

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**

**January 14, 2024**  
**Pleasant Valley, Iowa**

*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.*



## Gathering and Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge,

**we pour out our hearts before you.**

**We have known you but have not always loved you.**

**We have wounded one another**

**and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us.**

**Remember your covenant. Renew your creation.**

**Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.**

**Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN: ELW 513 - Listen, God Is Calling

### 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:

*See insert*

### FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

*See insert*

*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.*

*At the end the reading:*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

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

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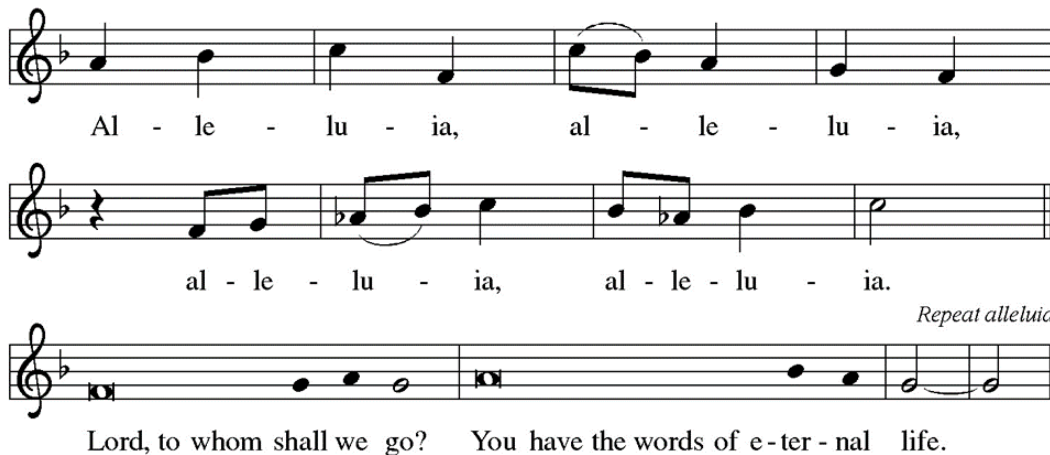
*Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.*

*At the end the reading:*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p. 124



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

### GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

*See insert*

*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."*

*At the end the reading:*

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**-Pastor Stephen Nilsen

### HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 810 - O Jesus, I Have Promised

#### **Apostles' Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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**

*Each petition will end with:*

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

#### **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.*

#### **Announcements and Offering**

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## Meal

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

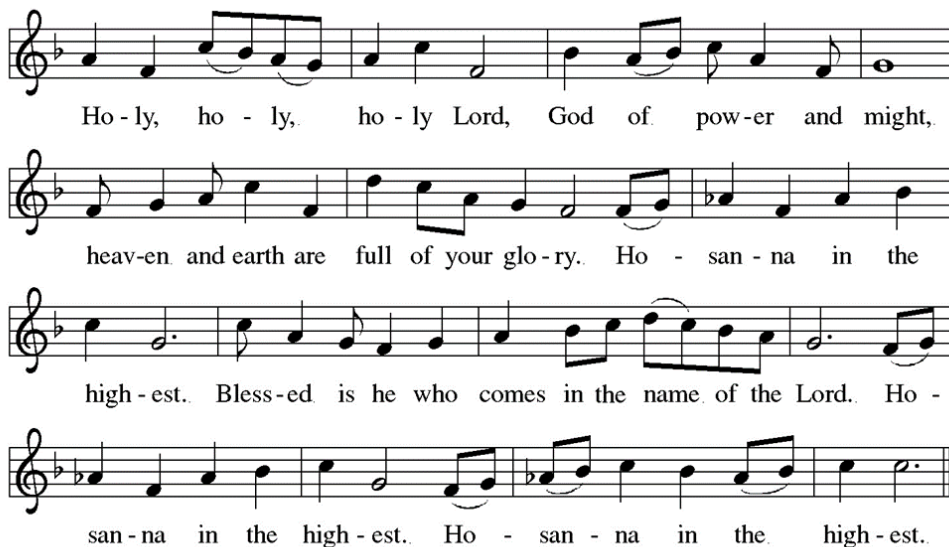
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own. That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

**All are welcome to the table of the Lord.**

**ELW Page: 135 - Lamb of God**

**HYMN: ELW 574 - Here I Am, Lord**

**HYMN: ELW 459 - Take My Life, That I May Be**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you always in God's grace.

**Amen.**

### **Prayer After Communion**

Let us pray.

**Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, † bless you and remain with you always.

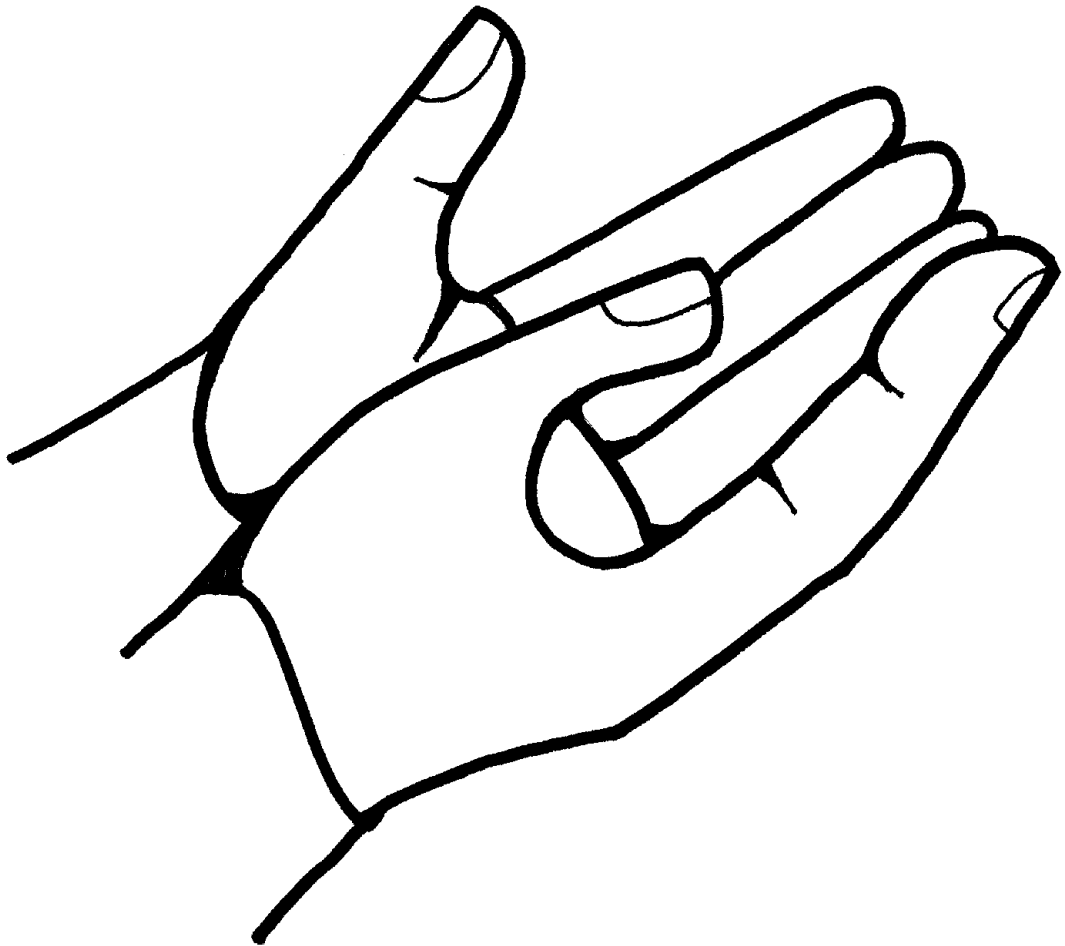
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: ELW 676 - Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Serving next week: January 21**

Presiding & Preaching Minister	Pastor Stephen Nilsen
Organist	Paul Madsen
Lector	Glenna Sbertoli
Communion Assistant	Jim Sbertoli
Altar Guild	Linda Busch
Ushers	Carol & Ed Kaufmann
Fellowship	Volunteers Needed

**Serving the week of: January 28**

Presiding & Preaching Minister	Pastor Stephen Nilsen
Pianist	Laura Crumbleholme
Lector	Diane Noll
Communion Assistant	Claudia Neumann
Altar Guild	Diane Holst
Ushers	Judy Rutledge
	Diane Cook
Fellowship	Council - Annual Meeting

**Worship and Fellowship Volunteers Needed**

Whether you're an experienced volunteer who has served every week for years, or a new member looking to get more involved, someone can always help you to figure out exactly how you could help our worship or fellowship. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex. We truly appreciate all our volunteers who make the life of this congregation possible.

**Trinity Office Hours:** Tues-Thurs 9AM-1PM

**Pastor Stephen's Office Hours:** Mon-Thurs 10AM-2PM

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>MEETINGS</b>	January 22	Stewardship	6:30 PM
	January 24	Card Crafting Group	1:00 PM

**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** Join our weekly Bible Study Wednesday's at 10:00 AM

**ANNUAL MEETING** Sunday January 28 following worship service.

**BOOKMOBILE** *Tuesday, January 16 4:15-4:45 PM.* There will be refreshments inside the fellowship hall.

**BED SHEETS DRIVE FOR STIR THE FIRE MINISTRIES** will join in to support their work in Zambia, we're kicking off the new year with a collection of (new or lightly used) flat bed sheets. All sizes are appreciated, and we'll collect the sheets in the narthex now through Ash Wednesday (February 14).

**ALTAR FLOWERS** Whether you have a birthday or anniversary you'd like to commemorate, all are welcome to sign-up to sponsor altar flowers for any of our upcoming services at Trinity. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board right by the doorway between the narthex and hallway.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** *Wednesday, February 14 at 6:00 PM.* Join us as we begin our Lenten journey with the imposition of ashes and a meaningful service turning us toward God.

**LENTEN MIDWEEK PLANS: DINNER CHURCH & BOOK STUDY** *Wednesdays February 21-March 20.* Each Wednesday evening there will be a brief worship service during a soup supper in the fellowship hall at 5:00 PM. A book study led by Pastor Stephen will follow the service and meal at about 6:00 PM. The book for this year's book study is Kate Bowler's *Everything Happens for a Reason (And Other Lies I've Loved)*, and can be ordered wherever books are available or purchased from the office for \$15.

### Thank you to all who serve this day:

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