



January 14, 2024 - Second Sunday after the Epiphany

As We Gather: Since the beginning of creation, God has spoken. He spoke into being our universe. 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. Through all He speaks, we are called to follow Him, to listen to that Word to guide and direct, and to hear His continued words of forgiveness, peace, hope, and joy.

Welcome

Hymn: LSB 589 “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens” vs. 1 & 2

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Opening Sentences *Psalm 139:1–10; 1 Samuel 3:9*

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

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.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)

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

All: 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."

All: 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."

All: 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.

Hymn: LSB 589 "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens" vs. 3

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

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, O LORD,

People: for Your servant hears. Amen.

Hymn: LSB 589 "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens" vs. 4

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord of all mercy and grace, You sent Your Son into our flesh to call us to Yourself.

People: Open our ears to hear Your voice and to heed Your call, even as we know You hear our prayers;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20) (*The Lord calls Samuel.*)

Pastor: Now 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,

People: “Here I am, for you called me.”

Pastor: 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,

People: “Here I am, for you called me.”

Pastor: 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,

People: “Speak, for Your servant hears.”

Pastor: 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“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “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 not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do 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! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined^[a] to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin^[b] a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or 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, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel John 1:43–51 (*Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael.*)

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

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

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 of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael 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.” ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you,^[a] you will see heaven opened, 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.

Hymn: LSB 688 “Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”

Sermon: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 “How Well Are WE Listening?”

Offertory: “Create In Me” (*Words and music in the hymnal—LSB page 192*)

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.

Prayer of the Church *Hebrews 1:1–2*

Pastor: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

People: but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.

Pastor: 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,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As Samuel heard Your call to faithful service, let us also heed Your call to serve You and serve others in joy. For those whom You have called to serve as church workers, bless their ministry, protect their health and well-being both mentally and physically, and grant Your continued presence and blessings upon their work. For all those You have called to serve in other ways, let all their work be done as work done for You and the benefit of others. For the unemployed and underemployed, continue to give patience and an awareness of the gifts and abilities You have given them. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As Jesus called His disciples to follow Him, so also help us heed His call and follow in faith. Even amid troubles and trials faced in body and soul, keep faith steadfast and firm with trust in Your presence, Your promises, and Your peace. Be especially with those who have requested our prayers, [*including . . .*]. As they call out to You, speak to them Your comfort, compassion, and care. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

(Any special petitions will be included here.)

Pastor: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Hymn: LSB 783 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Offerings

Closing Prayer

Pastor: Grant, O Lord, that the lips which have sung Your praise in the sanctuary may glorify You in the world, that the ears which have heard the voice of Your songs may be closed to the voice of clamor and dispute, that the eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope, that the tongues which have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth, and that each of us who have worshipped here today may run with perseverance the race marked out for us; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

Hymn: LSB 830 "Spread the Reign of God the Lord"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of January 14, 2024

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Family for the Week: Rhonda Hess
First Lutheran, Neosho - Rev. Steve Gilmore

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

For the family of Margie Wood – (David Lampe's Son-In-Law's mother)

Prayers of Thanks:

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Janet Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel – health and healing from surgery)

Will Stalcup – (Cheryl Lile’s cousin – health and healing)

Complete Prayer List:

Norma Kaiser – (Friend of Gwen & Harold Lampe – health and healing from a stroke);

Jill Bode – (Nice of Rachel Sanford – health and healing from cancer)

Alice Troyke – (health and healing from a fall)

Joyce Ellyne – (friend of Cathy Munden– health and healing)

Babara Wilson – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)

Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer’s son – health and healing)

Cheryl Trinett – (Ardella Frerichs’ daughter - health and healing)

Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman’s friend – healing from a broken hip)

Betty Gordon – (health and healing)

Greg Davis – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing from cancer)

Linda Kennell – (Pastor Kennell’s mother – health and healing)

Bob & Bev Hess – (health and healing from a fall)

Paul Gripka - (friend of Cathy Munden – health and healing from back surgery)

Kathy Brown – (friend of Kathy Holle - health and healing)

Larry Moennig – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)

Pat Michel – (Bill Michel’s Sister-In-Law – health and healing)

Gary Gardner – (health and healing)

Pastor Gary Griffin – (health and healing from cancer)

Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard’s friend – health and healing)

Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing)

Mike Wilson – (friend of Jodi Wright – health and healing from cancer)

Dean Hadley – (health and healing)

Kooper Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer’s Great-grandson - health and healing)

Don Munden – (Bill Munden’s brother – health and healing from cancer)

Sheryl Holle – (Kathy Holle’s cousin – health and healing from cancer)

Tessie Holle – (Kathy Holle’s cousin – health and healing from cancer)

Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)

Jeff Flatten – (great Nephew of Kathy Holle – health and healing)

Dorothea Dennis – (health and healing & peace and comfort)

Danata Hopkins – (continued health and healing)

Pete Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)

Ellie Armstrong – (friend of David Lampe – health and healing)

Margaret Seburn - (cousin of Joanne Michel - health and healing)

Randy Wallace – (brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health and healing)

Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer - health and healing)

Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer - peace and comfort)

Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer - health and healing from cancer)

Bob & Barbara Steinberg - (health and healing)

Ruth Stoddard – (health and healing)

THIS WEEK

Sunday **January 14th** **9:00 am - Happy Half Hour**
9:30 am - Fellowship
10:00 am - Service

Monday **January 15th** **Braille in Freistatt - 9:00 am**
Braille in Freistatt - 1:00 pm

Ladies Bible Study in Freistatt - 1:30 pm

Wednesday January 17th

Pastor in Office
Bible Study – 7:00 pm

Thursday January 18th

Pastor in Office
Elders – 10:00 am
Council – 11:00 am

Sunday January 21st

9:00 am - Happy Half Hour
9:30 am - Fellowship
10:00 am – Service with Communion

Birthdays: Micki Gettman-Jan. 16

Anniversaries: Bill & Joanne Michel-Jan. 16; Bill & Diane Thompson-Jan. 19

Pastor Ken: I want to thank the congregation for the generous Christmas gift. It is a joy and privilege to serve as pastor for Grace. I pray that God will bless each of you and that He will guide our congregation in 2024 as we together seek to serve the people of this community and to call a fulltime pastor.

Lutheran Witness: If anyone who is not currently receiving the Lutheran Witness would like to receive it, please sign up by January 21. The signup sheet is in the Narthex. Thank you.

2024 Calendars: Calendars are out for members that have not already gotten one. Also, pastor encourages members to take extra calendars and pass out to friends and neighbors.

Offering Envelopes for 2024 are available in the Narthex. Beginning January 7, 2024, please use the new envelopes as all giving numbers have changed.

Portals of Prayer – now available beneath the church mail boxes.

January

GREETERS:

14: Stan & Sharon Crandall

21: Bill & Joanne Michel

28: Bill & Diane Thompson

USHERS:

14: David Lampe

21: Harold Lampe

28: Charlie Chambers