

Second Sunday after Epiphany January 17, 2021

Kviteeid and Big Bend Lutheran Churches

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteeid Lutheran Church... Welcome as we thank and worship God for his wonderful works and listen for his word to us today.

INTRODUCTION

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read the words to the hymns silently.

Please read aloud the **bold texts**.

Please read the italicized texts silently in your heart as your own words.

OPENING HYMN

"O Zion, Haste"

(vs. 1 & 2)

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OPENING PRAYER

P Open our ears, O God,
that we might hear your Word speaking to us in this moment.
Open our ears, O God, that we might listen for your voice
calling to us through scripture.
Open our ears, O God,
that we might understand your promises
to followers both old and young, ancient and modern.
Open our hearts, O God,
that we might enter into the love you offer us. Amen.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Assured that the One who calls us to hear and obey
already knows the confessions of our hearts and is ready to forgive,
let us confess our sin before God and before one another.

C *Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully
as creatures in need of your constant care.
We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will.
We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves.
Give us ears to hear your wisdom.
Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength;
in Jesus' name. Amen.*

P God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness,
and by grace you have been saved.
In Jesus' name you are forgiven. Your sins are no more.
You have been made clean.
God strengthens you with freedom
through the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus. Amen.

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C *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. Amen.*

LESSON: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20

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.

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18

L ¹LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me.

C ²*You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.*

L ³You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

C ⁴*Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.*

L ⁵You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

C ⁶*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.*

L ¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

C ¹⁴*I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.*

L ¹⁵My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

C ¹⁶*Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
my days were fashioned before they came to be.*

L ¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

C ¹⁸*If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.*

LESSON: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

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."

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C *Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Here I Am, Lord"

(vs. 1 & 3)

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C **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 Pilot,
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 THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P let us pray.

C *Have mercy, O God.*

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God,

C *we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE 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.

CHARGE

P Holy God, may we hear your voice
 In the stillness of night, in clatter of day.

C *You call us, and we respond, Here I am!*
 May we follow you and may we love as you love.

BLESSING

P And now, sisters and brothers,
 go from this place knowing that the God who made you also sustains you.
 Go into the world, listening for God's call in your lives.
 Go into the world, ready to follow Jesus Christ.
 Go into the world, sustained by the love and power of the Holy Spirit.
 The God who calls you also goes with you.
 The God who loved you before you were born
 still loves you today, and into all the tomorrows. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"This Little Light of Mine"

(vs. 1 & 4) ELW #677
(Alternate words)**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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