

# ***“Growing God’s Kingdom”***



## ***Second Sunday after Epiphany***

January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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***TODAY’S 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.*

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## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY January 17, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

### PREPARATION

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy God,

**C you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

P How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**C Amen.**

## GATHERING

\* GATHERING HYMN

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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\* GREETING

P The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

\* KYRIE (spoken responsively)

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P Christ, have mercy upon us.

C **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

\* CANTICLE OF PRAISE (In Unison)

### Come, Let Us Join



1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;  
2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”  
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;  
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”  
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.  
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

P Let us pray...

C **Thanks be to you, Lord 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.**

## WORD

*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.*

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

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the 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. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and 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. <sup>6</sup>The 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." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The 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. <sup>9</sup>Therefore 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.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [<sup>11</sup>Then 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. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For 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. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>Eli 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." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

L: Here ends the reading.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM:.....Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (responsively)

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me.

**<sup>2</sup>You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

**<sup>4</sup>Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

<sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

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

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

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

<sup>15</sup>My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

**<sup>16</sup>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.**

<sup>17</sup>How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

**<sup>18</sup>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.**

*Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.*

SECOND READING.....1 Corinthians 6:12-20

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

<sup>15</sup>Do 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! <sup>16</sup>Do 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." <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or 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? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

L: Here ends the reading.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (In Unison)



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

\* GOSPEL.....John 1:43-51

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)**

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>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." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him,

"Come and see."

<sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And 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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.** (sung)

#### SERMON

Vicar Leister

\* HYMN OF THE DAY "Take My Life, that I May Be" (vss. 1-3) bulletin, pg. 11

\* APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)

**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 INTERCESSION (Prayers read by Worship Leader)

P let us pray.

C **Have mercy, O God.**

\* THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

C **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.**

#### OFFERING PRESENTATION

\* SUNG OFFERTORY ("Create in Me")



\* OFFERING PRAYER

P O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING**

\* BLESSING

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

**C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)**

\* SENDING HYMN “Take My Life, that I May Be” (vss. 4-6) bulletin, pg. 11

\* HOLY COMMUNION

P Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P The Body of Christ given for you. (Wafer)

P The Blood of Christ shed for you. (Juice)

P 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.

**C Amen.**

\* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN WITH YOU AND DISPOSE OF AT HOME!**

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## **WELCOME TO ALL!**

JUST A THOUGHT – Henry Edward Manning, Catholic Archbishop of Westminster (1808 – 1892): A priest ought to be in no place where his Master would not go, nor employed in anything which his Master would not do.

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Vicar Leister at [sleister@gmail.com](mailto:sleister@gmail.com).

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for **one month**. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or [mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com). If you have anyone who is a “last minute” addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. There are a lot of activities and some coordination is needed so events are not “overbooked” in any specific areas of the church (this also applies to church groups who meet in the church). Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email [mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com) for any changes or requests.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Vicar Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Vicar Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at [sleister@gmail.com](mailto:sleister@gmail.com).

JANUARY’S “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will continue to be for our local missions, specifically Meals-On-Wheels and the Juniata County Food Pantry. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to both programs. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This money comes from budgeted funds that have been unused during the 2020 calendar year due to the shutdowns from the Covid-19 Pandemic. This is just one way in which we can extend our mission in Christ’s love beyond the walls of our church building.

COPIES OF OCTOBER 25, 2020 PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

THE 2021 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available to pick up in the Library. Please pick them up before or after Sunday morning services or contact the church office to make arrangements to pick yours up in the office. Anyone who would like a statement of their contributions for 2020 for tax purposes may call the church office and your statement will be mailed to you.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be offered following the sending hymn in order to minimize any contact during the meal. We will be using communion kits that are pre-packaged and sealed that include a wafer and grape juice. Each person desiring to share in the meal will take a packaged kit when you receive a bulletin.



WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT:

January 3, 2021 Attendance - 10

Total Offering	\$1,350.00
Other Funds	<u>250.00</u>
General Fund	\$1,100.00

Other Funds	
Benevolence	\$ 100.00
Matthew 25 Fund	100.00
Meals-On-Wheels	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$250.00

January 10, 2021 Attendance – 17

Total Offering	\$2,376.00
Other Funds	<u>505.00</u>
General Fund	\$1,871.00

Other Funds	
Building Fund	\$300.00
Memorial Fund	<u>205.00</u>
Total	\$505.00

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.      Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.      Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF has launched the 75,000 Face Mask Challenge, a request for volunteers to sew cloth masks that will be sent overseas to slow the spread of COVID-19. If you are interested in participating in this challenge, you can make as few or as many as you would like. Please call or email Cynthia Smith for details about this project at 717-994-4999 or [gramcynthia49@yahoo.com](mailto:gramcynthia49@yahoo.com).

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed for the annual Synod Assembly on June 19, 2021 (virtually on zoom). If you are interested in serving, please contact Vicar Leister or the church office.

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) is continuously collected as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

## PRAYER LIST

Shirley Aumiller  
Tyson Aurand  
Carole Baker  
Family of Jane Ann Baney  
Donna Barton  
Lindsey Barton  
Gary Bechtold  
Julie Berryman  
Nick Beward  
Roxanne Boyer  
Charlotte Burd  
Andrea Cameron  
Pam Campbell  
Ruth Cisney  
Curtis Clark  
Randy Clark  
Terry Coder  
Jean Compton  
Leann Crimmel  
Will DeLancy  
Guy Dillman  
Fred & Dot Dowling  
Renee Dzikowski  
Neil Fisher  
Janie Fogleman  
Jerald (Jerry) Foltz  
Bentley Fulkroad  
Joan Fulkroad  
Michal Gayer

Terri Gayer  
Ken Geedey  
Eddi Kay Gill  
Paul Goss  
Amy Hart  
Beth Harris  
Harry & Jennifer Heikes  
Sue Henderson  
Ken Henry  
Nox Hepburn  
Jason Hockenberry & Family  
Curt & Judy Houtz  
Matt & Jennifer Hutchinson  
Brenda Imes  
Peggy Inch  
Annie Ingle  
Doc Johnston  
Guy Kerstetter  
Denny King  
Darvin Krouse  
Pam Lawson  
Carol Lyter  
Anthony Martin  
Carlen McClure  
Charlie, Amanda, & Isabel Meinsler  
Messiah's TEEM  
Cecilia Miller  
Ellwood Miller  
Larry Miller  
Shirley Miller

Jim Minick  
Landon Musser  
Carole Nace  
Darve Nace  
Austin Parker  
Noel Peachey  
Dave Phelan  
Butch & Sandy Pines  
Betty Ranck  
Keith Ranck  
Matt, Amy & Olivia Reed  
Mackenzie Shearer  
Ronald Shearer  
Bobby & Eva Sieber  
Mike Sparks  
Donald Speece  
Bob & Jeanette St. Clair  
Charles Stump  
Alice Swartz  
Dorothy Towsey  
Rich Walters  
Dr. Glen Webb  
Todd Wert  
Erma Williamson  
Jim Woltman  
Mackenzie Wray  
Dorothy Zeiders  
George Zimmerman  
Linda Zimmerman

## PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

Ray Bramm	Minnie Minick
Ruth Cisney	Edith Nipple
Max Ernest	Esther Rhine
Margaret Guss	Carol Simonton
Gail Henderson	Sieber & Ona Stoner
Mona Lawson	Ken & Kay Stuck
Jane Marhefka	Kitty Walters

# Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing My great Re-deem-er's praise, The  
 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, As-sist me to pro-claim, To  
 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears And bids our sor-rows cease, Sings  
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can-cel'd sin; He sets the pris-ner free. His

glo-ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of his grace!  
 spread through all the earth a-broad The hon-ors of your name.  
 mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, Brings life and health and peace.  
 blood can make the foul-est clean; His blood a-vails for me.

5 To God all glory, praise, and love  
 Be now and ever giv'n

By saints below and saints above,  
 The Church in earth and heav'n.

# Take My Life, that I May Be

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1 Take my life, that I may be Con-se-crated, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im-pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on-ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil-ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;

Take my mo-ments and my days; Let them flow in cease-less praise.  
 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau-ti-ful for thee.  
 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes-sag-es from thee.  
 Take my in-tel-lect, and use Ev-'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 It shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 At thy feet its treasure store;  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for thee.