

St Stephen

Lutheran Church, ELCA



Encouraging and strengthening faith in Jesus, and sharing the joy of God's love.

January 14, 2018

FOLLOW HIM SUNDAY 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

10:15am

Rev. Dr. Sidney Nelson, Interim Pastor

—WE GATHER—

INTRODUCTION

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just the clergy 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 the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

CHOIR PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR BLESSING OF WORSHIP FURNISHINGS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all. **Amen.**

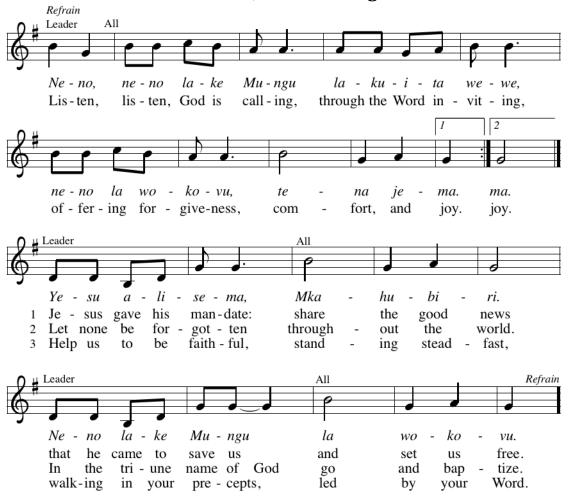
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Loving God,

C: we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways.

Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.
God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children.
Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven,
for the sake of + Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**



Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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THE 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.

KYRIE (Sung)



let us

pray to the Lord.

pray to the Lord,

let us

HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the feast"



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

C: 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.

Children's Message

—WE HEAR GOD'S WORD—

FIRST READING:

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 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! 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. ⁶The 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." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The 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. ⁹Therefore 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.

¹⁰Now 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.]

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18

 $^{1}\text{LORD}$, 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.

 4 Indeed, 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 were 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: Matthew 4:18-22

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. **Amen.**

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Rise)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia"



P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

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 about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree?

You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

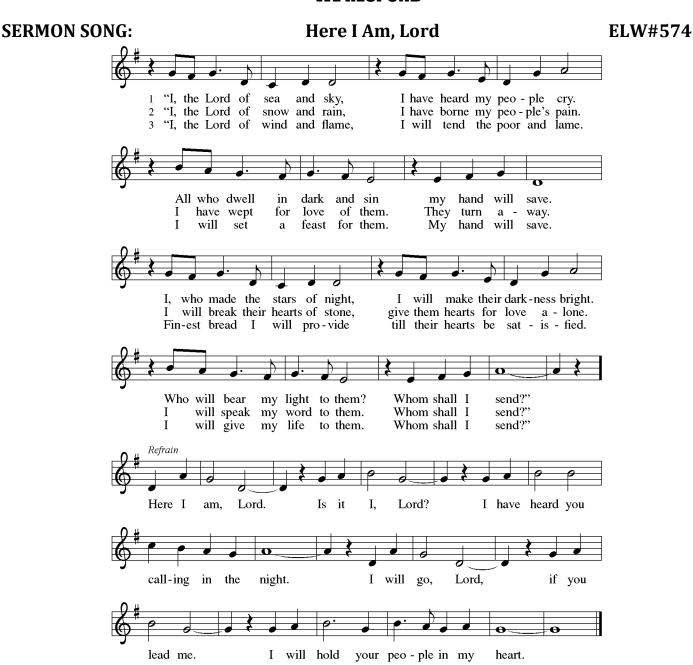
C: Praise to you, O Christ!

P: You may be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Sidney Nelson

— WE RESPOND —



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APOSTLES' CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A/P: Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share with one another the peace of the Lord.

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE -

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING:

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW #583

(Verses 1 and 2 only)



- de lo santo puedan ir, y que a ti, Señor, mi voz, se complazca en bendecir. Estribillo
- hablen sólo de tu_amor; que mis bienes dedicar yo los quiera a ti, Señor. Estribillo

4 Que mi tiempo todo_esté consagrado_a tu loor; que mi mente y su poder sean usados en tu honor. Estribillo

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OFFERING PRAYER

A: Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

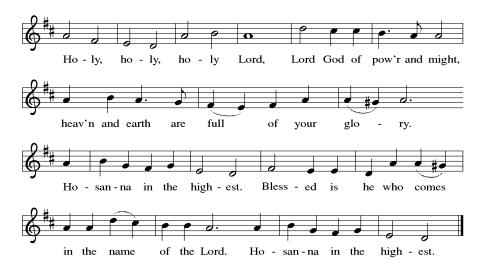
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen... 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.

Invitation of Communion

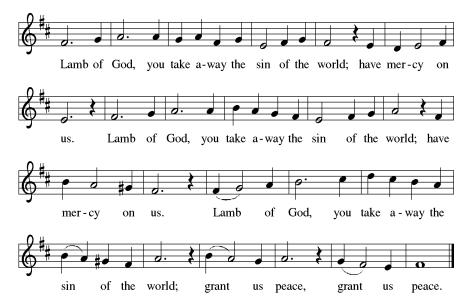
P: Welcome to the Lord's table.

Reception of Communion

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

Communion distribution is continuous. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the bread in your hands as you hear the words "The body of Christ, given for you" to which you may respond, "Amen." You may then dip the bread into the cup as you hear the words "The blood of Christ, shed for you," to which you may respond, "Amen." Please note that the communion wine is alcohol-free. Please indicate if you need gluten-free elements.

"LAMB OF GOD"





Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

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Instrumental Music Cesar Vidaud

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

A: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.

You are our dearest treasure.

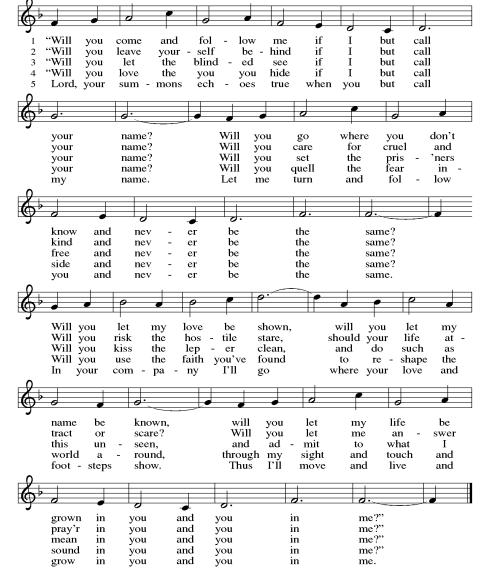
Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. **Amen.**

-WE ARE SENT FORTH-

Benediction

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**





Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the joy of God's love.

C: Thanks be to God.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Rudy Koch, Laurel Blake, Jim Loggins, Barb Taylor, Diane Adler, Katie, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Lisa Allen, Bob & Jane Reinhold, Trudy DiCarlo and Marie Koach.

Prayers for Friends of the Church: Dee Daigle, Joe Palmero, Cindy Hackler, Barbara Gummo, Marjorie, Jerry, Cheryl, Robert, Craig, Henry Q., Damien S., Monique Rogers and her mom Betty, Myrka Alverist's family, Maggie Alverist, Ann Farrell, Normagene Richardson, Aiden Chase, Rita Stevenson, Mike, Barbara Greco, Dr. Willis Allen, Eleanor Knauf. Alessandra, Cheryl, Nick Caldwell Sr., Lucille Capece, Lexie Sachlis, George F., David Spall, Joan Coletti, Adam Rubino, Berna, Braemen Weiner, Chandler Weiner, Debbie Seckel, Elizabeth Kraus, Kenneth Smith, Mary Taylor, Cynthia, Richard H., Laurie Engelhardt, Gina Tamargo, Orestes Amador, Betty Frye, Aunt Joanne, Ed, Kristin Rubino's family and Barbara O'Brien's family at the death of Barbara.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION CLASSES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGIN, Today, January 14 at 9:00am our confirmation classes begin. Parents are asked to attend this first session. Our classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall and our teachers will be Pastor Nelson and Sera Butz. Also Sunday school for Elementary children will start on January 14 at 9:00am. We are thankful for our families and children at St. Stephen Lutheran church.

BREAKFAST BUNCH, On February 10 at 9 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Come for a great breakfast, like always, and have fun! Everyone is welcome!

COMMITMENT CARDS for our Estimate of Giving can be placed in our offering plate (use envelope for confidentiality); bring to office; by mail; or by email sslcpompano@gmail.com

OFFERING ENVELOPES, 2018 offering envelopes are available for pick up on the back table. If any other friends of the church who would like offering envelopes, please see Larry Jones or Carol Jacobson.

ATTENDANCE CARDS, are in our bulletin today for members and visitors. Please place in offering plate. Thank You.

BUS TRIP JAN 20, on Saturday, Jan 20, we will travel in a 30 passenger bus to Tampa. There are still a few seats left. The Florida Bahamas Synod is paying for 30 seats. We need every seat filled. We will depart the church promptly at 6:30am and we return approximately at 7:00/7:30pm. Bishop Pedro's installation is at 12:00pm followed by a reception. If you want to join us, please call Rev. Bill Knott (954-253-8057). Pastor Knott is The Broward Conference Dean. He is taking names for the remaining seats.

DONATION, we thank John and Sheri Graver who have donated a new candle lighter "To The Glory of God and in honor of Bishop Suarez"

Service Assistants for January

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10:15 AM	January 14	January 21	January 28
ASSISTING MINISTER	Carol Jacobson	Natalie Prego	Sera Butz
ACOLYTE	Katie Paff	Aiyana cartwright	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Pat Belanger	Erika Flanigan	Carol Jacobson
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve Head Usher	Jeanne Pettit Linda Hanzlik (w) Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Rosie Fennelli	Lisa Castaneda (w) Scott Kelley Linda Hanzlik Floyd MacDonald Rosie Fennelli	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Catherine Zippay Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones	Carol Jacobson Pat Belanger	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
SOUND	Dennis Magarrell	Katie Paff	Dennis Magarrell
PROJECTION	Larry Jones	Eric Castaneda	Larry Jones



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Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

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