

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday After The Epiphany
January 14, 202

AS WE GATHER

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).

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:24

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

✘ PREPARATION ✘

HYMN "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

{LSB 589 - 4 verses}

Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,
Newborn life and spirit give me,
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife,
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor

Let Your Word to me come near;
Let each promise still my fear.
Wars against Your Word of life;
That I cling to You forever!

Oh, what blessing to be near You
Let me ever love and hear You,
Many hardened sinners, Lord,
But to all who feel sin's burden

And to listen to Your voice;
Let Your Word be now my choice!
Flee in terror at Your Word;
You give words of peace and pardon.

Lord, Your words are waters living
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving;
Lord, Your words will be my light
Yes, they are my sword prevailing

When my thirsting spirit pleads.
On Your words my spirit feeds.
Through death's cold and dreary night;
And my cup of joy unfailing!

As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
May Your Spirit e'er be near me
May I daily sing Your praise,
Till my highest praise is given

Let Your words in me take root.
That I bear abundant fruit.
From my heart glad anthems raise,
In the endless joy of heaven.

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: O LORD, You have searched me and known me!

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.

Pastor: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

Pastor: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.

People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

Pastor: 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!

People: 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.

Pastor: Speak, LORD,

People: for Your servant hears.

CONFESSION

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: "The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth."

People: 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.

Pastor: "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

People: 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.

Pastor: "Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near."

People: 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.

Pastor: Speak, LORD,
People: **for Your servant hears.**

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: 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,

People: **for Your servant hears. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Antiphon, Psalm 40:10a, 8a; Psalm 40:1-4a, 51, 10b-11*

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

People: **To do your will, O my God, is my desire.**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord;

People: **He turned to me and heard my cry.**

Pastor: He lifted me out of the slimy pit,

People: **out of the mud and mire;**

Pastor: He set my feet on a rock

People: **and gave me a firm place to stand.**

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth,

People: **a hymn of praise to our God.**

Pastor: Many will see and fear,

People: **and put their trust in the Lord.**

Pastor: Blessed is the man,

People: **who makes the Lord his trust.**

Pastor: Many, O Lord my God,

People: **are the wonders you have done.**

Pastor: I do not conceal your love and your truth,

People: **from the great assembly.**

Pastor: Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord;
People: may your love and your truth always protect me.
ALL: 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.
Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.
People: To do your will, O my God, is my desire.

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy,
People: Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: Christ, have mercy,
People: Christ, have mercy.
Pastor: Lord, have mercy,
People: Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.
People: Amen. *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) *(The Lord calls Samuel.)*

1 The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. 2 One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. 3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." 5 And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. 6 Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8 A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli

realized that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

(God’s call to flee from immorality.)

12 “I have the right to do anything,” you say - but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything” - but I will not be mastered by anything. 13 You say, “Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both.” The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. 14 By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! 16 Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.” 17 But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. 18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. 19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL: John 4:43-51

(Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael.)

(please stand)

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.” 44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote - Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” 46 “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip. 47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.” 48 “How do

you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.” 49 Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.” 50 Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” 51 He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE 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. *(please be seated)*

HYMN: “The Only Son from Heaven”

{LSB 402 – 4 verses}

MESSAGE: “Come and See”

John 1:43-51

OFFERING

If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ’s church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.

OFFERING SONG: “We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 - vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for who we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray . . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

GRACE TO RECEIVE THE WORD

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

(please be seated)

HYMN: "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

{LSB 919 – 6 verses}

Abide, O dearest Jesus,
That Satan may not harm us

Among us with Your grace
Nor we to sin give place.

Abide, O dear Redeemer,
And thus now and hereafter

Among us with Your Word,
True peace and joy afford.

Abide with heav'nly brightness
Your truth direct and keep us

Among us, precious Light;
From error's gloomy night.

Abide with richest blessings
Let us in grace and wisdom

Among us, bounteous Lord;
Grow daily through Your Word.

Abide with Your protection
Lest world and Satan fell us

Among us, Lord, our strength,
And overcome at length.

Abide, O faithful Savior,
Grant steadfastness and help us

Among us with Your love;
To reach our home above.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Linda Fults

Karen Brosien requests prayers for her Father for healing after surgery, a brother in Northeast Texas, and the medical teams caring for her family members

Laura Sanders requests prayers for her Father, Jack who has been transferred to a care facility and for Laura and her Granddaughter recovery from the Type A flu

Debra Beard requests prayers for her Brother, Tod Dunlevy in Wisconsin as he recovers from injuries from an accident on Christmas Eve

David Rhoads continued prayers as he recovers from complications from COVID

Anthony Sansone asks for prayers of thanksgiving and continued recovery for his Sister, **Diane Hendrix** following surgery

Prayers for healing for **Ardyne Knappick** as she recovers from a fall

Prayers for healing for **Gloria Bloecher** who is recovering from a fall and heart attack

Leitko Family ask for prayers for **Katie Finny** recovering from complications in birthing a baby

Prayers for continued healing for **Gus Addington** following reconstructive surgery

Rutledge Family requests prayers for Sister-in-Law **Heather Mulledy** battling breast cancer

Mario & Eve Betancourt requests prayers for **Reese Richeson**, undergoing treatment for cancer

Donna Cifers requests prayers for her 89-year-old mother's health issues – **Margaret Chamness**

For Messiah's Call Committee and the Pastor God is preparing for us

Prayers for Justice & Peace in the Middle East

For family discord, reconciliation, and healing

Prayers for rescue for those in abusive relationships

Prayers for all those with physical, emotional, or other needs – your will be done

Prayers for all who are lost to hear and receive Jesus' Gospel message

We pray in Jesus's Holy Name, Amen.

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 7th -Maurice Doublett – in memory of his wife, Loyce

Jan 7th – Terry Chhabra – in honor of her daughter - Amanda Addington's birthday

Jan 14th - Larry & Pam Risley & Hayli Fernandez – in memory of daughter & mother, Amanda Schwirtlich

Jan. 21st - Kathlin Jauregui – in memory of sister Alonne and husband Dick

Jan. 28th - Tony & Kathy Giardinelli – thanksgiving for God's many blessings

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . *Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here!*

Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

The Red Booklet – that states “Welcome!” is found at the inside aisle of each Pew – is commonly referred to as the Friendship Register. As you open this booklet you will find our **ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION** for **ALL Present**. The form asks for Name, Address, Telephone and Email address and gives you the option to check Membership Info, Attendance Info, Wish to Join MLC, Desire a Call from the Pastor/Elder, New Resident, Visitor. The Elders collect these forms at the end of each service and turn them into the Office. This information is added to our data base and shared with Pastor Lofgren and the Elders. This form is for **ALL present** – not just visitors – however, we do hope our visitors will complete the information – giving us the ability to reach out and let you know you are welcome in the Lord's church. So – whether you are a Visitor, a Guest, or a long-time member - **Please record your presence with us today!**

Pastor's Bible Study in the BEGIN Book - Pastor will continue with The Gospel According to John.

TODAY - There will be a **Town Hall meeting** directly after the church service, at which time the Call Committee will announce the names of the pastors being considered for a call to Messiah and give its recommendation for a new permanent pastor.

Sunday Afternoon Bible Class will meet Today at 11:45 pm in the Fellowship Room of the FLC for the presentation of "The Miracle of Israel" DVD and discussion. Before 1948 Israel as a nation only existed about 400 years from David until the destruction of the first Temple, and again briefly about 140 BC under the Maccabees. This award-winning video documents the miracle of Israel's rebirth as a nation in the 20th century.

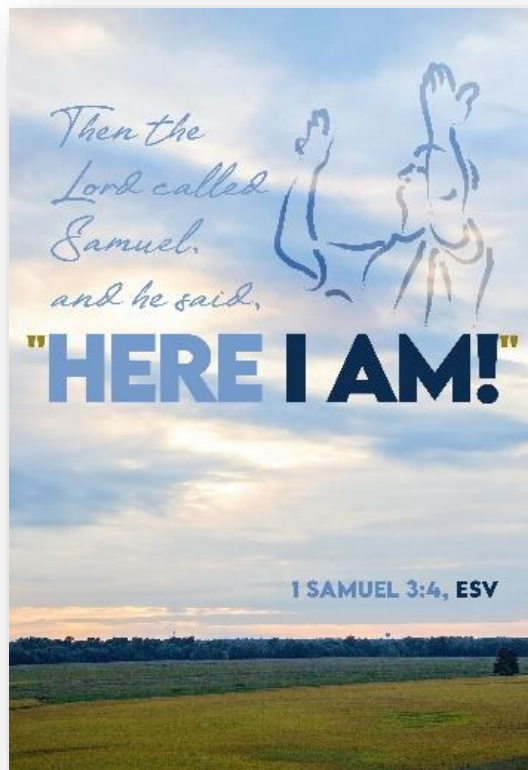
Messiah's Prayer Breakfast will meet at 8:30 am at Taqueria Reyna Tapatia {1000 N. Main St., corner of Main and School St. in the strip center on the northwest corner} Tuesday Jan 16th for breakfast and **Devotional** - Introduction to 1 Peter as is open to all interested in attending.

Women's Fri. Morning Bible Study – begins Jan. 19th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Room of the FLC.

Reminder: Monday, January 15th - MLC Office and Messiah's Kids Preschool will be closed!

Upcoming Events -

January 20th - Adult Game Day in the Fellowship Room - Family Life Center
February 1st - Ladies Time Out - Valentine Brunch - Mae Dunne's Kitchen & Goods
February 10th - Adult Game Day in the Fellowship Room - Family Life Center
February 14th - Ash Wednesday
February 17th - Valentine Lunch for Everyone - Alstadt Brewery
February 21st & 28th - Lent Services



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Missouri Synod

Serving us Today – January 14, 2024

Elders:	Hal Eschenko & Maurice Doublett
Coffee:	Janis & Joyce Meiers
Treats:	Vonda Petmecky
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid’s Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Bob Shoaf
AV:	Roger & Kathryn Winkelmann
Reader:	Alana Kemmy
Ushers:	Snookie & Shirley Moore – Joe Sorensen – Tom Bibb
Greeter:	Kathy Giardinelli & Alana Kemmy

Serving us Next Week – January 21, 2024

Elders:	Hal Eschenko & Maurice Doublett
Coffee:	Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek
Treats:	Kathlin Jauregui
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
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Reader:	Sharon Sattler
Ushers:	Larry Rottman – Eric Sagebiel – Hal Eschenko – Russ Leachman
Greeter:	David & Sharon Sattler

Our Response to God Last Week
Worship Attendance: 93 Sunday School: 24

December 2023 Contributions			
General Fund	\$70,889.51	Building Fund	\$17,686.00
Renovation Fund	\$0.00	Family Life Center	\$3,650.00