



## Second Sunday After The Epiphany

Order of Worship\*

January 15, 2012

8:15 a.m.

THE PRELUDE: "Cantabile"

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### I. GOD GATHERS US IN HIS PRESENCE

\*\*ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

*God, you are the one who made us. From the beginning of time our life is in your hands. You know our name. You know our every thought. Because you know us and love us as no other, we can bring our confession to you in the full confidence that you forgive sin. Let us pray:*

**God, we know that it is your deepest desire to know us and to love us. We know that it is our deepest desire to be known and loved. We admit that sin separates and destroys; it shatters your intentions for your created order. Forgive our sin.**

*We thank you for the greatest gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection breaks through the barriers of sin and death and brings eternal life. Because of Jesus, our sin is forgiven. We are known by you and loved by you. You know our every thought, see every tear, listen when we call out to you in prayer. In return, help us to hear your voice in our everyday lives and to share your love with others. Help us to experience your presence as we worship this day.*

**We give you thanks and praise in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!**

OPENING HYMN: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

hymn 671

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\*\* those who are able are invited to stand

## THE GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

*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.**

*Let us pray. Lord God, your reach extends into every part of life. Your Spirit formed and shaped us. Your Spirit will accompany us to the grave where your power will transform us. Your word accomplishes whatever you intend. The extent of your reach is most evident in Jesus Christ. In him, we clearly see your intention for the world. In him, we are presented with the invitation to receive salvation, life and eternity. Because of him, we know that your reach embraces us today and forever. Thank you, Lord.*

**Amen.**

## II. GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### WORSHIP TALK FOR CHILDREN

"Jesus Loves Me"

### THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 1:3-10 (page 247 in Old Testament)

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.

(after the reading) *The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM

Psalms 139: 1-14

(Left Side: odd numbered verses; right side: even numbered verses)

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
- <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.
- <sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- <sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.
- <sup>5</sup> You hem me in, 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 it.
- <sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- <sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
- <sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
- <sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

- <sup>11</sup> If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night',  
<sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.
- <sup>13</sup> For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

\*\*GOSPEL VERSE (*sung*)

p 8 (HS)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**THE GOSPEL**

John 1:43-51 (page 92 in the New Testament)

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."

(after the reading) *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "You will see greater things than these" Pastor Matthew Smith

**SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**

- What are the greatest things you have seen God do?

\*\*HYMN OF THE DAY: "Amazing Grace"

hymn 779

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

HYMN VERSE: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

hymn 752

Lord, listen to Your children praying.

Lord, send Your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to Your children praying.

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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THE PRAYERS

(after each petition) *Lord, in your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

(the prayers conclude) *...through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

**\*\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**And also with you.**

(Greet one another in joy and love: "The Lord be with you!")

**GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

Offertory: "O Saving Victim"

Ray Karvonen

**\*\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** (*as the gifts are brought forward*)

hymn 185

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me  
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Let us pray. God, you have entrusted us with the task of caring for all that you have given. Make us wise and faithful stewards who listen to your voice and respond to your call. Bless these gifts that they might be signs of your goodness to all who are in need. Bless your church that it might build your kingdom among us through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

### III. GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE IN HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who is your light made manifest to all the nations. And so, with the church on earth, all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**You are holy, you are whole.  
You are always evermore  
than we ever understand.  
You are always at hand.  
Blessed are you coming near.  
Blessed are you coming here  
To your church in wine and bread,  
Raised from soil, raised from dead.  
You are holy, you are wholeness.  
You are present, let the cosmos praise you, Lord!  
Sing hosanna in the highest!  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!**

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*You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.*

#### COMMUNION HYMN

"Hungry, I Come"

**Hungry I come, thirsty I come.  
Hungry I come to You.  
Hungry I come, thirsty I come  
And I feast with wine and bread.  
By Your mercy I am fed.  
For the bread of Your body  
For the wine of Your blood  
For You, Word incarnate, I come, I come.**

*In the night that he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread and gave*

*thanks, he 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."*

**For the bread of Your body  
For the wine of Your blood  
For You, Word incarnate, I come, I come.**

*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 sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."*

**For the bread of Your body  
For the wine of Your blood  
For You, Word incarnate, I come, I come.  
Hungry I come, thirsty I come.  
Hungry I come to You.  
Hungry I come, thirsty I come  
And I feast with wine and bread.  
By Your mercy I am fed.**

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

(Come, receive the gifts of God's grace in Holy Communion! All baptized Christians are invited to the Lord's table. As Lutherans we believe that the Body and Blood of Christ is truly present in the bread and cup for the forgiveness of our sins. Please fill out a communion registration card found in the pew rack, and hand it to the usher as you come forward **down the center aisle**. Proceed to the altar rail, as directed by the ushers. If you desire grape juice instead of wine, do not pick up a glass as you come to the communion table.

All are welcome to come to the Lord's Table even if they do not commune. Gluten-free wafers are available; ask for one from a communion server. Children may receive Holy Communion if they have completed a course of instruction about the meaning of the sacrament. Until that time, children are invited to come with their parents and receive a fish cracker which symbolizes the inclusion of the child in God's love and grace.)

Hymns during the distribution: 592

**\*\***(after all have communed) *May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.*  
**Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Let us pray. God of love, our ears have heard your voice and our eyes have seen your salvation. Increase our love for you and one another. You are the Lord forevermore.*

**Amen.**

IV. GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

*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.*

*In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"      hymn 545

DISMISSAL

*Go in peace and serve the Lord!*

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: "The Rhythmic Trumpet"

*Gordon Young*



## Mission Statement

### for Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

As children of God and disciples of Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are called to share God's Word, His love and saving grace by:

*worshipping* together

*inviting and welcoming* everyone

*studying* the Scriptures

*praying*

*servicing* the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of each other, our community and the world.

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