

EPIPHANY 2January 17, 2021



Welcome!

The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church welcome you! If you have no church of your own, we encourage you to worship with us again and consider making this church your home.

Today's Theme

The Lord Calls Us to Serve

In the Word we hear the call of God. That call has the hidden power of God in it to give what he commands. He commands: *Believe!* and the Word creates faith. He says, *Follow me!* and the Word creates the desire and the ability to follow him. This power of Jesus reveals his glory as our Epiphany Lord.

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(see our Facebook page)

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Our Worship

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service II Christian Worship Supplement, pg. 28

OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" Christian Worship #463

- 1 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult Of our life's wild, restless sea; Day by day his voice invites us, Saying, "Christian, follow me!"
- 2 As the first disciples heard it By the Galilean lake, Turned from home and toil and kindred, Leaving all for his dear sake.
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden store, From each idol that would keep us, Saying, "Christian, love me more."
- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."
- Jesus calls us! In your mercy,Savior, help us hear your call;Give our hearts to your obedience,Serve and love you best of all!

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-95, alt.

INVOCATION

- P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.
- C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD (sung to the tune of *Truro*—CW 84)

Gloria in Excelsis—Luke 2:14

- All glory be to God on high!
 Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
 We praise you for your peace and grace,
 Your favor toward our fallen race.
- O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
 You take all human sin away.
 Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
 From God's right hand, your mercy share.
- You, Christ, are holy

 Lord alone;The Father's glory you made known.We by your Spirit sing again:"All glory be to God!" Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10

The Lord calls Samuel

¹ The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In

those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

- ² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ 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.
- ⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am."
 - ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

- ⁶ Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."
 - "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."
- ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.
- ⁸ The LORD called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

- P: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 67

- P: Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.
- C: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face

shine upon us;

- P: May your ways be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.
- C: May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.
- P: Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.
- C: God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

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.

SECOND LESSON

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17
The Lord calls you through the Gospel.

¹³ But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

¹⁶ May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷ encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY (Read together)

Isaiah 49:3

Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant, in whom I will display my splendor." Alleluia.

GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to John.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

John 1:43-51

The Lord calls Philip & Nathanael.

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

⁴⁶ "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false."

⁴⁸ "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."

⁵⁰ Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." ⁵¹ He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Only Son from Heaven" Christian Worship #86

1 The only Son from heaven, Foretold by ancient seers, By God the Father given, In human form appears.

- No sphere his light confining, No star so brightly shining As he, our Morning Star.
- 2 Oh, time of God appointed, Oh, bright and holy morn!
 He comes, the King anointed, The Christ, the virgin-born,
 Grim death to conquer for us, To open heav'n before us
 And bring us life again.
- 3 Awaken, Lord, our spirit To know and love you more, In faith to stand unshaken, In spirit to adore, That we, through this world moving, Each glimpse of heaven proving, May reap its fullness there.
- 4 O Father, here before you With God the Holy Ghost And Jesus, we adore you, O Pride of angel host. Before you mortals lowly Cry "Holy, holy, holy, O blessed Trinity!"

Text: Elizabeth Cruciger, c. 1500–35, abr., st.1-3; Lutheran Book of Worship, Minneapolis, 1978, st. 4; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, st. 1-3, alt.

Sermon

Text: John 1:43-51

This Is a First: The Teacher who Calls and Makes His Disciples!

- 1. He finds the seekers
- 2. He amazes the skeptics

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

OFFERING (taken at the door)

The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. May God bless us as we do his work! To give an offering with your smartphone, text "givesplc" to 77977 and click on the link that you receive. Offerings can be given by credit card, debit card, or your bank account. Offerings can also be given by going to our website (saintpeterlutheran.org) or mailed to 427 W. Mulberry, Saint Peter MN 56082.

INTERCESSIONS

The Lord's Supper

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them up to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C: It is good and right so to do.
- P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all

places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came as the Light of the world so that the world may have light and life through Him. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY (sung to the tune of *Missionary Hymn* - 557) *Sanctus*—Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us. By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my i blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (Spoken responsively)

Agnus Dei—John 1:29

- P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
- C: Have mercy on us.
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- P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
- C: Grant us your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Our church practices the Biblical teaching of member communion. All those who are members of our congregation or another Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) congregation are invited to receive Christ's body and blood in the Sacrament. If you have any questions about this practice, please contact one of our pastors, and we would be happy to 12

discuss it with you.

Communion will be brought to you in your pew to minimize contact between individuals. The pastor will hand you a wafer and a individual cup. An usher will follow behind to allow you to dispose of the cup afterward. During the distribution, please join in the hymn.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Take and Eat"
Christian Worship Supplement #741

Refrain

Take and eat, take and eat, this is my body given up for you. Take and drink, take and drink, this is my blood given up for you.

I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
 I am the seed that died to be reborn;
 I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;
 I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.

Refrain

I am the way that leads the exile home;
 I am the truth that sets the captive free;
 I am the life that raises up the dead;
 I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.

Refrain

3 I am the Lamb that takes away your sin; I am the gate that guards you night and day. You are my flock: you know the Shepherd's voice; You are my own: your ransom is my blood.

Refrain

Refrain

4 I am the cornerstone that God has laid, A chosen stone and precious in his eyes. You are God's dwelling place; on me you rest Like living stones, a temple for God's praise.

5 I am the Light that came into the world; I am the Light that darkness cannot hide; I am the Morning Star that never sets. Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.

Refrain

I am the First and Last, the living One; I am the Lord who died that you might live; I am the Bridegroom, this my wedding song. You are my bride; come to the marriage feast.

Refrain

Martin Luther reminds us in his Small Catechism that the power of the Sacrament is not our "eating and drinking . . . but the words 'Given' and 'poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" This hymn underscores the powerful and creative Word of our Savior.

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SONG OF SIMEON (Sung to the tune of *Fruet Euch, Ihr Lieben*—93) Nunc Dimittis—Luke 2:29-32

O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, assured: For I have seen your promised incarnate, saving Word-A Light that will enlighten All gloom where Gentiles dwell; The brilliant, crowning glory Of those in Israel!

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heav-P: enly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of

the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Christ Be My Leader" Christian Worship # 367

- 1 Christ be my leader by night as by day, Safe through the darkness, for he is the way. Gladly I follow, my future his care; Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my teacher in age as in youth, Drifting or doubting, for he is the truth. Grant me to trust him, though shifting as sand. Doubt cannot daunt me—in Jesus I stand!
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
 Death cannot hold me, for he is the life.
 Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
 Can touch my salvation—with Jesus I reign!

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January 17-24, 2021		
Sun	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:10 a.m.	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Livestream Worship on Facebook
Mon		NO SCHOOL - SPLS and Little Lambs
Tue	6:30 p.m.	Education Committee
Wed	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Thurs		Pastors at Circuit Meeting - St. Paul's in Jordan
Fri	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Cornerstone
Sat	2 - 4 p.m.	Leyrer Wedding
Sun	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Livestream Worship on Facebook

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