



## **Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

January 17 & 18, 2021

# ETERNAL LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*a member congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)*

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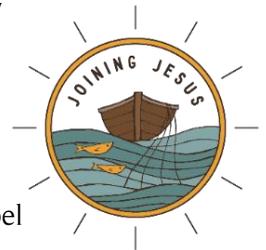
## FOR OUR GUESTS

Thank you for being here. During your visit today, you will see and hear what we're all about: God's love for us through his Son, Jesus Christ! Any directions for speaking or singing, standing or sitting will be indicated in this folder or projected on the wall in front of you.

- Restrooms are available just outside the chapel doors down the hallway to the left.
- If you have young children with you today, great! We encourage families to worship together. We do have a nursery area available just outside the chapel near the bathrooms, should you feel the need to step out of worship with your child for a moment. Activity sheets and bags for your child are available from the ushers as well.

## WORSHIP SERIES: JOINING JESUS

Would you like to get to know Jesus? During the season of Epiphany, we are going to join Jesus, following him through the Gospel of Mark. We'll see Jesus calling people like us to join him—ordinary people, working class individuals, even skeptics. Joining Jesus draws us into discipleship. Watch as Jesus reveals himself to be true God and true man as he unleashes his power to help the hurting, heal the sick, and destroy the devil. We pray that this Epiphany journey with Jesus in his glory will prepare you for joining him in the darkness of his suffering during Lent.



**TODAY'S FOCUS:** A skeptic can be one who has no interest in discovering the truth. But when a skeptic is someone sincerely seeking assurance—that is a noble thing. The Truth is found in Jesus. Today's gospel takes us to the early days of Jesus' ministry when he calls people to follow him in faith and ministry. We meet Nathanael whose sincere heart found the Truth in Jesus, the Son of God and King of Israel. Today's supporting lessons teach us to tune the ears of our heart to listen to the Lord's assuring word to us in the Bible.

## OUR HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE

Eternal Love Lutheran Church views the Lord's Supper as a powerful disbursement of Jesus' grace. We receive it with joy and treat it with respect. Communing together signifies a oneness in faith, life, and worship. So we ask you to judge us; discover what we believe and determine if you wish to be one with us. If you are interested in taking communion in the future and are not a member of Eternal Love or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, please speak to one of our pastors.

OPENING HYMN

Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening

*Christian Worship #283*



1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant  
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten  
 3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my  
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or  
 to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;  
 thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
 me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my  
 Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened  
 On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will  
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low  
 sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your  
 be my light Through death's cold and drear - y  
 sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems



you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure  
 Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den  
 night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing  
 raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en



And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.  
 You give peace and words of par - don.  
 And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.  
 In the end - less joy of heav - en.

*STAND*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Based on Psalm 9*

Minister: I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart. I will tell of your wonders.

**Congregation: I will be glad and sing praise to your name — the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

M: The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name will trust in you.

**C: For you have never forsaken those who seek you, O Lord.**

M: Sing praises to the Lord, enthroned in Zion.

**C: Proclaim among the nations what he has done.**

*BE SEATED*

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

*Based on Psalm 32*

M: In Psalm 32, David writes: “Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.” David learned the hard way that it does no good to deny our sins or try to conceal them. Living with guilt is unhealthy, as David put it: “When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.” So let us pray to the Lord and confess our sins to him so that we may be forgiven.

**C: O Lord, I acknowledge my sin to you – sin of thought, word, and deed. Through the great sacrifice of Jesus Christ, forgive the guilt of my sin. Lord, you are my hiding place. Surround me with your unfailing love.**

M: David writes: “Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him, and in whose spirit is no deceit.” Is this your honest confession – with no deceit in your spirit?

**C: Yes.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

M: Then rejoice in the Lord and be glad. Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in him. On the basis of Christ's death and resurrection by which all our sin was paid, and in accord with his command to forgive all those who repent, I forgive your sins and proclaim God's mercy to you. Now walk in the way of the Lord, and live for Jesus with all your might.

**C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ + be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: *Let us pray.*

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

## 1 Samuel 3:1-10

*The call of God to Samuel initially required no work on Samuel's part. But the work is not going to be easy. When called by the Lord, the boy Samuel responded: "Speak, for your servant is listening!"*

<sup>3</sup> The boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days. Prophetic vision was not common.

<sup>2</sup> Now it happened that Eli's eyes had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see. Once when Eli was lying down in his place <sup>3</sup> and God's lamp had not yet gone out, Samuel was lying down in the LORD's temple, where God's ark was. <sup>4</sup> The LORD called Samuel, and Samuel said, "I am here." <sup>5</sup> He ran to Eli and said, "I am here, since you called me."

Eli said, "I did not call. Lie down again." So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD called once more, "Samuel!"

So Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "I am here, since you called me."

He answered, "I did not call, my son. Lie down again."

<sup>7</sup> Now Samuel had not yet experienced the LORD's presence, that is, the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD called Samuel for the third time. So he got up and went to Eli and said, "I am here, since you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the young man. <sup>9</sup> So Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'"

So Samuel went and once again lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup> The LORD came and stood there and called as he had the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

## SECOND LESSON

## 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

*Paul invites us to recognize from scripture and through faith that we were chosen for salvation.*

<sup>13</sup>But we are always obligated to thank God for you, brothers, loved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning for salvation by the sanctifying work of the Spirit and faith in the truth. <sup>14</sup>For this reason he also called you through our gospel so that you would obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers, stand firm and hold on to the teachings that were passed along to you, either by word of mouth or by a letter from us. <sup>16</sup>May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and in his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, <sup>17</sup>encourage your hearts and establish you in every good work and word.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Pastor shares a message for the young children.*



1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult Of our  
 2 As the first dis - ci - ples heard it By the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; Day by day his voice in -  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, Turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, From each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and  
 help us hear your call; Give our hearts to your o -



vites us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"  
 kin - dred, Leav - ing all for his dear sake.  
 keep us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, Serve and love you best of all!

<sup>43</sup>The next day, Jesus wanted to leave for Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter.

<sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

<sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?”

“Come and see!” Philip told him.

<sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, “Truly, here is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

<sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, “How do you know me?”

Jesus answered, “Before Philip called you, while you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

<sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

<sup>50</sup>Jesus replied, “You believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that!” <sup>51</sup>Then he added, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

## OFFERING

*Those who wish to give an offering today may place it in the offering plates near the door when exiting the chapel after worship.*

*The members of Eternal Love congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our church's ministry. However, we do ask that everyone take part in completing the connection card. Whether you are worshiping in person or watching online, please fill it out now or later at [www.eternal-love.org/onlineworship](http://www.eternal-love.org/onlineworship) or scan the provided QR code to do so now.*



## OFFERING SONG

**There Is a Redeemer**  
by Selah

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For all Christians, called into the fellowship and priesthood of Jesus Christ, by whose incarnation and great work of salvation heaven is opened to sinners, that we may have boldness to cling to God's faithful call, speaking his deliverance freely in all the world, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the Church here and throughout the world, that God would send forth laborers into his harvest field and sustain those he has sent; for Mark Schroeder, our Synod president; for Joel Zank, our district president; and that God would make all Christians bold in confession and unwavering in prayer, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For courage and constancy to treasure God's gift of holy marriage, that those bought with a price and made temples of the Holy Spirit would be preserved in true chastity — the married in honorable faithfulness to one another, and the unmarried in honorable purity — glorifying God in their bodies, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For our nation with its leaders, that the almighty Lord, who does whatever seems good to him and from whom every lawful authority on earth comes, would uphold us in righteousness and health; for Joe Biden, our president-elect; Kamala Harris, our vice-president-elect; for Tony Evers, our governor; and all public servants, including our armed forces, police and first responders; and for peace in our time, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For all who stand in need of our prayers, that God would bring healing, comfort, strength, patience, and certainty to every need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For all who commune this day, that the gift of the Holy Spirit would be renewed in us, working true contrition to lament and abandon our sins, and so come in confident faith to eat Christ's body and drink his blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of him who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C: Amen.**

*STAND*

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE SACRAMENT**

*Eternal Love Lutheran Church practices close communion. We ask that only members partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member of Eternal Love or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and are interested in communing with us in the future, please speak to one of our pastors.*

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

Christian Worship #446



1 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus, Trust -  
2 I am trust - ing you for par - don; At  
3 I am trust - ing you for cleans - ing In  
4 I am trust - ing you to guide me; You  
5 I am trust - ing you for pow - er; You



ing on - ly you, Trust - ing you for  
your feet I bow, For your grace and  
the crim - son flood, Trust - ing you who  
a - lone shall lead, Ev - 'ry day and  
can nev - er fail. Words which you your -



full sal - va - tion, Free and true.  
ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.  
made me ho - ly By your blood.  
hour sup - ply - ing All my need.  
self shall give me Must pre - vail.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting you forever  
And for all.

*STAND*

## **THANKSGIVING**

M: Hear the prayer of Your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

**C: One God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

M: Brothers and sisters go in peace, live in harmony with one another, serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

*Nathanael answered him,  
"Rabbi, you are the*

*Son of God!*

*You are the*

*King of Israel!"*

*John 1:49*

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