

Sharing the Bread of Life

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

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10:30 AM



Worship Leaders for Today

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Introduction to the day

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.

Introduction to the reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

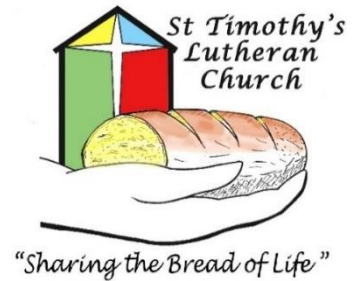
Introduction to the reading: Acts 19:1-7

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

Introduction to the reading: Mark 1:4-11

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

Second Sunday after Epiphany



THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

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 Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
And above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly sings:

GATHERING SONG: #575 In Christ called to baptize (v. 1, 4)

1 In Christ called to baptize,
we witness to grace
and gather a people
from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters,
we share in Christ's death,
then, rising to new life,
give thanks with each breath.

4 Unite us, anoint us,
O Spirit of love,
for you are within us,
around us, above.
Equip us for service
with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling.
In Christ may we grow.

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

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 Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

A reading from 1 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.]

We do not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

PSALM: 139:1-6, 13-18

Lord, you have searched me out;

O Lord, you have known me.

You know my sitting down and my rising up;

you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,

but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You encompass me, behind and before,

and lay your hand upon me.

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

For you yourself created my inmost parts;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

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

My body was not hidden from you,

while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

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.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!

How great is the sum of them!

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.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹²“All 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. ¹³“Food 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

The holy gospel according to John.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: #798 Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons (v. 1, 5)

1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound, that God console all who suffer, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For our neighborhood, for visitors joining us for the first time or returning, and for those absent from our assembly, that all who seek to know God are nourished by word and sacrament, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us especially Antony and Pachomius, renewers of the church, that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY LITANY

We thank God for the gift of life.

We thank God for those people whose birthdays we celebrate this January:

Betty Vogelmann, Jim Nelson, Dylan Karp and Joe Pucher

Are there any other January birthdays?

We sing our birthday greetings...
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday and God bless you,
Happy Birthday to you.

Life is precious.

We are grateful for all these precious people.

May God bless them in this time and through all the days of their lives.

We are glad that God has brought us together in this world.

We are enriched by those who come into our lives, our families, our church, and our community.

May we always be open to seeing God in others.

May we always follow God's leading into the future.

Thanks be to God for the gift of life.

Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

In thanksgiving for all God has given us we offer the first fruits of our labors for the mission of the church and the care of those in need.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *sung to "Hark! The herald angels sing"*

Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!

Heaven and earth cannot contain all the glory of your name!

Hail, hosanna, God most high!

Blest is he who now draws nigh

in the name of God the King!

Hallelujahs glad we sing:

Hail, hosanna! Praises due

be forever, Lord, to you!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Whoever trusts in these words, "given for you"
and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin,"
is ready to meet Christ at the table.
So, come, you that are hungry,
and receive the bread of life.

DISTRIBUTION

Distribute the bread to those in your household saying, "The body of Christ given for you." Then distribute the cup to those in your household saying, "The blood of Christ shed for you."

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

As you go . . .

Amen.

SENDING SONG: #310 Songs of thankfulness and praise (v. 1)

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Short variation on "Morning Star" - PR

FRIENDS IN CHRIST, PAST AND PRESENT

Sunday, January 17

Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

Sunday, January 17

Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

Monday, January 18

Confession of Peter

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins

Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

Tuesday, January 19

Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156

When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him. Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

Thursday, January 21

Agnes, martyr, died around 304

Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

BRIEF DEVOTION WITH PRAYER LIST

Living God, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing, especially (speak names here).

When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday

Liam Hansen, Bob Kallas, Tim Swenson, Liz Nygard, Jim Nelson, John Nygard

Monday

Andrea and Charlie
Nancy Whitney
Marilyn Douros
Amy Prichodko
Elizabeth Stanley
Dennis Thomas
Janet Johnson

Tuesday

Chris Devona Jr.
Chris Devona Sr.
Esther Hildner
Debra and Jason Sloan-Zielinski
Clint, Ethan, Caroline, and Bebe

Wednesday

John Farmer
Maddux Gooris
Christine Haeberlin
Leimer Family
Tom and Jean Olson
Jan Wright

Thursday

Susan Jensen
Carolyn Herman
Dick Herman
Emmy Treganza
Kathleen McGill

Friday

David Nygard
Mary Beth Roth
Robert Burke
Bobby Scott
Dorothy Brown
Dick and Joan Nelson

Saturday

Emma Creskoff
Robert Norrstrom
Elaine Morgan
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THIS WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, JANUARY 17th TO JANUARY 23rd

Sunday	10:30am	Worship/ Birthday Sunday
	11:30am	Fellowship
Monday		
Tuesday	6:30pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday	9:30am	Sack Lunch
Saturday		

Assisting Minister(s)	Bruce Hildner
Co-Host	Betty Johnson

NEXT WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, JANUARY 24th TO JANUARY 30th

Sunday	10:30am	Worship
	11:30am	Fellowship
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	6:30pm	Call Committee Meeting
Friday		
Saturday		

Assisting Minister(s)	Joanne Haerberlin
Co-Host	Sandy Waterhouse

SAVE THE DATE

Join us for coffee hour outside or over Zoom following the service.

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