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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
January 14, 2024

Second Sunday After Epiphany

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

*Visitors, if you are worshipping with us today, we are glad to have you with us.
Please join us again soon!*

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

Prelude Music

**“What Wondrous Love Is This”
“If I Believe In Jesus”**

**ELW #666
Dakota Road Music**

Welcome and Announcements

†WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS†

Welcome Song:

“Listen, God Is Calling”

ELW #513

*Refrain: Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.*

**Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

- 1. Jesus gave his mandate:
share the good news
that he came to save us
and set us free. *Refrain***

**2. Let none be forgotten
throughout the world.
In the triune name of God
go and baptize. Refrain**

**3. Help us to be faithful,
standing steadfast,
walking in your precepts,
led by your Word. Refrain**

***Confession of Sins and Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God, our rock and refuge,
**we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved
you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always
recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.
Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In
Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are
forgiven. You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

***Song of Praise:**

"Majesty"

W&P #94

**Majesty, worship his majesty:
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flows from his throne
Unto his own; his anthem raise.**

**So exalt, lift up on high
The name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify
Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty:
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all kings. Repeat**

***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**

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.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹Now 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.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

¹LORD, 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.**

³You 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.**

⁵You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

¹⁵My body was not hidden 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.**

¹⁷How 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.**

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²All 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation: "Celtic Alleluia"**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening,
speak your words of wisdom,
for the words you speak are everlasting life.**

**A holy day has dawned.
Adore the Lord, you nations,
for today a light
has come on the earth.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

***Gospel: John 1:43-51**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
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 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."

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Kids Sermon:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Kathy

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

Song of the Day:

"Christ, Be Our Light"

ELW #715

1. **Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Refrain: **Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

2. **Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain***
3. **Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain***

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

***Profession of Faith: The 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 the Church:**

(Sung Prayer Response)

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.

ELW #751

**O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)

“Christmas Grace”

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Words of Institution**

***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.**

***Invitation to Communion**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. All is ready and all are welcome.

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Song:

"Sing out, Earth and Skies"

W&P #126

**1. Come, O God of all the earth:
come to us, O Righteous One;
come, and bring our love to birth:
in the glory of your Son.**

*Refrain: Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries!
Dance to the life around you!*

**2. Come, O God of wind and flame:
fill the earth with righteousness;
teach us all to sing your name:
may our lives your love confess. *Refrain***

**3. Come, O God of flashing light:
twinkling star and burning sun;
God of day and God of night:
in your light we all are one. *Refrain***

4. Come, O God of snow and rain:
shower down upon the earth;
come, O God of joy and pain:
God of sorrow, God of mirth. *Refrain*

5. Come, O Justice, come, O Peace:
come and shape our hearts anew;
come and make oppression cease:
bring us all to life in you. *Refrain*

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
‡ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Song:

"Thy Word"

W&P #144

Chorus

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.**

**1. When I feel afraid,
And I think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me,
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near.**

Please be near me to the end. *Chorus*

**2. I will not forget
Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide
And hold me to Your side,
I will love You to the end. Chorus**

Dismissal

Go in peace and love to serve the Lord. And remember, you are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Prayers for healing: **Marsha Bueide** (recovery from surgery), **Ruth Harris** (recovery from a fall), **David Pickett** (Healing—son of Virginia Pickett), **Joy Arnold** (Cancer), **Joni** (stage 4 cancer), **Aimee Roos** (colon cancer & critical kidney disease—Penny Stevens' nephew's wife), **Kathy Johnson** (health issues), **William Gibbs** (Cancer—brother of Larry Gibbs), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Catherine Rahrs** (Val Rahrs' mother), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **David Stevens** and **Jan Martin** (Susan Martin's relative).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit's son and Jim & Sheila Miller's grandson).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Duane Aschenbrenner, 1/17; Barb Jensen, 1/18; Jan Van Newkirk, 1/19;
Penny Stevens, 1/19

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



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Give Online button OR download the **Vanco Now**

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SCAN ME

JANUARY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Cereal

BACKPACKS: 16oz Peanut butter

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



Endowment Fund application forms are now available
in the office. These funds may be used for outreach:
Churchwide, Nebraska Synod, and local. The deadline is
January 31, 2024.



JAM on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in kindergarten through 5th grade. We begin with dinner (enchiladas/chips&salsa/veggies/dessert) at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie at the church.



Today, January 14th

Pizza and Painting Party! Come join us after church at 11:30 am for lunch and then we will have a devotion and paint a canvas! Bring a friend!

Please come and join us all 6th-12th graders!



Laundry Love

Quarters are needed!!

Calvary has partnered with St. Francis Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church to provide a monthly Laundry Love Event in our community. Calvary will host Laundry Love every 3rd month; our next event is January 20th. In preparation for that day we will need quarters. So save your quarters and drop them in the Laundry Bottle outside the pastor's office.

The Parish Ed Committee is considering forming a fellowship aimed at "young adults." We would like the congregations' feedback to determine interest.

Please check out our Facebook page to take our survey. If you have any questions, please contact a committee member.



Priscilla Circle would like to invite you for refreshments in the fellowship hall following the installation of Pastor Kathy. Please join us at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 21, 2024.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Kathy

This Sunday – January 14

USHERS: Monty & Shari Copsey

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen

COMMUNION ASSTS: Rick & Lynn
Margheim

POWERPOINT: Maunette Loeks-Van
Patten

ACOLYTES: Ryhan Buckley & Ben
Moravec

MEDIA: Chris Jensen

AUDIO: Jack Martin

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell,
Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey

PIANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

Next Sunday – January 21

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen

LAY READER: Mary Jo Huelle

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Bill Huelle

COMMUNION ASSTS: Abby Newsom &
Marissa Wright

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

ACOLYTES: Kippen & Jacey Cochran

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

AUDIO: Jim Dorn

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

ORGANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 14

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

11:30 a.m. – EPIC Pizza and Painting
Party in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 15

5 p.m. – Elders

6 p.m. – Stewards

6 p.m. – Worship & Music

Tuesday, January 16

12 p.m. – Sarah Circle

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, January 17

5:30 p.m. – JAM

5:45 p.m. – Outreach

6 p.m. – Confirmation

7p.m. – Choir Practice

Thursday, January 18

6:30 p.m. – Council/Staff Dinner

Saturday, January 20

9 a.m. – Trustees

12-2 p.m. – Laundry Love

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, January 21

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

2 p.m. – Installation of Pastor Kathy

JANUARY 14, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY



Trusted relationships help people follow Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 1:43-51	Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael
Monday	1 Samuel 3:1-20	The call of Samuel
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	Honor God in body and spirit
Wednesday	Ephesians 6:1-4	Nurturing faith at home
Thursday	2 Timothy 1:1-7	Timothy's faith through family
Friday	2 John 1:12-13	Nurturing faith by relationships
Saturday	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18	The Lord knows us well
Sunday	Mark 1:14-20	Jesus calls the first disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

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." John 1:45 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Nurturing God, we thank you for your love that reaches out to us through others that we may have confidence and joy as followers of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Meatime Prayer:

Dear God, with this food you care for our lives and our physical wellbeing, we thank you for the many ways you show your love for us. In Jesus' name, amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with joy as a follower of Jesus.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK
*You Have Come Down
to the Lakeshore*



WEEKLY MILESTONES
Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Who is someone you trust and why do you put your trust in that person?
- Who has helped you as a follower of Jesus? What was it about this person that encouraged you in your Christian life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 1:35-51

Beginning with the wise men from the East and Jesus' baptism, Epiphany is the season that focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. In John 1 it is the followers of Jesus who do some of that revealing. Jesus "found" Philip and brings him into the fold of followers. Just as Jesus "found" Philip, now Philip finds Nathanael (vv. 43, 45). Philip is described as someone from Bethsaida, the same hometown as Andrew and Peter who were just added to Jesus' followers. It is likely they had been neighborhood boys, familiar with one another. These are examples of faith formed through personal relationships. First, it was John the Baptist pointing to Jesus that drew in Andrew, and then Andrew "found" Peter and brought in his brother. Now Philip is added to the group, and he goes and gets his friend Nathanael. Nathanael is a skeptic. Philip simply suggests with a note of confidence that Nathanael should find out for himself. Nathanael then has his own experience of being "found" by Jesus and he, too, is drawn in. *Discuss:* How do you speak about Jesus to others?

Pray: Faithful God, we thank you for those you have placed in our lives to help us in our life's journey as a follower of Jesus. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, as a follower of Jesus, how can you encourage someone in their faith?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalms 139 speaks poetically about the intimate relationship that God has with us. We are fully and utterly known by God and God's love for us. Take time to read Psalm 139:1-6 and 13-18. Think about the personal relationship you have with God. How has that relationship been enriched by others who have nurtured you in the Christian faith over the years? Consider writing a card thanking one or more people for their care for you in your Christian faith.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org