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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
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Sunday, January 17, 2021

9:30 am

INTRODUCTION

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

PRELUDE

+ Gathering +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUNDING OF THE SINGING BOWL



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Child was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as children,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

In remembrance of our own baptisms, we are marked once again by the sign of the cross.
Receive the ✠ cross on your forehead,
that you may know that you are deeply and infinitely loved.
Receive the ✠ cross on your heart,
that you may feel the presence of God in and around you,
Receive the ✠ cross on your lips,
that you may speak of truth, love, and healing.
Receive the ✠ cross on your hands,
that you may embrace the world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 Maker and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

+ Word +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READING

1 Samuel 3:1-20

A reading from First Samuel.

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.” 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.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

4 Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,
 Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in dan-ger,

Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me,
 Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and strang-er.

GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

The holy gospel according to John.

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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Allison Bengfort

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beloved, God's Chosen, ELW 648



1 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment
2 With - in, call forth Wis - dom, to dwell in you rich - ly;
3 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment



com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.
let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ.
com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.



A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment
And from the heart's cham - ber, be - lov - ed and ho - ly,
A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment



that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.
let sing - ing thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er rise.
that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.

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Music: ANDREW'S SONG, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

or

Lord, we praise you,
Thanks be to God.

+ Meal +

MISSION & VISION TEAM INPUT

OFFERING MUSIC

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DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

**God our Mother, God our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Christ Jesus, at this table
we have feasted on your very life
and are strengthened for our journey.
Send us forth from this banquet
nourished in body and in spirit
to proclaim your good news
and serve others in your name.
Amen.

+ Sending +

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing, ELW 547



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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BENEDICTION

God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.
Amen.

SOUNDING OF THE SINGING BOWL

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God!

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

SERVING TODAY

<i>Preaching & Presiding Minister:</i>	The Rev. Allison Bengfort
<i>Music Director & Organist:</i>	Dr. Robert McConnell
<i>Cantor:</i>	Hannah McConnell
<i>Ministers of the Word:</i>	Michel Hauser, Bill Kaspar
<i>Virtual Usher:</i>	Luke Rasmussen

IN OUR PRAYERS

- † Alla Ruzs, for healing of leg pain
- † Stephen Tschaikowsky, son of Alla Ruzs, recovering from surgery
- † Ann Wagner, recovering after hospitalization
- † The family of John Genovese, father of Courtney Radde, who died 12/17/20
- † Barry and Hope Kellman, friends of Diane Kastman, for healing for Barry and comfort for Hope
- † Jeremiah Allen, student of Stephanie Abudayeh, recovering from injuries after being hit by a car
- † Norma Adkerson, stepmother of Courtney, diagnosed with COVID
- † The family of Doris Regan, who died 11/25/20
- † Stanley Smith, brother-in-law of Margye Smith, and his family, experiencing several cases of COVID
- † The family and friends of Carolyn Rasmussen, grandmother of Luke Rasmussen, who died 10/9/20
- † Art Garcia, friend of Chad Johnson, recovering from a heart attack and pneumonia
- † Tony & Alissandra Swanson, friends of the Abudayeh family, as they mourn the death of their 7-year-old son
- † Alan Williams, stepfather of Christi Wise, recovering from surgery
- † Frank Ziegler, in need of healing
- † Iden Nowlin, friend of the Abudayeh family, recovering from cancer surgery
- † The families of Salwa Sous and Kevin Anderson, family members of Stephanie & Elias Abudayeh, as they mourn the loss of their loved ones
- † The family and friends of Pastor Bob Stout, former pastor of the Abudayeh family, who died 9/12/20
- † Rachel Cordts, recovering from cancer surgery
- † Cam Wise, for physical and emotional health
- † The family and friends of Matt Dossa, nephew of Jim Dossa, who died 6/7/20
- † Sylvia Cushing, cousin of Olga Domchenko, in need of healing
- † Janet Witt, cancer diagnosis
- † Virginia Milnikel, broken arm
- † Lani Miller
- † Doug Peters, who died 11/19/20
- † Linda Bengfort, mother of Pastor Allison, ongoing back pain
- † Greyson Nester
- † Margaret (Maggie) Oxland
- † The family and friends of Marty Anderson, family friend of Dave & Lyn Brunn, who passed away 11/15/20
- † Ellie Basnik, mother-in-law of Chad Johnson, cancer diagnosis
- † Gil Basnik, father-in-law of Chad Johnson, in need of healing
- † The family of Paul Escamilla, friend of Elias & Stephanie Abudayeh
- † Sydney Johnson, her work
- † Mark Voosen
- † Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf Peddinghaus
- † Ed Price, friend of Sarah Rink
- † Jodi Kretzman, friend of Peter Knobel
- † Jessica Sandoval, friend of the Radde family
- † Fred Rudolphi, friend of Bill Kaspar, in need of healing
- † The family and friends of Helene Tadros, Olga Domchenko's sister, who died 4/6/20, and especially for William Sciarrino, Helene's caretaker
- † Natalie Domchenko & Hilaire Sainson, sister of Olga Domchenko and sister's husband, in need of healing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting & Budget Forum

Our Congregational Budget Meeting will be held on Zoom on next Sunday, January 24. The congregation will vote to approve the 2021 budget, which has been thoughtfully prepared by the Finance Team and approved by Council. This morning, you will have the opportunity to ask questions during a special Budget Forum from 11:00 am to noon. Please plan to attend these important meetings!

Visioning Process One-Question Survey

Over the next several months, the Council will be exploring our congregational vision for the future. The Council has appointed a Visioning Team, made up of Christi Wise, Michel Hauser, Jeff Danielsen, and Pastor Allison. We have also hired Pastor Mike Ward, who we already work with through the Stewardship for All Seasons program, to lead us through this process. The process will include clarifying our identity and discerning the best way to live into that identity as we move forward. Your help is vital in this process. Our first task is to revisit our primary identity markers. What makes this congregation who we are? What is most important to us? In worship today (and via email), you will be invited to complete a one-question survey to help us clarify our identity. Your responses will be very helpful to the Visioning Team.

Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

St. John's is in the process of searching for a new Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministry. The past several weeks have seen the search committee working hard on the recruitment process to identify the best possible candidate for our congregation. The committee has reached out to several affiliates, and we welcome any contacts or recommendations from our members too regarding potential candidates. Information about the position can be found [here](#). Please feel free to share this with anyone you think may be a good fit. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pr. Allison or Sue Flachsbart (sflachsbart@gmail.com).

Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King's Legacy

This afternoon from 2-4 pm, a local organization called HEROS (Healing Everyday Racism in Our Schools) has organized a virtual workshop series whose purpose is to inform participants about steps we can take to combat racism in our local community. Workshops on the topics of Civic Engagement, Beginning your Anti-Racism Journey, Hidden Stories of Local History, Affordable Housing, and Local Education are being offered. Please join this effort to help create Dr. King's "Beloved Community" here on the North Shore. Go to the website <https://heros.community/mlk/> to learn more and sign up to attend.

Community Renewal Society MLK Day Activities

Tomorrow, the Community Renewal Society (CRS) is hosting a variety of online activities to honor and continue the work of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Consider participating in one or more of the online events:

- **Film Screening & Panel Discussion:** Monday morning, learn about Bayard Rustin and his work with Dr. King. Screen the film [Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin](#), and attend a [panel discussion](#) at 10:00 am. Mr. Rustin was a critical figure alongside Dr. King advocating for racial justice, gay and civil rights. Join our panel of local activists, faith leaders and gay rights advocates for a powerful discussion.
- **Racial Healing Circles:** Monday afternoon and evening, join us for one of two [healing circles](#) centered on Dr. King's concern for suffering at the intersection of poverty and race which will be guided by two facilitators trained by Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation. Register for either the [1:00 p.m.](#) or [6:00 p.m.](#) start time.

- **Film Screening:** At the end of the day, screen the WTTW Digital Film [FIRSTHAND: Living in Poverty](#). CRS is an official community partner on this project.

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago MLK Day Commemoration

Dr. King's message of unity is the theme for the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) Martin Luther King Jr. Day commemoration Monday, January 18. Five leading theologians will reflect on the theme during the 60-minute pre-recorded tribute. The speakers include [Gary Dorrien](#), [Pamela Lightsey](#), [Richard Perry Jr.](#), [Rosetta Ross](#), and [Sunggu Yang](#). Music and worship elements, including a performance by Chicago's Apollo Chorus and members of the Chicago Community Chorus, will also be included in the celebration. The recorded event will go live at 11:15 am and can be viewed any time after that on [LSTC's Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) sites.

Intimate Dialogue on Race Preceded by Prayer

Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 7:00 pm

Van Gilmer, music director at the Baha'i Temple, is leading monthly conversations about race and its impact on all of us. Van is an African American resident of Wilmette who joined us for one of our Adult Forums on dismantling racism this fall. You may watch his video invitation to the Wednesday session [here](#), and you may register for the event on Zoom [here](#). Summaries of past gatherings can be viewed [here](#) and [here](#). We are so happy to be invited to participate in these important conversations about race!

Upcoming Environmental Justice Webinars

Faith in Place is hosting a number of free webinars during January. Please take this opportunity to join with others and learn more about how we can care for the earth!

- **Green Team January Kick-Off Celebration:** Thursday, January 27, 5 pm
[Register now](#) to join with other teams for an hour of presentations and lots of questions and answers!
- **Faithful Citizens Workshop:** Thursday, January 28, 5 pm
What can faith leaders do locally to advocate for just climate policies? Join this workshop to learn more! [Register now!](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

9:15-9:30 AM	Children's Social Time
9:30 AM	Online Worship with Children's Message
10:30-11:00 AM	Virtual Coffee Hour
11:00-12:00 PM	Budget Forum Online

TUESDAY

7:00-8:30 PM	Church Council Meeting Online
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WEDNESDAY

11:00-12:00 PM	Bible Study Online
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THURSDAY

12:00-1:00 PM	Men's Lunch Online
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SATURDAY

5:00 PM	Contemplative Service Online
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10:30 AM	Congregational Meeting

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