



January 17, 2021
2nd Sunday After Epiphany



Worship Participants

Assisting Minister: Pastor Meredith McGrath
Preaching Today: Pastor Lamont Koerner
Organist/Pianist: Brian Voss
Hymn Leader: Sylvia Mills

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the young children, like Samuel. When Nathanael is called, he 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. And in that meeting Nathanael is transformed.

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

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. 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.**

Hymn: ELW 575 - In Christ Called to Baptize, verses 1 & 4

Greeting

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.**

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.**

Reading: I Samuel 3:1-10

Gospel: John 1:43-51

Message: "Accompaniment – Walk a Mile . . ."

Generosity Moment

Hymn: *ELW 310 - Songs of Thankfulness and Praise, verses 1 & 3*

Prayers of the People

Communion - Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Table Blessing/Prayer

Blessing and Sending

Postlude

Reminder! - Annual Meeting, Part II - Sunday, January 24 at 11:00 a.m.

The primary agenda item will be to approve the budget for 2021. Per the Constitution, 75 voting members must be present to constitute a quorum. The Zoom meeting details can be found below. To allow time for people to join, the meeting will be opened approximately 20 to 30 minutes prior to the start time.

Go to <https://zoom.us/join> **or call** 1-312-626-6799
Enter the Meeting ID and Passcode when prompted.
Meeting ID: 999 4628 4930
Passcode: 058262

The **Epiphany banner** in the sanctuary was used in Saudi Arabia in the 1950's when Scandia residents, Anna & Rodney Engquist, worked there for Aramco. Being in a Muslim country, no Christian religious symbols were/are allowed. The Aramco employees who gathered for Christian worship had to call the meeting Fellowship Time. As Christmas approached, the congregation realized they could not have the traditional decorations (trees, crèche set, etc.). Anna Engquist acquired this scene painted on silk that shows the 3 Magi and the Pyramids...all acceptable for the Muslim authorities. When Rodney & Anna returned to Scandia, they brought it home with them. For many years it was rolled up and on a closet shelf in the Elim Sacristy.

For readings, refer to your Bible or use an online Bible source, such as [Bible Gateway](#). [NOTE: The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) is used.]