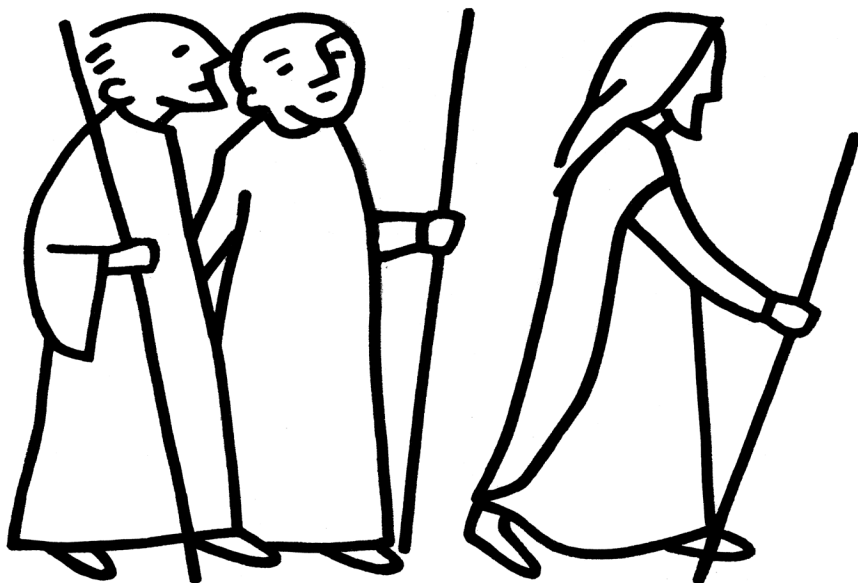


**SUNDAY- JANUARY 14, 2024 -9:00 AM**  
**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB**



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with all people.*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 14, 2024 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany | 9:00 AM  
(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C** = Congregation)

**PRELUDE** Diane Dangerfield

**WELCOMING WORD** *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.*

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:**

**# 800 - Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (vs. 1,3,4)**

**GREETING**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

**C: And also, with you.**

L: In the beginning was the Word,

**C: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

L: In the Word was life,

**C: and the life was the light of all people.**

L: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth. (John 1)**



Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.



Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O God of the u - ni - verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na - tions.



Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and sing the glo - ry of your name?



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.

☐ For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One. All

na-tions will draw near and wor-ship be-fore you,

for your just and ho-ly works have been re-vealed.

☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,

**C: 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.**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONGS:** *The River is Here*  
*Change My Heart, O God*

## FIRST READING - 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the 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. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and 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. <sup>6</sup>The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up 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." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So, Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for

your servant is listening.” [11Then the Lord said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. 12On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. 13For I have told 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 expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.” 15Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. 16But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” 17Eli 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. Then he said, “It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.” 19As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. 20And all Israel from Dan to Beer-Sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.]

### **Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 (read responsively)**

1Lord, you have searched me out; O Lord, you have known me.

2You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

3You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

4Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

5You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

6Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

13For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

14I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

15My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

16Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.

17How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

18If I was to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

<sup>12</sup>"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body.



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip - tures.



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (WOV p. 48)

L: The Gospel according to John, Chapter 1,

C: Glory to you, O Lord

## GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

<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."

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

**+C: Praise to you, O Christ**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: "O God, Who Reigns in Heav'n Above"**

**MESSAGE** Intern Zach Smirris

**HYMN # 522 - As We Gather at Your Table**

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION (WOV p. 49)**

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

*(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

**We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.** *(Ephesians 1:13-14)*

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. \* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**pray in the Holy Spirit.** *(Jude 20)*

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** *(Jude 21)*

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things done and left undone.  
Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness  
of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our  
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen**

## **BENEVOLENCE**

### **OFFERING**

**MUSIC BY PRAISE TEAM:** *The Family Prayer Song*

### **OFFERTORY**

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

Let us pray. Merciful God,  
**in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with  
your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness, we ask that these  
gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to  
share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **THE PRAYERS**

(As the pastor concludes each petition with the words:  
“Lord in your mercy...” The people respond: **Hear our prayer.**”)

**+THE LORD’S PRAYER** (pg. 145) (right hand column)

### **SENDING**

### **COMMUNITY WORD**

#### **+BLESSING**

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ  
our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter,  
surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

**C: Amen.**

**+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN # 793 - Be Thou My Vision**

#### **+DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!**

*Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ's love, we welcome you.*

## **DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2024**

**SHARE:** What are your highs/lows for today?

**READ:** Read the daily readings to deepen your understanding:

**Monday,** Psalm 86, Supplication for Help against Enemies

**Tuesday,** Acts 5:1-11, Annanias and Sapphira

**Wednesday,** Luke 18:15-17, Jesus Blesses Little Children

**Thursday,** Matthew 16:13-19, Peter's Confession

**Friday,** 2 Peter 3:1-7, The Promise of the Lord's Coming

**Saturday,** Luke 10:13-16, Woes to Unrepentant Cities

**TALK:** Consider some of these ideas:

**"Philip said to him, "Come and see."  
– John 1:46b**

*n John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

- God's call can sometimes be missed. When have you heard a call to act against injustice? (1 Sam 1-20)
- Psalm 139 is a favorite of many. How is it a comfort to know God has "searched and known" you? (Ps 139:1)
- Who told you, "Come and see" regarding your faith life? And who needs to hear those words from you? (John 1:46)

**PRAY:** 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.

**BLESS:** God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, bless you and remain with you always. Amen.