



*All the baptized have a calling in God's world. 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.*

## **WELCOME MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS.**

- PLEASE PARK FACING THE CHURCH, and dress warmly so that our cars are not idling throughout the service. Of course, a hot beverage, a lap robe or a lap animal may also help. The service will be brief in cold weather, and become longer and include more music and Holy Communion as the mornings get warmer.
- TUNE your radio to **90.1 FM** (the signal is probably too weak to use your radio's Scan command, because it may skip right over it. The broadcast can be heard for about 100 yards)
- SING AS LOUD AS YOU WANT IN YOUR CAR – pretend that you are doing Carpool Karaoke with James Corden on late night television.
- OFFERINGS will be collected as you enter the parking lot by the ushers in bright green vests.
- TO TALK TO EACH OTHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE SERVICE roll down your windows and wear a mask. Due to traffic *please don't get out of your car to mill around* (in addition to members parking their cars, remember that the south side of the parking lot has a public road cutting through it!).
- BATHROOMS are available through the front and back doors of the building.

## **WORSHIP SERVICE**

Second Sunday after Epiphany – January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDES

*Here I Am Lord*

Arr. Robert Farlee

*The bell rings calling us to worship.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

### GREETING

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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

### HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

### WORD

#### GOSPEL

**John 1:43-51**

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

<sup>45</sup>Philip 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." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"

<sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied,

“Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” <sup>51</sup>And 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.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**ANTHEM**

*He Comes to Us as One Unknown*  
**Nancy Richards, Philip, & Beverly Kriner, trio**

**Arr. John Ferguson**

*A prerecorded anthem is available to view in Sunday’s recorded service on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube Channel.*

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**Tanya Cartwright**

*A prerecorded children’s sermon is available to view in Sunday’s recorded service on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube Channel.*

**SERMON**

**Pastor David Rowe**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Listen, God Is Calling*

**# 513**

*The assembly proclaims the word of God in song.*

**Refrain**

Listen,  
listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.  
Listen,  
listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

- 1 Jesus gave his mandate:  
share the good news  
that he came to save us  
and set us free. *Refrain*
- 2 Let none be forgotten  
throughout the world.  
In the triune name of God  
go and baptize. *Refrain*
- 3 Help us to be faithful,  
standing steadfast,  
walking in your precepts,  
led by your Word. *Refrain*

*Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922. Text © 1968 Lutheran Theological College, Makumira, Tanzania, admin. Augsburg Fortress.*

## **INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED OR RE-ELECTED CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Ellayna Boyer, Frank Mahoney, Faith Batz, and Jim Zeigelbein

### **APOSTLES CREED**

*We confess our faith with the whole church using the ancient baptismal creed that summarizes the teaching of the scripture and the apostles.*

**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 Pilate,  
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 INTERCESSION**

*As a local assembly of believers, we pray for the whole world and church, as well as our local congregation and neighborhood.*

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *A brief silence.*

For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, we as part of the church may live out our calling every day, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For all countries, but especially the United States, that violence and threats may pass, polarization may lessen, rhetoric may become more civil, and that a peaceful transfer of presidential authority may take place this week, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, for the leaders of governments, and especially for medical workers that they may provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, for those who are imprisoned or homebound, and especially for those who are infected

with the coronavirus, that God may give comfort and strength to all who suffer, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For our neighborhood, for siblings in Christ who are gathered here for worship, and for those not able to gather with our assembly, that all who seek to know God may be nourished by word and sacrament, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, that their lives may give us a vision of the gospel in action, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

**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. Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

*We greet each other with a nod or gesture of Christian fellowship from a distance, and we also invite you to text or email a word of peace to someone who cannot be here!*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

God the creator strengthen you;

Jesus the beloved fill you;

and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace. **Amen.**

#### **DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

## *Fanfare from Handel's "Water Music Suite"*

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## MINISTRY NEWS

### PRAYER LIST

Joyce Freed, Shirley Foose, Lee Miller, Joanna Sirianni Edwards, Ed Freed, Pauline Crawshaw, Karen Tropp, Diane Buffington, Jack Harnock, Marie Harnock, Keith Shoener, Tom Gerber, Kelly Carl, Cheryl Feeser, Leslie R., Mary Beth (Krater) Dinneen, Sam Huff, Stewart Haver, Sue Sigler, Donna Evans, Joan Heckrote, Robert Schwartz, Craig Bracken, Kenny Noecker, Nancy Reese, David Huff, Paul Calderone, Nicholas LaScala, Gail Kunkel, Lee Llewellyn, Dennis Heydt, Caroline Eister, Jeanette Stine, Christopher Payonk, Seth Ney, Renee Shade, Cathy Hale, Ben Moyer, Gaylene Ebling, Wally Foose, Craig Heffner, Jane Deibert, Judy Reihman, Tom Cook, Sylvia Edling, Joe Dewald, Ronald Bromwell, Carla Zelinsky, Lisa Weiser, Janest Yost, Anna Mae Berger, Madge Miller, Kathleen Kelleher, Melissa Focht, Jason Brown, Teagan Brown, Brenda Phillips, Family of Keith Ramsey, Cecelia Kacmar, Lois Pavelko, Edith Kriner, Melanie Hart, Janice Moore, Christie O'Dell, John Cooper, Florence Shay, Clarence Zweizig, Jayden Leiby, Melvin Rodriguez & family, Dorothy Moyer, Bruce Stees, JoAnn Baker Copley, Deanna Carl, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Carlene Wenner, Christy Deaton Stocks, Maria Motto, Katharine Macnutt, Peter Spontak, Faye Sausser, Kim O'Donnell, Leslie Wagner, Mateo Thomas, Barry Heffner, Charlotte Moyer, Phyllis Trinca Czech, Ed Sirianni, Stephen Edwards, Lester Aungst III, Christa Miller, Jerry Stoutland, David Griffiths, Joanne Huebsch

### **Those with Long-term health issues:**

Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Elizabeth Taylor, Carol Landes, Maureen Moyer, Janice Barr, Donna Dizenzo, Jim Musico, John Krater, Fawn Goodman, Bob Yanek, Rebecca Marshall, Sapphire Schaeffer, Mark Wyllie, Krysta Kolbe, Shirley Emrich, Mark Noecker, Anna Heffner, David Wise, Joan Stefichack, Bill Everly, Donna Leashefski, Florence Clemens, Sara Berger, Chuck Copley, Jeff Kamar, Mary Sewalt, Pat Thomas, Nathan Resch, Casey Watson, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Gemma Geary

### **Those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Major Michael Shay, Staff Sgt. Joseph Moyer, Senior Airman Matthew Nettles, Airman Jackie Nettles, 2nd LT Heather Strouse, Sgt. Travis D. Miller, Sgt. Anthony Cooper, Private 3rd Class Caleb Levan

## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY

	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Cantor(s)</b>	<b>Mary Rowe</b>	<b>Brenda Searle</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Joy Heffner</b>	<b>Donald Boyer</b>
	<b>Deborah Reed</b>	<b>Jim Ziegelbein</b>
	<b>Hunter Reed</b>	<b>Lloyd Wertz</b>



	<b>Bill Shay</b>	
<b>Sound Board</b>	<b>Melissa Boyer</b>	<b>Gary Reager</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Linda Collins, Deb Reed, &amp; Marie Shay</b>	

### WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Cantor(s)</b>	<b>Jonathan Valori &amp; Bill Timm</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Linda Covert</b>
<b>Sound Board</b>	<b>Paul Boyer</b>	<b>Melissa Boyer</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Lou Messina, Rob Baessler, &amp; Janet Sattizahn</b>	

### WEEKLY NEWS

**THANK YOU TO TODAY'S CANTORS**, Mary Rowe and Brenda Searle. We also welcome our guest singer, Nancy Richards. Nancy's voice joins our own Philip and Beverly Kriner's voices in today's anthem. Nancy is Beverly's longtime friend and college roommate. Thanks to technology, we can enjoy their singing even while they are in Florida.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** will be held in the regular classroom. SUNDAY SCHOOL for preschool through fifth grade will resume at a later time.

**BISHOP CHRISTOPHER DEFOREST** has begun leading our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. After serving congregations in New Mahoning and Kutztown, as well as prior business experience in convention planning and technology, he has begun his ministry with us. There have been some synod staff changes (which is normal, and some are due to retirements), but Pastor Kathleen Ash-Flashner is continuing as the Associate to the Bishop for our Schuylkill Mission District.

**DIAPERS, SANITARY NAPKINS, AND INCONTINENCE BED PADS** will be collected from now through January 31 for our Council of Churches' Food Pantry. Serving over 200 households each month with supplemental food, our volunteers at Jerusalem have also been making free diapers and personal care products available for distribution by driving down and hauling them back from the Lehigh Valley. The Philadelphia Diaper Bank which has supplied these items had used volunteers to drive them from Philly up to the Lehigh Valley. However with the pandemic, they are having more difficulty getting corporate donations, as well as volunteers to drive them to the Lehigh Valley. Since diapers and other care products are expensive, and cannot be purchased with Pennsylvania SNAP (formerly the food stamp program), this diaper drive is a great way to support our struggling neighbors. After worship, you will be able to drop your donations in the big red shopping cart – either by dropping out your car window or *carefully getting out of your car while cars are leaving worship.*

**TANYA CARTWRIGHT, OUR DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND FAMILY MINISTRY** has a new, full-time job. However, both she and the church value her work with children, youth, and adults (made much more difficult during the pandemic), so we are pleased that she will be able to continue but at an average

of 10 hours a week, rather than 20. Coming up soon – Bear Creek Camp, and information about registering for the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2022.

***AFTER THE STORMING OF OUR CAPITAL BUILDING LAST WEEK,*** Presiding Bishop Eaton, together with leaders of the National Council of Churches (a council of major denominations ranging from some Baptists to Roman Catholic observers, but with few modern Evangelicals) strongly spoke against the violence, polarization, and presidential rhetoric – not as a matter of party, but as a matter for Christians who follow the way of Jesus to seek justice and peace. For more information from our ELCA, see <https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/8086>.

***GOD'S BARNYARD.*** On December 21, 2020, we received an email from the ELCA Good Gifts Program that all donations submitted on that day for God's Barnyard would be doubled. So, we gathered all of the donations we had received to date and submitted them to be matched. With both mail in donations and online donations ---when doubled--we made a total impact of \$8,160. We received an additional \$145.00 after Dec. 21. Therefore, with all donations and matching funds, our grand total for our 2020 God's Barnyard was \$8,305.00! Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness. Together, we are making this world a better place!

***JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> WAS THE BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.*** Martin Luther King Jr. was an American Baptist minister and activist who was a leader in the Civil Rights Movement. He was born January 15, 1929, and is best known for his role in the advancement of civil rights using nonviolent civil disobedience based on his Christian beliefs. The church commemorates him as a renewer of society and martyr. One of his famous quotes is: *“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”*

***CANCELLATION OF SERVICES DUE TO THE PANDEMIC OR WEATHER.*** If circumstances arise that worship and Sunday school need to be cancelled, the news will be announced on Facebook, the church website ([www.jerusalem.lutheran.com](http://www.jerusalem.lutheran.com)), and on the office answering machine (570-385-2657). Because we have a covered walkway or the service can be led entirely from inside, there will be no need to cancel for ordinary bad weather. Worship will be cancelled only when the weather is too bad to travel.

***DURING THIS TIME WHEN THE PANDEMIC AND LESS SOCIAL CONTACT MAY WEIGH HEAVILY, HERE ARE IMPORTANT RESOURCES FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILY, OR YOUR NEIGHBORS:***

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- The Crisis Text Line: text “PA” to 741-741
- Veteran Crisis Line: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990

- Get Help Now for substance use disorder and alcohol treatment: 1-800-662-HELP (4357)
- PA Link for help accessing programs geared towards senior citizens: 1-800-753-8827

Senior citizens can also reach out to their local Area Agency on Aging to help on accessing resources for mental health and for assistance getting online. You can find your local Area Agency on Aging at [aging.pa.gov](http://aging.pa.gov).

### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>TODAY</b>	8:30am Worship 9:30am Confirmation Class 10:30am Worship
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b><i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Church Office is Open</i></b> <b><i>*Counters report in on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup></i></b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:00pm Child Care Committee Meeting Via Zoom
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8:00am NEPA Synod Learning Ministries Day – “Rapture Exposed”

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