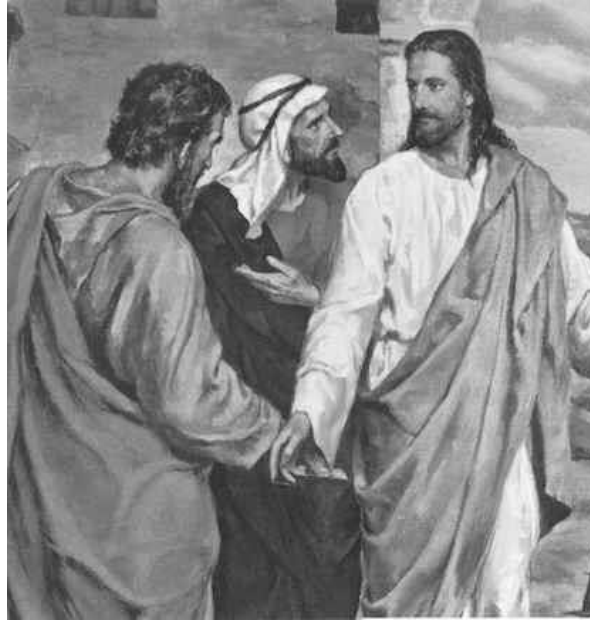


The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday – January 16, 2021 – 5:30 pm. Worship

Sunday – January 17, 2021 – 9:30 am. Worship & Live-Streamed



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† Call to Worship †

Hymn # 907 "God Himself Is Present"



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
 2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
 3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,

And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
 See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 Trust-ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly

tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
 ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
 an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease-less -

deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
 an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
 ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still

Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
 Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
 Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

LSB 151 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 151 1 John 1:8–9

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

LSB 151 [John 20:19–23]

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

† Service of the Word †

Psalm 139:1-10

P ¹O LORD,
C you have searched me and known me!
P ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
C you discern my thoughts from afar.
P ³You search out my path and my lying down
C and are acquainted with all my ways.
P ⁴Even before a word is on my tongue,
C behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.
P ⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
C and lay your hand upon me.
P ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
C it is high; I cannot attain it.
P ⁷Where shall I go from your Spirit?
C Or where shall I flee from your presence?
P ⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
C If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
P ⁹If I take the wings of the morning
C and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
P ¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me,
C and your right hand shall hold me.
ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9 LSB 155

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and



3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



4 Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to



5 For the Lamb who was slain has be-



blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. *Refrain*



hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are His. *Refrain*



join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Stanza 4



God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. *Refrain*



gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia. *Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

¹Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. 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, 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.

⁶And the LORD called again, "**Samuel!**" and Samuel arose 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.

⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "*Here I am, for you called me.*" Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "*Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'*" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "**Samuel! Samuel!**" And Samuel said, "*Speak, for your servant hears.*"

¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "**Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³And I declare to 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 atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever.**"

¹⁵Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.

¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "*Samuel, my son.*"

And he said, "*Here I am.*"

¹⁷And 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.*"

¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him.

And he said, "*It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him.*"

¹⁹And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20*1 Corinthians 6:12–20*

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved 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 not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “*The two will become one flesh.*” ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse*LSB 156***Holy Gospel: John 1:43-51***John 1:43–51*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C 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 of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.*”

⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “*Can anything good come out of Nazareth?*”

Philip said to him, “*Come and see.*”

⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “*Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!*”

⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, “*How do you know me?*”

Jesus answered him, “*Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.*”

⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, “*Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!*”

⁵⁰Jesus answered him, “*Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.*” ⁵¹And he said to him, “*Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.*”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn # 396 Arise and Shine in Splendor

1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -
 2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions
 3 The world's re - mot - est rac - es, Up - on whose wea - ry
 4 Lift up your eyes in won - der— See, na - tions gath - er

ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove, the
 dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you the
 fac - es The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with
 yon - der From sin to be set free. The world has

day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty
 Lord of heav - en— Your life, your hope— has
 zeal un - tir - ing, With joy Your light de -
 heard Your sto - ry; Her sons come to Your

gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.
 giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.
 sir - ing That breaks up - on them from on high.
 glo - ry; Her daugh - ters haste Your light to see.

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Sermon “The Angels of God Ascending & Descending” John 1:43-51

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Prayer of the Church

Responses:

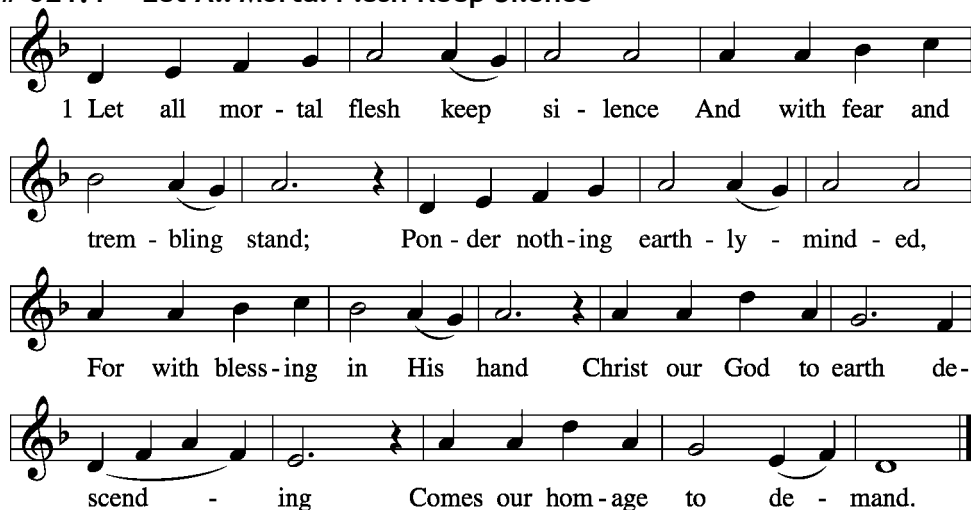
P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

- P** Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, our Light and our Redeemer,
C Amen.

† Service of the Sacrament †

Hymn # 621:1 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.

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Preface

LSB 208

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Hymn # 621:3 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”



3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 209

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: *“Take, eat; this is My ~~✠~~body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: *“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ~~✠~~blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

Pax Domini

John 20:19 LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Hymn # 621:2 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.

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Response

LSB 200

A O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endures forever.

Hymn # 336:4 “Lo! He comes with Clouds Descending”

Tune LSB # 621

4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee, High on Thine e -
 ter - nal throne; Sav-ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,
 Claim the king-dom as Thine own, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn # 370 "What Child Is This"

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
 2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to

sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let

shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the

Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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