In wa - ters, we share in Christ's death, man - y, Al - though we are share in one bread. we grace liv - ing give proof to praise By may our our 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 call - ing. Christ may is our In we grow. Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional Text © 1995 Pilgrim Press

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **G** And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P 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.

G Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1–20

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.

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."

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.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139: 1-5, 12-17

ANTIPHON: Lord, you have searched me out and known me.

- Lord, you have searched me | out and known me;* you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts | from afar.
- You trace my journeys and my | resting-places* and are acquainted with | all my ways.
- L Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,* but you, O Lord, know it | altogether.
- You press upon me behind | and before* and lay your | hand upon me.
- Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;* it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.
- G For you yourself created my | inmost parts;* you knit me together in my | mother's womb.
- L I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;* your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.
- My body was not hid- | den from you,*
 while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.
- Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written | in your book;* they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was | none of them.
- How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!* How great is the | sum of them!
- 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.



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. ¹³Food 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.

G Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE: John 1:41, 17b

- L Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
- G REFRAIN (below)



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

C REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The 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.
- **G** Praise to you, O Christ.

John Ferguson

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Come and See

Pastor Troy E. Medlin John 1:43-51



HYMN OF THE DAY: The Son of God, Our Christ

Text: Edward M. Blumenfeld, b. 1927, alt.

Music: SURSUM CORDA, Alfred M. Smith, 1879-1971

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APOSTLES' CREED

- **P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

ANTHEM: Jesus Calls Us

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult Of our life's wild, restless sea; Day by day his sweet voice sounding, Saying "Christian, follow me!" As of old the apostles heard it By the Galilean lake, Turned from home and toil and kindred, Leaving all for Jesus' sake. Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden store, From each idol that would keep us, Saying "Christian, love me more!" In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these!"

Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call, Give our hearts to your obedience, Serve and love you best of all! Jesus calls us o'er the tumult Of our life's wild, restless sea; Day by day his sweet voice sounding, Saying "Christian, follow me!"

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895

K. Lee Scott

RECOGNITION OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

Kathrine Leis and Judie McDonnell

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

■ Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G Amen.

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 +

BENEDICTION

- P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- G Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702, adapt.

DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Let the Whole Creation Cry

Michael Burkhardt

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, preaching minister Julie Hinz, assisting minister The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor Gwen Gotsch, soprano Al Swanson, videographer Justin Martin, sound board operator

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LET US PRAY...

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Rose Mary Anderson Tina Baird Annalise Balock Cathy Barker Jim Barker Len Berghaus Anne-Marie Bogdan Ed Borg Marilyn Gotsch Angela Gruendler Carl & Donna Gruendler David Gruendler Sarah Gruendler-Ladner Kathy Hayes

Felipe Altamirano (friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker) Mardie Anderson (friend of Christie Nelson) Valerie Anderson (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke) Bob Andree (friend of Deb Maxwell) Vera Leora Barnett (friend of Paul Eichwedel) James Beglin (cousin of Cathy Schnittker) Karen Berglund (friend of Carol Stanger) Ira Birnbaum (friend of Sandy and David Lentz) Stephanie Bogue and Elva (friends of Pat Anderson) Florence Breed (cousin of Irmgard Swanson) Ken Briggs (friend of many at Grace) Mike and Beth Bullock (parents of Keith Bullock) Linda Castaing (friend of Marnie Rourke) Jim Cozzi (friend of Diana Sicuro) Linda DeMeyere (friend of Randy and Ellie Schnack) Peggy Dickenson (mother of Paul Eichwedel) Jane Duda (friend of Karen Eckstein) David Eastman and family (brother of Pat Anderson) Patti and Neal Enslin (friends of Marilyn Heppner) Emily Ford (daughter-in-law of Cynthia Hill) Alvin Garber (brother of Larry Garber) Ray Garmatz (son of Margaret Garmatz) Ann Gesme (mother of Karen Brunssen and Martha Nielsen) Stacy Gibb and family (friends of Kristin Vogen) Mike Guss (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening) Jerry Haase (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke) Jill Hanssen (niece of Ann Mason) Harry Heppner (brother of Ken Heppner) John Hunt (friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner) Mia Rose Jones (granddaughter of John and Loretta Lattyak) Doug Kelner (friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson) Don Kersten (brother of Phyllis Kersten) Sally Kindsfater (sister of Mary Jane Endicott) Andrew Korcek (friend of Eunice Spurgat) Ron and Jeanette Koski (parents of Jill Koski) George Kozuchowski (friend of Timothy Douma) Arnold Krubsack (brother of Irmgard Swanson) Kathryn Krubsack (niece of Irmgard Swanson) Maxx Kusper and family (friends of Deb Maxwell) Alyssa Kutak (granddaughter-in-law of Galen Gockel) John Larson (father of Morgan Anderson) Maria Laskowski (friend of Joe Modrich) Lily (friend of Carrie Douma) Elsie Locke (grandmother of Troy Medlin) Karen Luebbe (mother of Jenny, sister of Stan Reddel)

Patricia Herendeen Joan Koerber Jerry Koenig Margaret Kruse Beth Smoots McClanahan Karen McMahon Jennifer Murtoff Chrissy Nelson Paul Nelson Tim Sandvoss Marge Sanger Pat Scala Carl Schalk Rich and Bonnie Stasack

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Benevolence ministries

ELCA Global Mission

For those who mourn

Barbara Quiriconi (sister of Doris Christopher) David Studtmann (friend of Randy Schnack)

Those serving in the armed services

Timothy Berghaus (grandson of Len and Judy Berghaus) Kevin Buss (nephew of Christa Krout) Reid Beveridge (son-in-law of the Schnacks) David Danford (son of John and Karen) E. Michael Garcia Goetting (son of Mary Goetting) Matthew Garmatz (grandson of Margaret Garmatz) Bradley Larson (cousin of Rhea Sprecher)

Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher) Kari Paetzold (niece of Jim and Sharman Galezewski)

Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak *(Germany)* Drew Krueger *(England)*

Those who are homebound

Barbara BunjesCarolyn MartinChristopher DavisJoanne NelsonMarie GierkeBarbara RinnanRonald GresensKathleen WrobelGloria HillertKathleen Wrobel

Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (friend of Bob and Margaret Burke) in Oakhill Correctional Center Cheryl Luchetta (friend of Joan Koerber) in Logan Correctional Center

Sonny Putman (nephew of Susan Franzone) Rusty Robb (grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie) Jason Brown (nephew of Tim and Sue Sandvoss) Matthew Shinkwin (friend of Eunice Spurgat) Christopher W. Sylvester (grandson of Janet Sylvester)

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