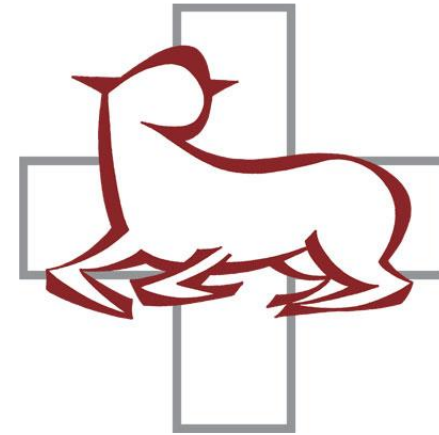


The Gathering

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in! We ask guests to include your address, zip code and phone number so that we may acknowledge your visit.

AS WE GATHER ~ People often speak about a person's calling in life. They are describing a unique purpose or vocation according to interests and talents. Often, trying to determine a person's "calling" or "destiny" is defined by some innate ability or giftedness found within ourselves, something we were born with or somehow born to do.

Today we hear of God calling otherwise ordinary fishermen Andrew and his brother Simon Peter. They were called by God through John the Baptist to follow the Messiah, the Christ, Jesus of Nazareth. They were called to be disciples and eventually to be sent on Christ's mission as apostles. The prophet Isaiah says even the Savior, the servant of the Lord, was called from the womb by God, "that Israel might be gathered to Him," and called "as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth" (Isaiah 49:5-6). Saul of Tarsus was "called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus," and Saul, now named Paul, reminds the church at Corinth and us that we are "called to be saints" (1 Corinthians 1:1-2). This calling differs from merely surveying interests or abilities within us; it comes to us from outside of ourselves, from the living God, our creator and Redeemer. This calling comes from God to everyone. It is the call of salvation, the divine call that transforms us from sinners into saints. Therefore, this calling depends not on anything within us but solely and totally on the grace and mercy and love of God.

PRE-SERVICE PRAISE *Made for More*

I know who I am 'cause I know who You are,

The cross of salvation was only the start.

Now I am chosen, free and forgiven, I have a future and it's worth the living.

Chorus: 'Cause I wasn't made to be tending a grave,
I was called by name, born and raised back to life again.
I was made for more.
So why would I make a bed in my shame
When a fountain of grace is running my way?
I know I am Yours, and I was made for more. Repeat all

Bridge: **Oh hallelujah - You called out my name so I'll sing out Your praise!**
Hallelujah - You buried my past and I'm not going back. Repeat, then Chorus

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WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING SONG *Living Hope*

How great the chasm that lay between us,

How high the mountain I could not climb.

In desperation, I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night.

Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness

Tore through the shadows of my soul.

The work is finished, the end is written. Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?

What heart could fathom such boundless grace?

The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven. The King of Kings calls me His own.

Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever. Jesus Christ, my living hope

Chorus: **Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free,**

Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.

You have broken every chain, there's salvation in Your name –

Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise

Your buried body began to breathe.

Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.

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Jesus, Yours is the victory, whoa! Chorus twice

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:8-9)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**
We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have

done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)

People: Amen.

PSALM 40:1-11

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

People: **Blessèd is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!**

Pastor: You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

People: **Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

Pastor: Then I said, “Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

People: **I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”**

Pastor: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

People: **I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

Pastor: As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing;

Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring;

Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe - we live for You.

Jesus, a name above every other name;

Jesus, the only one that could ever save;

Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe - we live for You, Oh, we live for You.

Chorus: Holy - there is no one like You, there is none besides You,

Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are,

And fill me with Your heart, and lead me in Your love to those around me.

Repeat verse 1, then chorus

Bridge: And I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation.

I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken. *Repeat, then chorus*

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

(Ruth 2:4)

People: And also with you.

(Luke 1:28)

COLLECT 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 49:1-7 (ESV)

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.

The Lord called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain;
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
 yet surely my right is with the Lord,
 and my recompense with my God.”
⁵And now the Lord says,
 he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
 to bring Jacob back to him;
 and that Israel might be gathered to him—
 for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord,
 and my God has become my strength— ⁶he says:
 “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
 I will make you as a light for the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”
⁷Thus says the Lord,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
 to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
 the servant of rulers:
 “Kings shall see and arise;
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
 because of the Lord, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (ESV)

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus

Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Repeat

GOSPEL READING

John 1:29-42a (ESV)

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

THY WORD

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Repeat
 You’re the Light unto my path.**

SONG OF THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
 Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's sun.
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.
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MESSAGE

The Lamb of God

STATEMENT OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

COMMUNION

As we prepare for the presence of Christ in this sacrament, we rise.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: So we come to You to commune with You in this sacrament, and join the angels and all those in heaven singing...

HOSANNA

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. *Repeat*
Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest. *Repeat*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, “Take, eat; this is my † body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray. (John 1:29)

COMMUNION SONG***In Christ Alone***

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my Light, my Strength, my Song.

This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease

My Comforter, my All in All, here, in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.

This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Til on that cross, as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied.

For every sin, on Him, was laid. Here, in the death of Christ, I live.

There in the ground, His body lay; Light of the world, by darkness, slain.

Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave, He rose again.

And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,

For I am His and He is mine. Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.

From life's first cry to final breath - Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of Hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, here, in the power of Christ, I'll stand,

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'Til He returns or calls me home, here, in the power of Christ, I'll stand.

BLESSING

Pastor: And now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith to life everlasting. Peace be with you.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG***Glorious Day***

I was buried beneath my shame. Who could carry that kind of weight?

It was my tomb till I met You.

I was breathing but not alive, all my failures I tried to hide.

It was my tomb till I met You.

Chorus: You called my name, and I ran out of that grave.

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave.

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Now Your mercy has saved my soul, now Your freedom is all I know.

The old made new, Jesus, when I met You. *Chorus*

Bridge: I needed rescue, my sin was heavy,

But chains break at the weight of Your glory.

I needed shelter, I was an orphan,

Now You call me a citizen of heaven.

When I was broken You were my healing,

Your love is the air that I'm breathing.

I have a future, my eyes are open. *Chorus*