



## **The Second After Epiphany**

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### **AS WE GATHER**

Since the beginning of creation, God has spoken. He spoke into being our universe and our very selves as the crown of His creation; He spoke when seeking out Adam and Eve in a fallen world; He spoke many times and many ways through the prophets; and He spoke by the very words that came from the mouth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. From Him came words of instructing, healing, forgiving, and of invitation to follow Him as we hear today with Philip and Nathanael. The Lord still speaks to us today in His Word, as His Spirit spoke instruction and encouragement of the use of bodies through Paul in his letter to the church of Corinth. Through all He speaks, we are called to listen to that Word to guide and direct, and to hear His continued words of forgiveness, peace, hope, and joy as "in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son" (Hebrews 1:2).

### **WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **OPENING SONGS**

♪ 10,000 Reasons ♪

♪ Behold Our God ♪

♪ Immanuel ♪

#### **INVOCATION**

*Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People:** Amen.

#### **OPENING SENTENCES**

*Pastor:* O LORD, You have searched me and known me!

**People:** You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.

*Pastor:* You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

**People:** Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

*Pastor:* You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.

**People:** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

*Pastor:* Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!

**People:** If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.

*Pastor:* Speak, LORD,

**People:** for Your servant hears.

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Psalm 145:18; 50:15; Isaiah 55:6; 1 Samuel 3:9*

*Pastor:* As the psalmist declares, the Lord searches us, knows us, is ever-present with us, and leads us. He listens to us as we speak to Him. We come before Him in confession.

*Pastor:* "The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth."

**People:** We confess, heavenly Father, that we often choose not to call on You in times of need, nor in times of thanksgiving. We fail to be near You in our opportunities to pray, praise, and give thanks. Forgive us.

*Pastor:* "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

**People:** We confess, heavenly Father, that in our days of trouble we rely on ourselves and not You. We seek deliverance through our own devices and peace through the temporary offerings of this world. Forgive us.

*Pastor:* "Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near."

**People:** We confess, heavenly Father, we are the ones who are lost even though You are near and present in Your Word and means of grace. Our sins of thought, word, and deed separate us from You. Forgive us.

*Pastor:* Speak, LORD,

**People:** for Your servant hears.

*Pastor:* As we speak and call out to the Lord in prayer and confession, He calls to us, His people, through His Word of truth, mercy, and grace; for He has "saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began." As a called and ordained servant of the Word and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

*Pastor:* But now thus says the LORD, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine. Speak, LORD,

**People:** for Your servant hears. Amen.

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

#### **FIRST READING**

**1 Samuel 3:1–10**

<sup>1</sup>The 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.

<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 own place. <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, 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>And 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." <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>And 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. <sup>9</sup>Therefore 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.

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

### **1 Corinthians 6:12–20**

<sup>12</sup>"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. <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 not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do 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! <sup>16</sup>Or 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." <sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>Or 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, <sup>20</sup>for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

### **John 1:43–51**

*P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.*

**C 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 of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael 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." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And 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."

**Leader:** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**People:** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## THE 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  $\frac{\text{||}}{\text{||}}$  everlasting. Amen.**

## SERMON HYMN

### ♪Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens ♪

LSB No. 589



1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to  
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten  
3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing  
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in



me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,  
to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,  
spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me



Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward  
Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,  
On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my  
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your



strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with  
Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who  
light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my  
praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est



love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!  
feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.  
sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!  
praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

## SERMON

## “ Listen ”

## 1 Samuel 3:1-10

### POST SERMON SONG

### ♪ Here I Am Lord ♪

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright,  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Chorus:*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Chorus*

Songwriters: Dan Schutte

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Pastor: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,*

**People: but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.**

*Pastor: As God has spoken to us in His Word through His Son, let us speak to Him in prayer.  
We pray for the Church of God and all people according to their needs. We praise You,  
heavenly Father, for calling us to faith through Your Spirit. As Your Body of believers,  
called to follow You, enable us to proclaim Your Word of salvation in all truth and purity.  
Softens the hearts and open the minds of all people, that they may know You have  
called them as Your own in grace. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Pastor: As Samuel heard Your call to faithful service, let us also heed Your call to serve You  
and serve others in joy. For those whom You have called to serve as church workers,  
bless their ministry, protect their health and well-being both mentally and physically, and  
grant Your continued presence and blessings upon their work. For those You have  
called in other vocations with various jobs and employments, let all work be done as  
work done for You and the benefit of others. For the unemployed and underemployed,  
continue to give patience and an awareness of the gifts and abilities that come from  
Your hand, all the while serving You. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Pastor: As Paul calls believers to flee from immorality, give to Your people steadfast faith and  
the ability to resist temptation. As You in Your Law have given a clear standard for the  
right use of our bodies, which were bought at a price through the blood of our Savior,  
cause us to glorify You in our bodies and in our very selves. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Pastor: As Jesus called His disciples to follow Him, so also help us heed His call and follow in  
faith. Even amid troubles and trials faced in body and soul, keep faith steadfast and firm  
with trust in Your presence, Your promises, and Your peace. Be especially with those*

*who have requested our prayers, [including . . .]. As they call out to You, speak to them  
Your comfort, compassion, and care. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

## **SPECIAL PETITIONS**

*Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through  
Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**People:** **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Leader: For all the things we don't know how to pray for, for those things that burden us, stress us  
out, and keep us awake all night; for the prayers where we don't even have the words to say, hear  
those prayers as we pray as the Lord 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.**

## **BLESSING**

*Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.*

**People:** **Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG**

♪ The Blessing ♪

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **We Are...**

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<u>P</u> ark	<u>P</u> eople
<u>L</u> utheran	<u>L</u> oving
<u>C</u> hurch	<u>C</u> hrist!

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Pastor Tim

