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Second Sunday After the Epiphany

“CALLED”

***Whoever you are...
Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...
YOU are WELCOME here!***

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Gathering Music

Our celebration begins with this morning's pre-service music selection. Use this time to prepare your heart for worship by reading and meditating on the lessons for today.



Invocation and Prayer

Introduction of Today's Theme

Leader: 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 Jesus' mission as apostles. 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". This calling 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.

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

People: **Amen.**

Leader: I will go to the altar of God,

People: **to God my exceeding joy.**

Leader: You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified

People: **in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

Leader: Let us pray: O God, You have called us and all who call upon You to be saints, called from the darkness of our sin to the light of holiness in You. By Your Word and Spirit, work in us true repentance and faith and the faithfulness and love that are ours in Christ Jesus, our Lord; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Leader: Called by God “to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,” let us give rightful praise and honor God, who calls sinners to repentance and bestows saving faith in our hearts by His Word and Spirit. Behold, the Lamb of God!

People: **Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, mercifully, hear our confession. We are sinners and have sinned against You. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors with our whole heart. We cannot free ourselves from our sin. Hear our prayer of confession and let us hear Your call and gift of forgiveness, salvation, and life.**

Pastor: God's grace is revealed in the birth, life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He has brought light to this world darkened by sin. In the stead and by the command of Jesus, I announce to you the full forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**



Opening Song: “Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid” – LW #167

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

(SCRIPTURE READINGS ON PAGE 7-8)

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1 – 7

Reader: This is God's Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1 – 9

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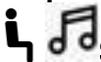
People: **Thanks be to God.**



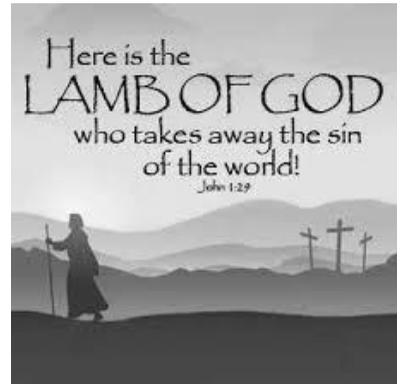
Gospel Reading: John 1:29 – 42a

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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



Song of the Day: “Once He Came In Blessing” LSB #333



Message: “Called” – Pastor Tom Hurley

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

 Nicene Creed – *(All speak together)*

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 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 worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic 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.

 The Prayers – Congregation: “Hear our prayer”.

WE ARE REFRESHED BY GOD’S GRACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. For as He is Your chosen one to redeem all mankind from sin and death, so are all called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon His name as Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name.

Words of Institution

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom as you taught us to pray:

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.

Communion



Please come forward as the ministers (Pastor and Lay Leader) serve you the Sacrament. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say to each communicant, "The Body of Christ, given for you... The Blood of Christ, shed for you." The communicant may say, "Amen." We invite non-communicating children to come forward for a blessing and to cross (X) their arms.

Dismissal Blessing

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray: Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

WE GO OUT TO SHARE GOD'S GRACE

Benediction

Leader: Almighty God, we give You praise and thanks for all Your mercies to us and the whole world, especially for salvation and the call to restored holiness through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: **Make Your Gospel to sound forth throughout the world, causing many to turn to You in true repentance and faith for their eternal salvation. Amen and Amen!**

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "The Lamb" – Songbook #84

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FORUM – Join us today after service for the Adult Forum to discuss today's message or join us Monday morning on ZOOM to discuss the message.

SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD TODAY: **SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD NEXT SUNDAY:**

Lay Leader: Nelson Gremmels
Comm. Assistant: Nelson Gremmels
Ushers/Greeter: John & Gail Hutson
Reader: Doug Holm
Altar/Pre-Post Clean: Daina Vitols
Counter: Shirley Gremmels
Fellowship: John & Gail Hutson

Lay Leader: Fe Rittenbach
Comm. Assistant: **No Comm.*
Usher/Greeter: Sherrald McMurray
Reader: Beverly Erbel
Altar/Pre-Post Clean: *Daina Vitols*
Counter: Chuck Bakken
Fellowship: Sherrald McMurray

**No Communion on these Sundays. Altar person will fill the candles on the Altar, change and light the hanging candle.*

BIRTHDAY: None

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: None

SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Joseph Worthington (*Grandson of the Bakken's*) and LTJG Charles Gremmels (*Son of Tom & Kevin Gremmels and Grandson of Nelson & Shirley*).

SURGERY/ILLNESS/PRAYER REQUEST:

Jane Goldberg – Prayers for her health issues (*Cameron Gremmels' grandmother*).

Carol Desmond – Pray for her recovery from hip surgery and her cognitive awareness (*Lance's mother*).

Joy Bloom – Supportive prayers of encouragement as she visits her son, Brian Brooks.

Susan Desmond – Prayers for her recovery from heart surgery.

Lance Desmond – Prayers for healing from dialysis procedure, also an available kidney transplant to become available, as he continues dialysis.

Dave Hurley – He needs prayer for stage 4 prostate cancer, (*John Bowman's Cousin*).

Eddie Hailey – Prayers for restoring his ability to walk again and heal his brain damage (*Sherrald McMurray's brother*).

Fern Johnson – Prayers for her continued health.

Mike Gremmels – Continued prayers for healing.

Carmen Roncancio – Prayers for her health & finances for her great-grandson, Gabriel & his father, Daniel.

Ken Benson – Continued healing from cancer.



First Reading: Isaiah 49:1 – 7

49 Listen 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.

² He 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.

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

⁴ But 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.”

⁵ And 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—

⁶ he 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.”

⁷ Thus 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.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1 – 9

1 Paul, 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 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.

Gospel Reading: John 1:29 – 42a

²⁹The next day he 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. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (*which means Peter*).