

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17, 2021

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession & Absolution

P Let us confess our sin to God:

You are the Lord and you alone! You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them, and you preserve them all.

C You have called us to yourself and given us a covenant. You have become our God and made us your people, and yet we have turned away from you. We have rebelled against you. You have delivered us many times according to your covenant mercies. You have warned us, and yet we have acted presumptuously. You have sent us prophets, and we have turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened our necks and would not obey your law.

P You are the Lord and you alone! You are our God, great and mighty. You keep covenant and steadfast love.

C We deplore our sins before you, and before each other. They have only gotten us into trouble. They have only enslaved us. They have not given us the happiness they promised. Deliver us from our sin and the power and attraction of sin through the faithful suffering and death of our Savior Jesus Christ, whose intercession we plead, and in whose name we pray. Amen.

P Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from John 3:
"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have

eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

C Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 40:1–5, 10

P I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

**C I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

P He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

C He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

P Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust,
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

C You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!

I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3:1–20

¹The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. 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, 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.

⁶And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose 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.

⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man.

⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." ¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end.

¹³And I declare to 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 atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever.

¹⁵Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." ¹⁷And Eli 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. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved 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 not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn

In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less babe!
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the world by dark - ness slain.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death this is the pow'r of Christ in me.



This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave He rose a - gain!
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
 Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sa - tis - fied;
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand;



My com - for - ter, my all in all here in the love of Christ I stand.
 for ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.
 for I am His and He is mine bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 Till He re - turns or calls me home here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Holy Gospel

John 1:43–51

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter one.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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 of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is

no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayer

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.



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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

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.

Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn #528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter that charms our fears, As -
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He
great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

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Distribution Hymn #430

My Song Is Love Unknown

1 My song is love un-known, My Sav-ior's love to
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal-va-tion to be-
 3 Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais-es
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and

me, Love to the love-less shown That they might love-ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would
 sing; Re-sound-ing all the day Ho-san-nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their

be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in-deed,
 King. Then "Cru-ci-fy!" Is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in-jur-ies! Yet they at these

My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for His death They thirst and cry.
 Them-selves dis-please And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have
 My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save,
 The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He
 To suff'ring goes
 That He His foes
 From thence might free.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend

6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might
 have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein He lay.

Announcements

Bible Study *

Sunday @ 12:30 PM (Zoom)

* Please text Pastor Mueller if you have not yet attended and would like a Zoom invitation link sent to your email.

Sunday School

Students in preschool through 8th grade are invited downstairs immediately after Communion for a brief (5-10 minute) period where they can grab a pre-packaged snack, hear a short message and take home materials to work on at home.

Youth Confirmation –Today 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

New Member Class - Tonight 6:00pm - 7:30pm.

Men's Bible Study – Tuesday at 6:30 AM, Aaron is leading a men's Bible study through the book *Every Man's Battle: Winning the War on Sexual Temptation One Victory at a Time*. Please contact Aaron if you are interested in attending.

Wednesday Evening Group Study - Join us Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM for a group study led by Aaron via Zoom. We are discussing C. S. Lewis' book, *The Screwtape Letters*. Please contact the church office 618-288-6120 for a zoom meeting invitation.

Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)

Join us Tuesday night at church for Bible study, fellowship and fun from 6:30-8:00 PM. We are reading through the book of Ephesians and preparing our hearts to serve the Lord in our community. Upcoming serve opportunities: Homeless Outreach in Granite City February 13th 12:30-3:00 PM

Metro-East Lutheran High School will host an open house on Sunday, Jan. 31, from 1 PM to 3 PM. All are invited to visit our dynamic school, get a tour of our campus, meet our faculty and get answers to your questions about everything from academics and extracurriculars to tuition and financial aid. For more information, call the school office at 618-656-0043 or email admissions@melhs.org.

Titus 2: Women of Faith Bible Study

This brand new, women's Bible study is offered to all women ages 19 and up. The focus of this study is to live out our calling of biblically mentoring one another in the church as Paul describes in Titus 2. We will meet in person here at St. James each Saturday from 9:00 - 10:30 AM. Our first session begins February 6th and goes thru March 20th. Sign up in the church narthex or contact the church office for more information.

Mercy Ministries

Mosaic Baby Bottle Campaign –The Mosaic Baby Bottle Campaign is here! January 17 – February 14 we are collecting change and donations for Mosaic Pregnancy & Health Center. Just pick up a baby bottle in the narthex, fill it with change or your donation and bring it back by 2/14. Mosaic transforms lives by providing free, life-affirming pregnancy & sexual health services, education & Christ-centered support. You can also find out more about Mosaic and donate online at <https://www.supportmosaic.org/donate/>. Mosaic has many volunteer opportunities such as throwing baby showers, stuffing packets or being a prayer warrior. Go to <https://www.supportmosaic.org/volunteer/> or contact Pam Meister 618-799-9348.



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