Second Sunday After Epiphany

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE LIVE AND WORSHIP ON THE UNCEDED TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE KWIKWETLEM FIRST NATION, WHICH LIES WITHIN THE SHARED TERRITORIES OF THE TSLEIL-WAUTUTH, KATZIE, MUSQUEAM, SQUAMISH AND STOL:LO NATIONS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CARED FOR THIS LAND SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL AS WE SEEK TO JOURNEY TOWARDS A MEANINGFUL RECONCILIATION.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: We gather at this font, O God, creator of oceans and rivers, rain and snow. We praise you for the water which has nourished this land for eons, and for the water you provide us each day.

We praise your Spirit, hovering over this font. We bless you for this cleansing water of rebirth, this flood of endless mercy, and for all the baptized around this blue planet.

We ask you, almighty Provider, to give us the water we need, and we praise you for the sustenance you grant at this font. By the water of our baptism empower us to pour out ourselves for others and to safeguard the waters of your earth.

To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Sea of holiness, Spring of salvation, Cloud of mystery, be all praise and thanksgiving, now and forever.

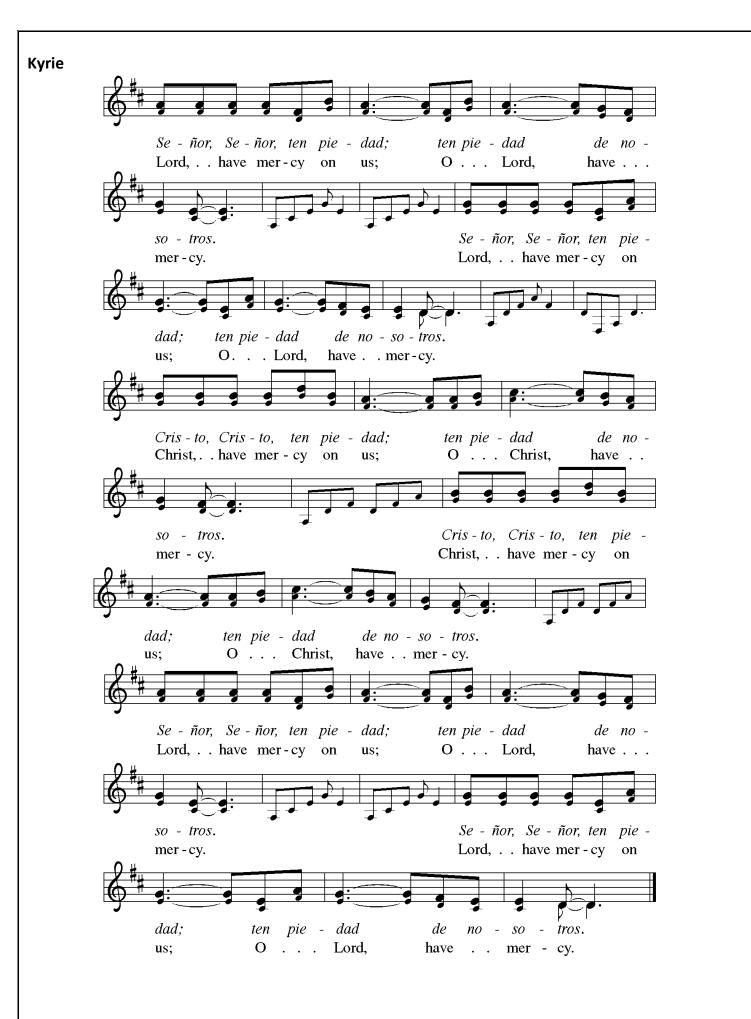
C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn ELW # 513 - Listen, God Is Calling

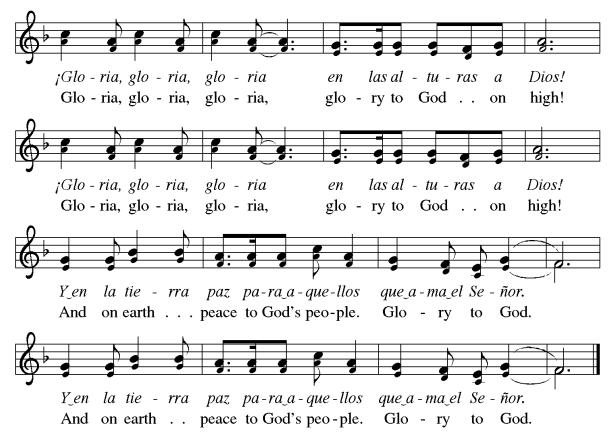
Greeting

L: 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.



Canticle of Praise – Gloria



Prayer of the Day

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Children's Time

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

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.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 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. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" 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. 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." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 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. 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.

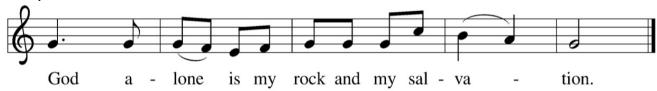
Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18





L: O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

C: Refrain

L: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

C: Refrain

L: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

C: Refrain

L: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them — they are more than the sand;
I come to the end — I am still with you.

C: Refrain

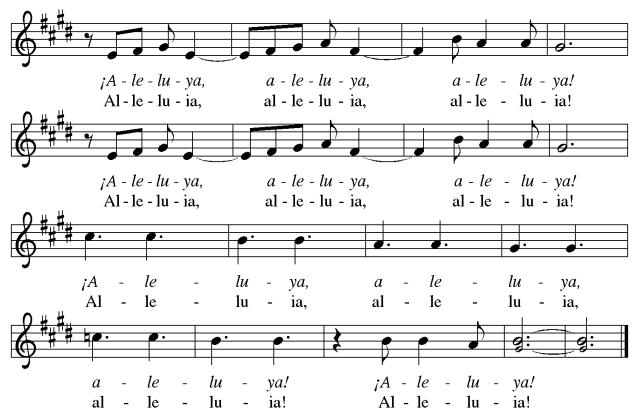
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.

"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. "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. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. 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! 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." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. 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? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

- P: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



- L: The holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 1:43-51

In 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."

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 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." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you

believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." 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.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day What Good Can Come From Nazareth? (Tune: 654 – The Church's One Foundation)

"What good can come from Nazareth? Can any good at all?" Nathaniel said to Philip when he heard Philip's call. The prophets never praised it — that little backwoods place. He thought God wouldn't choose it to be a means of grace.

And yet, when he met Jesus, Nathaniel changed his ways. His words that put down others soon turned to words of praise. He called our Savior "Rabbi!" and "Son of God!" and "King!" What change a little listening and openness can bring!

"What good can come from strangers?" O God, we hear the shout.

For some hate other people and seek to push them out. May we who follow Jesus be glad to "Come and see!" May we learn from each other with true humility.

O God of all our cultures, now make us one, we pray.

May we see your grace working in all your lands this day.

May we hear others' stories — what makes them sad or strong,

Till — listening — we find friendship, with love our common song.

Tune: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864 ("The Church's One Foundation")
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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.

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition, the Pastor will say "God of light and love" and the congregation will respond, "hear our prayer".

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of peace with those around them, as we recognize the image of God in each other.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

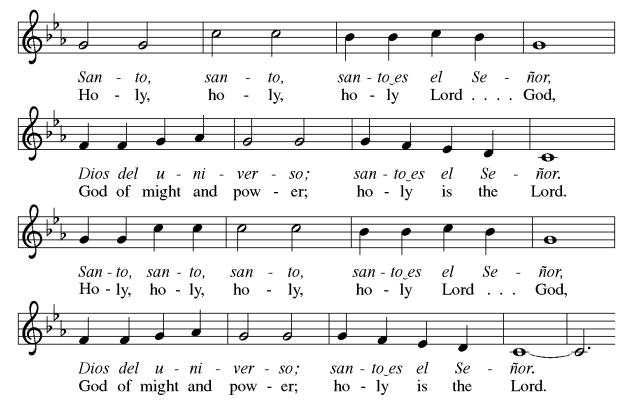
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

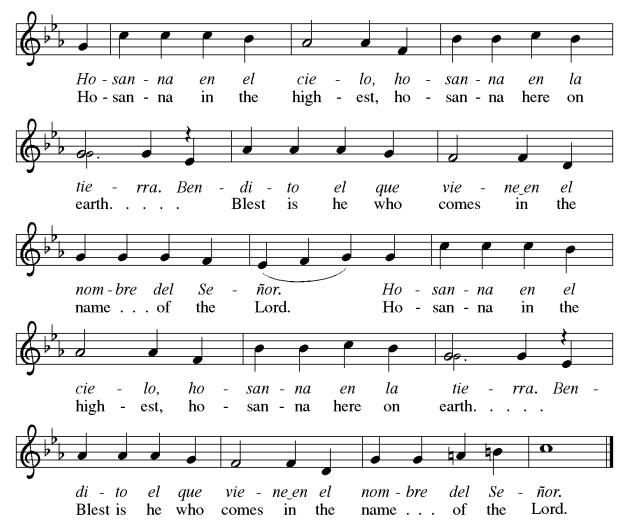
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

The pastor continues, concluding...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Lamb of God





Communion is distributed

<u>Directions for Communion</u>: All are invited to this meal of grace, including children. At the Usher's direction, you are invited to advance to the communion rail through the centre aisle, commune in groups, and exit back to your pews through the window aisles, depositing your used wine/juice vessel in the repository tray at the head of each window aisle. If you would prefer to receive communion in your pew once all have come forward, please raise your hand and the servers will come to you. Wine is located in the two outer rings of the tray and the grape juice in the centre.

Hymns Sung during Communion

ELW #676 – Lord, Speak To Us, That We May Speak

ELW #685 - Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW #495 - We Who Once Were Dead

ACS #976 – Come and See (Chant)

Prayer After Communion

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

P: God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,

→ bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn # 549 Send Me, Jesus

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS January 14, 2024

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Flowers are placed on the altar in praise of Jesus Christ, the light of the world!

Your 2023 Numbered Donation Envelopes: have arrived and are waiting for you in your mail slots!

<u>Lenten Devotional</u>: The Augsburg Fortress Lenten Devotional - *Gathered into One* - provides daily devotions for each day from Ash Wednesday to the Resurrection of Our Lord/Vigil of Easter (traditionally known as Holy Saturday). Discounts are available through an Augsburg Fortress bulk order, Cost starts at \$3.50 per devotional, but it will drop down to \$2.75 if we order over 25. Ordering will be done soon, so please sign up ASAP and don't miss out. Depending on the number of orders requested, I will let all who ordered copies know the cost later.

<u>CLWR Lenten Placemats</u>: A sample placement has been printed out and is on the ushers table. If you would appreciate using these placements in your own Lenten practices (for Pancake Tuesday or Easter Breakfast etc) please let the office know how many you would like, and they will be provided to you.

<u>Directory Contact Sheets</u>: Proof Sheets for our upcoming directory are on the table in the hall. Please take a moment to check your information and make sure it is accurate.

<u>Annual Congregational Meeting</u>: Our annual congregational meeting is coming up on **Sunday, January 28**th. Reports will be emailed shortly. If you would prefer a paper copy, please request one from the office. As usual, we will gather for a quick potluck lunch after worship and start the meeting as close to noon as possible. Please bring a contribution for the lunch table.

<u>Family Night:</u> Our next Family Night will be held on **Saturday, January 20** at 4:30 pm at St. Laurence. All families with kids are invited to join us for an evening of games, crafts, Bible teaching, and dinner. We will be done by 6 pm.

<u>Christian Unity Luncheon</u>: For this year's *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* celebration we are gathering at All Saints Roman Catholic Parish on **Saturday, January 20** for a Unity Luncheon. We will begin with a short time of worship at 12 noon and then enjoy lunch and conversation together after until about 2 pm. If you plan on participating please let Pastor Eric know so as to estimate attendance. See Poster on page 14 for more details.

<u>True Freedom: A Lent Resource to Support Christians in Responding to Modern Slavery:</u> *True Freedom,* a sixweek course for Lent, that draws on themes from the book of Galatians, and encourages individuals and churches to respond to modern slavery in their communities. For more information, please click here.

<u>Did you know?</u>: Our BC Synod Missions committee offers grants to fund congregational Mission projects and experiments in their neighbourhood. We received one of these grants to fund our tree wrapping party in 2023. If you have an idea for such an experiment, please speak to Pastor Eric or any member of our church council.

<u>BC Synod CJAG invitation</u>: Are you passionate about addressing climate change and eager to make a difference within our church community? The Climate Justice Action Group (CJAG) invites you to join hands in our urgent pursuit of climate justice. You can find out more here.

New Year Message from LWF: General Secretary Rev. Dr. Anne Burghardt reminds Christians of the call to love both God and neighbour in her New Year message that you can read <u>here</u>.

<u>Crisis in the Holy Land</u>: The ELCIC has put together an ongoing list of updates, statements & resources regarding the current situation in the Holy Land, including information from our partners in the region. View it <u>here</u>.

<u>Emergency Appeal for Gaza</u>: The ELCIC and CLWR have joined together to respond to the ongoing crisis in Gaza. Read about their efforts, and how you can donate by clicking <u>here</u>.

<u>Special Emergency Appeal for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL)</u>: The ELCIC invites all its members to support a special emergency appeal for the needs of the ELCJHL. Click <u>here</u> to donate. To date the appeal is halfway to its goal of \$263,000. Read the <u>full update on the ELCIC Appeal here</u>.

Opportunities within the ELCIC: The ELCIC is looking for volunteers to serve on the following taskforces:

- <u>ELCIC Ableism Task Force</u>
- ELCIC Homophobia, Biphobia, Transphobia Task Force
- ELCIC Racism and White Supremacy Task Force

•	ELCIC Carbon Neutrality Task Force
To a	pply, click the links to fill out an online form. For more information, contact Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to
	Bishop, Diversity Equity, and Inclusion, <u>cramirez@elcic.ca</u> .
	entle reminder that in consideration of those who have severe sensitivities and allergies, the church has been
desig	gnated as a fragrance-free zone. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

This Week At Church (Note 1)

This Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am

Second Sunday of Epiphany Worship Service with Sunday School and

Holy Communion live-streamed at 10:30 am (View here)

Tuesday Woodworking and Crafters Group at 10 am

Wednesday Prayer Gathering at 1:30 pm

Thursday Council Meeting at 6 pm

Off Como Lake Avenue)

Family Night at 4:30 pm at St. Laurence Anglican Church

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Last Week at Church

Financial Information from January 7, 2024

Total Offerings: \$4,137.00

General: \$3,637.00 Designated Gifts: \$430.00

Project Contingency: \$ 70.00





"You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" (Luke 10:27)

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CHRISTIAN UNITY LUNCHEON

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18-25, 2024.

All are invited to gather at All Saints Roman Catholic Parish (821 Fairfax St, Coquitlam) on Saturday, January 20 at 12 noon for worship, lunch and ecumenical conversation and fellowship.

Please advise Pastor Eric if you plan to attend.

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

We welcome you to worship today. It is our prayer that you sense the joy that is present in Jesus Christ. God loves and values each of you without conditions attached. We bring our joys and needs before God, trusting in God's presence.

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General Office Hours						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00		

We always recommend phoning before stopping by.



Good Shepherd Website

