

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

"To know... To teach... To share Christ"

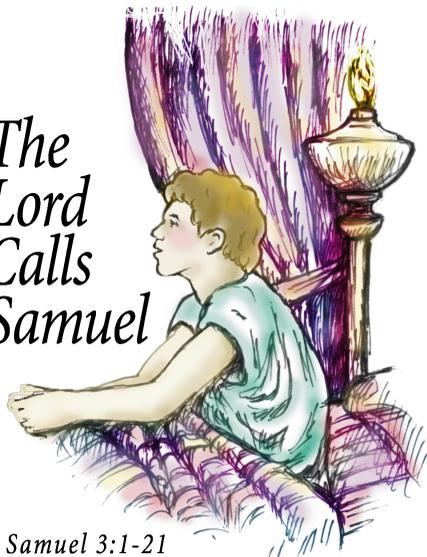
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*The
Lord
Calls
Samuel*



1 Samuel 3:1-21

**Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 14, 2018**

Our Worship Today

Welcome! We pray that your worship here will draw you closer to your savior and equip you for a continuing life of Christian discipleship. For your spiritual needs we offer you the Word of Him who can supply all our needs - Jesus Christ, our Savior. Rejoice in His love for you. He cares for you. You are His own dear child.

Prayer Before Worship Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Guide For Today's Service

Service of the Word, pages 38-44

Our Songs CW 560 "I Hear the Savior Calling"
CW 283 "Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening"
CW 282 "Lord, Open My Heart to Hear"
CW 319 "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

Psalm CW 91 Psalm 67

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 57 Communion 51 Sunday Bible Class 21
Sunday Offering: General Fund \$1,707.00

Serving In Worship Today

Minister
Organist
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Jonette Jordan
Wally Jordan

Opening Hymn

CW 560 "I Hear the Savior Calling"

Guide For Worship

CW Page 38 Service of the Word

The First Lesson

I Samuel 3:1-10

¹ The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. ² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ 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. ⁴ Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. ⁶ Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ The Lord called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (NIV1984)

The Psalm

CW Page 91, Psalm 67

Congregation sings refrain and speaks the second half of each verse.

The Second Lesson

I Corinthians 6:12-20

¹² “Everything is permissible for me”—but not everything is beneficial. “Everything is permissible for me”—but I will not be mastered by anything. ¹³ “Food for the stomach and the stomach for food”—but God will destroy them both. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷ But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. (NIV1984)

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. He said to me, “You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor.” Alleluia.

After the Verse of the Day, the congregation sings:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
These words are written that we may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel

Please Stand

John 1:43-51

⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will

be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter). ⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶ “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip. ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false.” ⁴⁸ “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig-tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.” ⁵⁰ Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig-tree. You shall see greater things than that.” ⁵¹ He then added, “I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.” (NIV1984)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon Hymn

CW 283 “Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening“

Sermon

“Are We Listening”

I Samuel 3:1-10

Apostles’ Creed

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Offering

Our Offerings to the Lord are freewill. Let your offerings be a joyful response to God’s Grace to you.

Special Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

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Hymn

CW 282 "Lord, Open My Heart to Hear"

Prayer and Benediction

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Closing Hymn

CW 319 "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, January 14: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Worship Service, 10:30 AM
Chili Cook-Off & Penny Birthday Party, 12:00 PM

Tuesday, January 16: Bible Study, 9:30 AM

Wednesday, January 17: Choir, 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 21: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM

Pastor in the Office: Tuesday, 9:00 AM to 12:00PM
Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Our food pantry is running low on the following items. Spaghetti, soups, cereal, canned meat, and peanut butter. Please leave donated items on the counter in the kitchen. Thank you everyone for your support.

Lifetouch will have picture days on February 9th and 10th at the church. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the lobby. Please sign up on Sunday, the 14th. Pastor, EyVonne Robinson and Gloria Rische could use a couple extra helpers coordinating this event. Please let Pastor know if you can help.

Council elections will be soon. If you are interested in serving on council, please contact a current council member.

Serving our congregation: President-Larry Martin, Finance Chairman-John Smith, Head Elder-Robby Robinson, Worship Chairman-Marlyn Rische, Education Chairman-Ron Gorske, Outreach Chairman-Don Schoening, Properties Chairman-Wally Jordan

January Birthdays: Linda Martin-3rd, Gloria Riche-5th

We try and list everyone's birthday and anniversaries each month. If we do not have your birthday or anniversary listed, please contact the church office.

Prayer List: Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Keith Haslam, Dick Clemens, Marge Krueger, Robert Krueger, Barb Wiese



GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

It is in the Word that we hear the call of God that has in it the secret power of God to give what he commands. He commands: Believe! and the Word creates faith. He says, Follow me! and the Word creates the desire and the ability to follow him. That he should consider it glorious to call sinners, is that not an amazing thing? That he should attach such power to his Word that we answer the call, is that not a wonder that lasts an eternity for each of us?

First Lesson: I Samuel 3:1-10

The call of God to Samuel initially required no work on Samuel's part. But like the call in the gospel lesson it implies a following that is not going to be easy. If Nathanael and the other disciples will follow Jesus who seems like nothing to reason and to the eyes, they will all need to listen carefully to that Word. Otherwise the difficulties to come will overcome them. Thus as Mary gave us a model of submission in Advent, so Samuel does in Epiphany: Speak, for your servant is listening! That remains the first and most important part of following. How many when confronted by difficulty in the Word or in life would rather say, Listen Lord, for your servant is speaking? But this is one of the amazing things in Jesus' call to us: It creates a willingness to say: I don't know what is coming and what you will require of me; but whatever it is, I want to listen to you and to follow you! If someone else asked that of you, you would call him a fool for seeking a promise to follow when you don't know the road or the cost of the journey.

Second Lesson: I Samuel 3:1-10

The call is to be God's temple and dwelling place on earth. Jesus was God's temple and dwelling place on earth during his earthly ministry. And now, because he dwells in us by faith, through his presence in the Word and sacraments, that's what we have become. Such an intimacy is intimidating and a horror to the flesh. But it is an intimacy that is real. An evidence of its reality is our struggle to be the temples that we are by maintaining sexual purity. How difficult that call is in our day! How desperately we need his presence and the reminder of his presence in us, in his temples, to heed that call! Only the recalling of the price can make it so.

The Gospel: John 1:43-51

There is always a miraculous element in the call of Jesus. For anyone looking at him on the basis of appearance or reason will say what Nathanael said and turn away. In Nathanael's case Jesus read from a distance the thoughts of Nathanael and then promised even more wondrous things; he promised that Nathanael with the eyes of faith would see heaven opened and Jesus as the ladder to heaven in fulfillment of Jacob's dream in Genesis 28. But it is all invisible to reason and to the naked eye. Nathanael was astonished by what he saw in Jesus' demonstration of omniscience, but he believed on the basis of a promise whose fulfillment was shrouded in the future and would never be visible to the human eye. Anyone who thinks that God is far and distant should consider that if he believes the gospel, it is because God is near at hand. He worked and still sustains that faith each moment by his glorious Word.

OUR Service FOR NEXT WEEK

First Lesson	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Liturgy	Common Service with communion, page 15
Second Lesson	I Corinthians 7:29-31	Hymns	338, 337, 208
The Gospel	Mark 1:14-20	Psalm 62	
Sermon Theme	"The Time Is Short"	Sermon Text	I Corinthians 7:29-31