

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**WORSHIP 9:30 a.m., January 17, 2021**  
*Tree of Life– Marty Haugen*

*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.*

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*Please join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning by having some bread and wine or grape juice available for the blessing on page 6*

*\*Stand if able, P– Pastor, AM- assisting minister, C-congregation,*

**CALL TO WORSHIP — WELCOME**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - please remain seated**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

***Silence for reflection and self-examination.***

P: Holy God, C: **You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**C: Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN ELW #660 “Lift High the Cross”**

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.**

1. *Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain.***
2. *All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died. **Refrain.***
3. *O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. **Refrain.***
4. *So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain.***

**\*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.**

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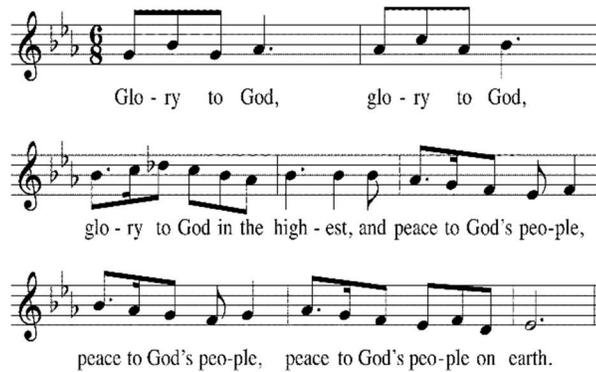
☒ In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

☑ Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. ☒ 1. For the reign of God, and for peace through - out the peo - ple here who have come to give you world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord: Lord: ☑ Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

☒ Help, save, and de - fend us, O God: ☑ A - men.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,  
glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple,  
peace to God's peo-ple, peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

AM: Let us pray. **ALL: 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.**

**FIRST READING 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

*After Reading:* L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

**\*GOSPEL  
ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For  
you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -  
ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL The Gospel according to St. John 1:43-51**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After Reading:* P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

**Vicar Paul Larson**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**    **ELW #798**    **“Will You Come And Follow Me”**

1. *“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”*
2. *“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray’r in you and you in me?”*
3. *“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris’ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”*
4. *“Will you love the you you hide if I but call you name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”*
5. *Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

**PRAYERS** *(please be seated)*

AM: ...let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

AM:... for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**Pastor Barb Martens**

**GREETING OF PEACE**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.** *(please share a sign of peace with one another)*

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

AM: Let us pray together. O God, **C: 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. Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

*The community takes the bread and wine/grape juice with the words: "The body of Christ broken in love for you." and "The blood of Christ shed for you"*

**ELW # 483 "Here Is Bread"**

1. *Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.*

***Refrain: In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever. In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.***

2. *Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us. Know his grace, know his peace, feast on Jesus here.*
3. *Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us. We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. Refrain.*

**BLESSING** *(please remain seated)*

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter keep you in peace. **C: Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

AM: Let us pray together. Christ Jesus, **C:at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve other in your name. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, +Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy \ Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **C: Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN ELW #723 “Canticle of the Turning”

1. *My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?*

***Refrain: my heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fire of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.***

2. *Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. **Refrain.***

3. *From the halls of pow’r to the fortress tow’r, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears ev’ry tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread, ev’ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. **Refrain.***

4. *Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast: God’s mercy must deliver us from the conqueror’s crushing grasp. This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. **Refrain.***

### \*CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

AM: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

Thank you to our Production Team—Mark Moyer, Joan LaRose, Tom LaRose, Scott Anhorn, Bruce Bradley, Kate Wyre, Karen Trinidad, Denny Thompson, and Vicar Paul Larson who come to the church building and work to bring you the Live services every Sunday! And a special thanks to Greg Komma for his musical talents.

*If you are interested in working on the production team or serving as a reader or usher for future worships, please contact us at [adventpastor7979@gmail.com](mailto:adventpastor7979@gmail.com).*

### PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Please take your Prayer List home with you and pray for your sisters and brothers in Christ.

#### COVID-19 PRAYER LIST

<p><b>Jan and Sandi Bordner</b>  <b>Cody Charlton</b> (<i>nephew of Denny Thompson</i>)  <b>Barb Christianson</b> (<i>friend of Elizabeth Meier</i>)  <b>Family of Kent Christianson</b> (<i>friends of Elizabeth Meier</i>)  <b>Ned Doty</b> (<i>friend of Theresa Barkley</i>)  <b>Don and Linda Duncan</b> (<i>friends of Mary Lamirato</i>)  <b>The Falconi family</b>  <b>Sara Gallegos</b></p>	<p><b>RoseMary Sanchez Guzman</b> (<i>pastor in the Rocky Mountain Synod</i>)  <b>Dan Hayes and his wife</b> (<i>RMS</i>)  <b>Nicole and Lisa</b> (<i>friends of Jennifer Ragan</i>)  <b>Charlie</b> (<i>friend of Vicar Paul</i>)  <b>*Harlen Redcay</b> (<i>brother-in-law of Jesse Hammer</i>)  <b>Melissa Shepard</b>  <b>Ken Thurow and his wife</b> (<i>RMS</i>)</p>
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#### SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

<p><b>*Special Prayers to the family of Joanne Franklin, <u>Harry Swinhart's</u> sister who died on December 31st.</b>  <b>*Special Prayers to the family of Johnny Conrad, <u>Deb Ezo's</u> brother.</b>  <b>*Special Prayers to Marge and the rest of the family of Darryl Dohm - Brother of <u>Donna Harris</u> who completed his Baptismal Journey on December 14.</b>  <b>*Special Prayers to the family of <u>Warren Blair</u> (especially Marlene), whose father Warren Sr. died on Saturday, December 12.</b>  <b>*Special Prayers to the family of Louise Hayes, <u>Ed Goode's</u> sister who died on December 13.</b>  <b>Special Prayers to the family of Wesley Dreher.</b>  <b>Special Prayers the family of Merle Conrad.</b>  <b>Special Prayers to the family of Chris Swinhart.</b>  <b>Special Prayers to the family of Fritz Kleinknecht, Mary Lamirato's brother who died in April, 2020.</b>  <b>Special prayers for Sky Lutheran Ranch, located near the Cameron Peak Fire.</b>  <b>Special Prayers for the teachers, students and parents who are headed back to school</b>  <b>Special Prayers for nurses and doctors who are risking their lives and Scientists (that they are able to treat and prevent the spread of the virus soon).</b>  <b>Special Prayers for the marginalized, people of color, and essential workers.</b>  <b>Special Prayers for all of our military: US Army, Wyatt Johnson; US Navy, Seth McComber; Sgt. Savannah Salazar; Michael Lobis, National Guard; Derek Iverson; Dan Scarbrough (<i>Ann Hibbs' nephew</i>), on active duty with the US Army at Fort Polk, Louisiana; Cody Van Zwol, Afghanistan vet, Capt. Collin Tuthill, McConnell AFB Wichita KS, pilot refueling planes in the air and all those in harm's way.</b>  <b>Special Prayers for all those out of work, homeless and hungry in the United States and around the world.</b>  <b>Special Prayers for refugee families seeking safety from violence and all those who feel threatened in a world of uncertainty.</b></p>
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## GENERAL PRAYER LIST

<p><b>Michael Adams</b> (<i>Lexi Larson's father</i>)  <b>Jeff Barbee</b> (<i>friend of Pastor Barb</i>)  <b>Gary Bishop/ Shirley Frey/ Lenny Gradert/ Teresa Pflueger/ Fran Nielsen/ Michelle Foster</b> (<i>family of Vonda Crow</i>)  <b>Megan Boyer</b> (<i>Mandy Cohara's twin sister</i>)  <b>Bruce Bradley</b>  <b>Mark Brown</b> (<i>Becky Munoz's nephew</i>)  <b>Wally Campbell</b> (<i>friend of Sandra Sphan</i>)  <b>Shawn Cantwell</b> (<i>nephew of Michelle Lamirato</i>)  <b>Shelley Carey, Kim Schreiner &amp; Sandra Schreiner</b> (<i>Cheryl Swinhart's cousins</i>)  <b>Amber Carolus &amp; family</b> (<i>friend of Chris Borquez</i>)  <b>Joann Conrad</b> (<i>Debbie Ezo's mother</i>)  <b>Gina Crane and son Blake Jackson</b> (<i>friends of Elizabeth Meier</i>)  <b>Louise &amp; Francis Czeponis &amp; fam.</b>  <b>Marge Dorsey</b>  <b>Martie Essebaggars</b>  <b>Esther Faires</b>  <b>Robert Lucas Feighner</b> (<i>Virginia Feighner's great nephew</i>)  <b>Kenny Felts</b> (<i>friend of Virginia Feighner</i>)  <b>Lori Conner</b> (<i>Swinhart's sister-in-law</i>)  <b>Doyle Fuhrman</b> (<i>Jacob Fuhrman's father</i>)</p>	<p><b>Tobias Funk</b> (<i>Jan Cole's nephew</i>)  <b>Denise G.</b> (<i>Ann Hibb's co-worker</i>)  <b>Maradith Goode</b>  <b>*Phebe Haas and family</b>  <b>Abbey Hammer</b> (<i>Pam and Jesse Hammer's niece</i>)  <b>*Alice Hanson</b>  <b>Andrea Hanson</b> (<i>Chris's sister-in-law</i>)  <b>Geraldine Harmon</b> (<i>Ernst Blyt's sister-in-law</i>)  <b>Geneva Holmes</b>  <b>Julie Hyman Johnson</b>  <b>Judy</b> (<i>Jill Hartmann's grandmother</i>)  <b>Susan &amp; Bob Keenan</b> (<i>friends of Karen Trinidad</i>)  <b>Erica Kennedy</b> (<i>Teresa Manshardt's niece</i>)  <b>Danielle Lamirato</b> (<i>Mary Lamirato's sister-in-law</i>)  <b>Mike Lara</b> (<i>Al Muniz's friend</i>)  <b>Janice LeBlanc</b> (<i>sister of Tom LaRose</i>)  <b>Amy Sargent Lundy</b> (<i>family friend of Cindy Lindholm</i>)  <b>Andrea</b> (<i>friend of Jeri Smith</i>)  <b>Families of Shawn &amp; Kennedy Marquez</b> (<i>friends of Rusty King</i>)  <b>Kathy Martin</b> (<i>friend of Pastor Barb</i>)  <b>Jane Mason</b> (<i>Martie Essebaggars' sister</i>)  <b>Faith McAnally</b> (<i>Denny Thompson's friend</i>)  <b>Chris Cupp Moore</b>  <b>Grace Morris-Percival</b> (<i>Hal Schweitzer's sister</i>)  <b>Cody and Mija Mortell</b> (<i>Pastor Barb's nephew</i>)</p>	<p><b>Sam Norton</b> (<i>Pastor Travis Norton's son</i>)  <b>Gail Pankow</b> (<i>Shirley Keith's sister</i>)  <b>Vivian Paddock &amp; family</b> (<i>Pastor Barb's niece</i>)  <b>Don &amp; Merideth Parker</b> (<i>Ann Hibbs' Mother &amp; Stepdad</i>)  <b>Agnieszka Piasecka &amp; Paolo Goce</b> (<i>friends of Zephyr Wilkins</i>)  <b>Pepper</b> (<i>Rebecca Markel's friend</i>)  <b>Susan Peterson</b>  <b>Margaret Pitton</b> (<i>Mary Lamirato's sister in law</i>)  <b>*Helen Ritterodt</b>  <b>Don Rundall</b> (<i>Maradith Goode's uncle</i>)  <b>Ray Saenz</b> (<i>Al Muniz's brother</i>)  <b>Sarah</b> (<i>Rebecca Markel's friend</i>)  <b>Russ Shannon</b>  <b>Charlie Shaw</b> (<i>friend of Lisa Cook</i>)  <b>Jean Shea</b> (<i>Helen Ritterodt's friend</i>)  <b>Don Shepard</b> (<i>LaRose's brother-in-law</i>)  <b>Troy Showalter</b> (<i>nephew of Joe Munoz</i>)  <b>Jim and Jill Smith</b> (<i>friends of Rev. Penelope Walsh</i>)  <b>Family of Jim Tobias</b> (<i>Gunnie Tobias' son who died on October 17, 2020</i>)  <b>Dr. Tori in Michigan</b>  <b>Frank Van Pelt</b>  <b>Fred Vargas &amp; Family</b> (<i>Diane Fuhrman's brother and family</i>)  <b>Bob Waln</b>  <b>Bonnie Waln</b></p>
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