

John 1:46b

“Philip said to him, “Come and See”



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 14, 2024

Prelude

\*The Processional Hymn *O, Jesus I Have Promised* (ELW) No. 810

\*The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

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.**

\*The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Hymn of Praise *Listen, God Is Calling* (ELW) NO. 513

## Listening for the Promise

### Weekly Devotional

January 14, 2024—Second Sunday After Epiphany

“Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.”

- Psalm 139:16 -

In his book “Restoring Your Spiritual Passion,” Gordon MacDonald writes about Paul’s need for friendship. “The apostle Paul was clearly a man committed to raising up a band of special friends. He knew who they were, and he regularly recognized them for their contribution to his spiritual passion. His friends were a resource upon which he obviously depended and without which he would not have survived.”

Though we may be blessed with many friends there are usually just a few that we consider our best friends. As someone once said, “A real friend is someone who walks in when everybody else walks out.” Our best friends will be honest when we need correction and will be present when we need comfort. They know us so well that they can almost read our minds and tell us what we are thinking. They will stop us from doing something stupid and encourage us to do the right thing. Even when we make a mistake, they are quick with forgiveness and slow to remember our faults.

It is a blessing to have friends who stand with us and help us through this life, but even those relationships are fragile. Childhood friends grow up with conflicting ambitions; we grow apart as we make different life choices. Families move to new places and promises of lifelong friendships get forgotten. Even the best of friends can have an argument that creates irreparable damage to a relationship. We are human, and in our imperfection it doesn’t take much to build walls that separate us forever.

There is one relationship, however, that will stand forever. God knows us better than anyone, and He loves us despite knowing even the hidden secrets of our hearts. He knew us before we were born and knows what we have not yet learned about ourselves. We cannot hide from Him. He created us and laid our path before us. He gives us His life and His Word so that we can live in this world. In faith we know that God will always be there for us whenever we need Him. He will guard and protect us; He will mold and guide us. We can trust Him because he is faithful. He is our best friend, and He has promised to be with us forever.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS  
FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

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\*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: Almighty and eternal God, You restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear Your people's prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

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

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalms 139:1-10

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, You have searched me and known me!
- <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
You discern my thoughts from afar.
- <sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- <sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue,  
behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.
- <sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay Your hand upon me.
- <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is high; I cannot attain it.
- <sup>7</sup> Where shall I go from Your Spirit?  
Or where shall I flee from Your presence?
- <sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, You are there!  
If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!
- <sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- <sup>10</sup> even there Your hand shall lead me,  
and Your right hand shall hold me.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

\*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

C: **Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\* The Gospel

John 1:43-51

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.** (*sung after announcement of the Gospel*)

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*sung after conclusion of the Gospel*)

Children's Sermon

Pastor Grewe

(children leave for Sunday School)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

\*The Hymn of the Day

*Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*

(ELW) No. 676

\*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Hope for Ethiopia funds are low, please donate.**

**Adult Catechism** class is on Tuesday at 11 and 7 pm. We are discussing the book we read over the summer. All are welcome. We look forward to you joining us in our discussion.

**Adult Sunday School** is held before our Church Service starting at 9:45 am in the church library. Come join us.

**Confirmation Class** is Monday from 6-8 pm.

**Bell Choir** rehearsal is Monday at 7 pm. We would love for you to join us. Please see Kris Briggs if you are interested, [kkbrgs1@gmail.com](mailto:kkbrgs1@gmail.com). All are welcome.

Our **Dartball team** is looking for more members. Practices are Tuesdays at 7 pm. No experience is needed. Come join us for fun and fellowship. We hope to see you soon. Please contact Dennis Schmidt for information.

**Chess Club** meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. All are welcome from beginners to experienced. We hope that you will join us for fellowship and fun. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

## Will You Come and Follow Me



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

\*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

\*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

\*The Offertory

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

(SBH) No. 27

\*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.**

Announcements

\*The Benediction (*sung response*)

**C: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

\*The Recessional Hymn

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

(ELW) No. 798

\*The Dismissal (*response*)

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Dennis Schmidt, Lutheran Lay Worship Leader

J. Judson Lacko, Lutheran Lay Worship Leader

Matthew Cimino, Organist

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**The Flowers on the Chancel** are given to the glory of God in remembrance of Edna Quinn, mother/mother-in-law of John and Joan Sakerka, and Bonnie and Bo Woods.

**The Lay Reader** is Ron McGoogan.

**Acolytes are** Collin Berry.

**Counters/Greeters** today are L. Sten and R. Williams.

**Welcome to our Visitors!** The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

**Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church?** Please contact Pastor Grewe.

## The Communion

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly

Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.

# Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak 676

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
 wan - d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y\_a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

**Nursery:** We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs of infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

**The Flower Chart for 2024** is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

**Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2024.** Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

**Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2024.** Please sign up.

**Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia. Please consider this as a call to help others in need.**

**Please pray for those in need of healing:**

Janet Burke, Shari Kienzle, Susan Westott, baby Isaac Christian, the Pollana family, Sylvia Sunstrum, Fritz Group, Eric Group, Danielle Sherman, Amy Verderber, Tillie and Larry, Lou Mayne, Judy, Debbie, Sayward, Jim H., Barbara Mounts, Chiquita Pearson, Tim and Sharon, Judy Coble, Gary Conti, Linnese, Karen and John, Neil Bassi, Phyllis Daniels, Simon Thorp, Josh, Anneliese Christian, Becky Wood, Apollos Yocca, Alex Houck, Bridgette, Rhonda Hendrickson, Ron Erdmann, Belinda, Wilda Durbin, Stacy Carroll, Emerson Dietrich, Leann Vitteck, Isabella & family, James, Billie Sue Serbak, Lori Mauer, Jennifer Brown, Mark Black, Emma Solich, Kenny & Josh Carl, Cindi and John Moore, Sean Shearer, Ed Dupas, Sandy Salerno, Gavazzi family, and Janelle Henderson.

## O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

WORD OF GOD

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Refrain  
 Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
 Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing.

ne - no la wo - ko - va, te - na je - ma. ma.  
 of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy, joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.  
 1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
 2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
 3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All Refrain

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu ta wo - ko - va.  
 that he came to save us and set us free.  
 In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
 walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.