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Second Sunday After Epiphany

INTRODUCTION TO THE SEASON – *The time after the Epiphany signifies how the Christ among us impacts our life and world. Mark's Gospel details the beginning of Christ's ministry and mission, and what it means for those who encounter Jesus. We will focus on meeting Christ (for the first time, or again), what it means, and how we can, let our light so shine before others, so they will see and share the good works of God among all people.*

TODAY'S THEME - *All the baptized have a calling in God's world. Jesus is where God is known and met. Jesus knows us but have we been properly introduced? How do we claim that relationship? What can/ does this mean for us as God's daughters and sons?*

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP FROM HOME.

Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.

Announcements are televised or found on our website

Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.

*Our community gathers in unity with others in-person and a virtual way.
We hope all people find it easy to follow along.*

GOD GATHERS US
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements are found on our website

PRELUDE

Send the Light

We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers, using this as a meditation guide all week long.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Come and see as we gather in God's holy name. Ready! Expectant!

ALL **We are listening God, for your words of life and love.**

P Come and hear God whispering your name saying, "you are my beloved, created for love, in love."

ALL **We are listening O God, as you call us to life.**

P Come and see just who this Jesus is and what he has to do with us.

ALL **We are listening and learning O God.**

P Come! Learn to proclaim God's love and justice which overcomes darkness and brings life!

ALL **We are speaking O God, your words of life and love.**

P Come and follow! This Jesus is showing us the way.

ALL **We are following O God, emulating your life and love.**

P Come, learn the ways of love. Live in God's truth and light, now and always.

ALL **Come, now is the time to worship. To listen and learn. Then, let us go and speak. Amen.**

OPENING SONG

"Song of Thankfulness and Praise"

ELW 310



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL And also with you.

P Let us pray.....Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus 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.

ALL Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

P Come and See! God is the way of peace and wholeness.

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

ALL And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

Psalm 139:1-18, 23

Introduction – *God knows us intimately, even if we do not know God well. The Psalmist is delighted at the depth of God's care and love and relishes knowing God more deeply in the process.*

139 O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. ²You know when I sit or stand. When far away you know my every thought. ³You chart the path ahead of me and tell me where to stop and rest. Every moment you know where I am. ⁴You know what I am going to say before I even say it. ⁵You both precede and follow me and place your hand of blessing on my head.

⁶This is too glorious, too wonderful to believe! ⁷I can *never* be lost to your Spirit! I can *never* get away from my God! ⁸If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the place of the dead, you are there. ⁹If I ride the morning winds to the farthest oceans, ¹⁰even there your hand will guide me, your strength will support me. ¹¹If I try to hide in the darkness, the night becomes light around me. ¹²For even darkness cannot hide from God; to you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are both alike to you.

¹³You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit them together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it. ¹⁵You were there while I was being formed in utter seclusion! ¹⁶You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your book!

¹⁷⁻¹⁸How precious it is, Lord, to realize that you are thinking about me constantly! I can't even count how many times a day your thoughts turn toward me. ¹⁹And when I waken in the morning, you are still thinking of me!

²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; test my thoughts. ²⁴Point out anything you find in me that makes you sad, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

R Word of God; Word of Life.

All Thanks be to God.

A WORD FOR ALL GOD'S KIDS

What is Pastor cooking up today?

“Seeing God”



1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your

love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty

though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that

heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
 close - con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
 mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things,
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S GOODNESS

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH BASED ON THE WRITINGS OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

**We believe in God, creator of Heaven and Earth. Our deliverer and bringer of justice for all.
 The one who created us to be co-creators empowered to influence events which surround us.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, savior for those in bondage, those who struggle on the journey
 He taught by what he said and did - even laying down his life - that we could overcome hatred, racism and war.
 We believe we can live in peace by rejecting revenge, aggression and retaliation.**

We believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality.

We believe that right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant.

**We believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their
 minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits.**

We believe that what self-centered people have torn down, other-centered people can build up.

We believe that by the goodness of God's spirit at work within people

- That brokenness can be healed
- That unity can be achieved
- that all can have life to the fullest
- "And the lion and the lamb shall lie down together, and everyone will sit under their own vine and fig tree,
 and none shall be afraid."

-- (Adapted from the United Presbyterian Church Prayer on Martin Luther King, Jr.)

OFFERING IS WELCOMED

P Through Jesus Christ, God has shown us what it means to love and calls us to follow his example – to love our neighbors as ourselves and continues to write the law of love on our hearts. We thank you for all your gifts that serve as generous and unwavering passion for justice and show a tenacious faith where all the hungry are fed, the oppressed find relief and the outsider finds welcome.

PLEASE CONSIDER IN THIS TIME OF NEED, TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH, IF POSSIBLE, AND SUPPORT OTHERS AS WELL BY BEING AS GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME, YOUR TALENTS AND YOUR VARIOUS TREASURES.

You may mail offerings to Grace at 5N600 N. Hanson Road, St. Charles, IL 60175 or send through your bank or online; there is also a DONATE on our website or a plate by the entryway.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. 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.

ALL Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document or online. Please let us know your prayer needs.

Please respond accordingly

P Let us pray, **All Have mercy O God.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Traditional)

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.

(Modern)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen

GOD SENDS US

COMMISSION & BLESSING

P You came to see and follow,
The Spirit has equipped us for service
To love our neighbors as we do ourselves
To bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth.
Now, go and tell!
And may God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace

ALL Amen!

CLOSING SONG

““Let Now All Things Living”

ELW 881

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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P Go in peace

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSONS

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Traditionally, there are four readings weekly. We usually focus on 2 but often refer to the others so it may be helpful to have them at your fingertips. The lectionary is a three year cycle which gets us through hearing MUCH not all of the Bible, but not always in order.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

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.

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 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! 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. ⁶The 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." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The 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. ⁹Therefore 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.

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

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli 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. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

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

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1) SEE ABOVE IN BULLETIN

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 – Glorify God in your body

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.

¹²"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. ¹³"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. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do 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! ¹⁶Do 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." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or 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? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

John 1:43-51 The calling of the first disciples - See ABOVE BULLETIN

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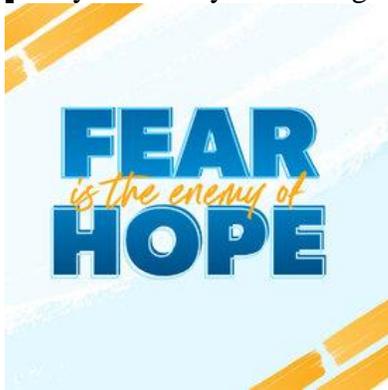
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ZOOM FELLOWSHIP WILL CONTINUE WEEKLY **AT 10 AM** on Sundays following our online worship services. Join our Grace family for sharing news, prayers information and more. Don't miss out! Check your eblast for details.

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## SIGN-UP Now for Financial Peace University

Tell your money where to go instead of wondering where it went! Take control of your money with *Financial Peace University*! This nine-lesson class using biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! You can sign up for this class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace at [fpu.com/1124141](http://fpu.com/1124141). Discussion and support group begins **Tuesday, January 5, 2021**. We meet online, so you won't even have to leave home. *INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. Just share this info with them.*



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Annual Meeting – January 31st

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THOSE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

- * God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
- * As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
- * Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry.
- * Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

FOR THE WORLD

- For every living person facing the threat of coronavirus – it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
- For the healing of the divisions in our Nation and the quelling of fascism and white supremacy.

FOR OUR CONGREGATION

- * For God's Spirit to guide Pastor Dawn, Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.
- * As we plan to meet regarding the future of our congregation at our Annual Meeting

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

- * Glenn Adams, son of Mark and Renee Adams * Lucy Adams
 - * Adam Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren * William Delmer, grandson of Kirk and Kathy Hooey
- (If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

FOR ALL

- * The continued support of our members * For all members of healthcare around the world
- * For those serving as first responders and in the military * For our Nation, that extend peace in all things.

FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT

Linda Theros, Kimberlee Theros

FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE

Donna, upon her husband Joe's death. We grieve with her.

*Please let us know your prayer requests for inclusion in our public prayers.
Type them in the comments or send them to the church office via our prayer card on our website.*

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GRACE'S MISSION IS

To share God's GRACE with all through our rich traditions of faith, family, and community.

Gospel – God's love shared in all we say & do

Respect for all God's people & creation

Action – response to the Gospel

Community – Loving God, neighbor, & self

Everyone – we are all God's children