

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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January 14, 2024

Good Hope Lutheran Church

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 14, 2024

10:30 a.m.

The Prelude & Meditation

The Ringing of the Bell

The Welcome & Announcements

*The Hymn *“Jesus Calls Us; O’er the Tumult”* #494

*The Greeting & Kyrie page 57

*The Hymn of Praise *“This is the feast....”* page 60

*The Prayer of the Day (unison)

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.

The First Reading

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

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. ¹⁰No 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.]

C: Thanks be to God.

The Senior Choir

“Mold Me, Teach Me, Use Me Lord”

The Psalm

-Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

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

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

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

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know

it altogether.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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.

The Second Reading

-1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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 on 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.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Verse & Responses

“Alleluia...”

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A reading from the Gospel of John.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

*The Holy Gospel

-John 1:43-51

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon

The Hymn

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

WOV #752

*The Prayers

*The Apostles’ Creed

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Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: 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.

C: Amen.

The Offering

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Go in Peace to Serve the Lord – **Thanks be to God!**

*The Silent Prayer		
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*The Postlude		
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*Congregation stand if you are able		
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THE OFFERING TODAY and next Sunday is for current expenses.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Tues., Jan. 29	9:00 a.m.	Quilting
Wed., Jan. 30	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Sun., Feb. 3	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Senior Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Installation of Officer

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held following our worship service on **Sunday, January 28th**. A freewill donation meal will be catered before the meeting.

THE LECTOR LIST, Greeter list and Flower calendar for 2024 are ready for you to sign up!

AN OPEN HOUSE bridal shower will be held for Madison Grebner, bride-to-be of Lee Carlton on Saturday, January 20th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The couple is registered at Target. Gift cards from Menards, Home Depot or Lowe's are also appreciated for the couple to continue remodeling their home. Everyone is welcome to attend!

