HOLY COMMUNION Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024

10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors 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 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.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Here I Am, Lord

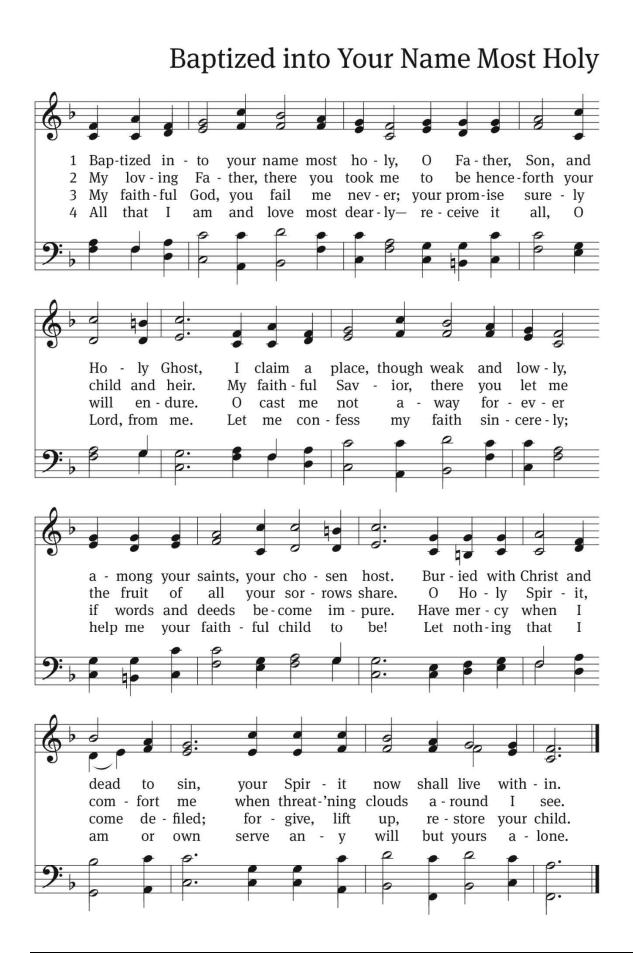
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *Baptized into Your Name Most Holy Printed on the next page.*



HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:

I present Luke Alessandrini / Logan Alessandrini for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

 Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

Response:

E I do.

The presiding minister continues:

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life? *Response:*

I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture these persons in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response:

E I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P People of God, do you promise to support Luke / Logan and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

G We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children.

- I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
- **P** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? *Response:*

I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

D you believe in God the Father?

G I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- 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 into hell. 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.

- **D** you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- G 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

G Amen.

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

P Luke / Logan, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:

and of the Son,

The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:

and of the Holy Spirit.

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

Sustain Luke / Logan with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

G Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

- Luke / Logan, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- **C** Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

- **A** Let us welcome the newly baptized.
- We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.

The service continues with the prayers of intercession, or, if baptism has taken place in the gathering rite, with the greeting.

Stand GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **G** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

Sit CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

A reading from First Samuel.

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."

- A The word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:16-13-18 (The congregation's verses are in bold face type.)

- ¹LORD, you have searched me[|] out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts [|] from afar.
- ²You trace my journeys and my [|] resting-places and are acquainted with [|] all my ways.
- ³Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.
- ⁴You press upon me behind | and before and lay your | hand upon me.
- ⁵Such knowledge is too wonder- [|] ful for me; it is so high that I cannot at- [|] tain to it.
- ¹²For you yourself created my | inmost parts; you knit me together in my | mother's womb.
- ¹³I will thank you because I am mar-[|] velously made; your works are wonderful, and I [|] know it well.
- ¹⁴My body was not hid-¹ den from you,

while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.

- ¹⁵Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written [|] in your book;
 - they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was | none of them.
- ¹⁶How deep I find your | thoughts, O God! How great is the | sum of them!
- ¹⁷If 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

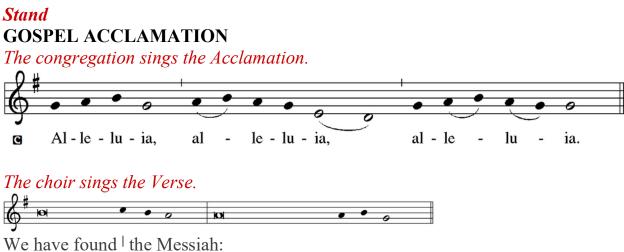
1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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.

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹²"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. ¹³"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. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do 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! ¹⁶Do 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." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or 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? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

- A The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



Jesus Christ, who brings us | grace and truth.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



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."

P The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.
- **G** Praise to you, O Christ.

<mark>Sit</mark> SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand Later service only: HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak Printed on the next page.



Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- **C** Amen.

PEACE

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

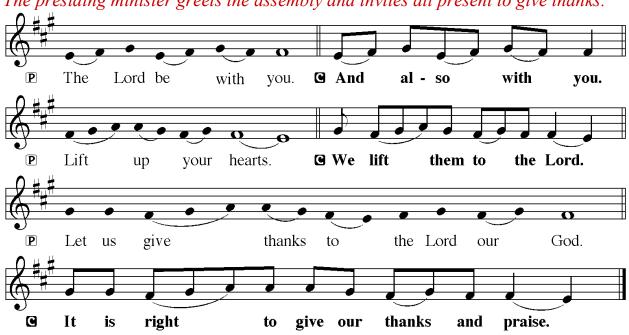
Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

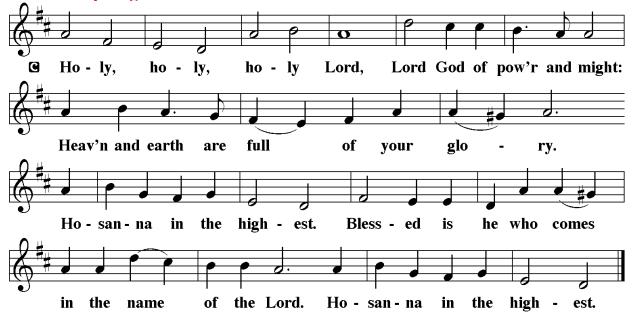


The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:

The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... Here the minister continues with **P** the preface for the day, concluding: ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly sings the SANCTUS:



The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
- 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 TO COMMUNION

- Behold the Lamb of God,
 behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- C Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Sit COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers sayThe body of Christ, given for you.The blood of Christ, shed for you.and each person may respondThe blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.

Music during Communion: LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI) С 0 Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: Ο you take Christ, Lamb of God, have mer - cy up - on us. of the world; the sin have mer - cy up - on a - way us. Lamb of God, Christ. you take Ο a - way the sin of the world; θ Α grant us your peace. men.

ANTHEM: Lord, Here Am I

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me, and I'll find Thy way. Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my labor, and where it shall be.

Refrain:

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross; willing to suffer reproaches and loss. Willing to follow, if Thou wilt but lead; only support me with grace in my need. [Refrain]

Living, or dying, I still would be Thine; yet I am mortal while Thou art divine. Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; pity, and bring me again to the light. [Refrain]

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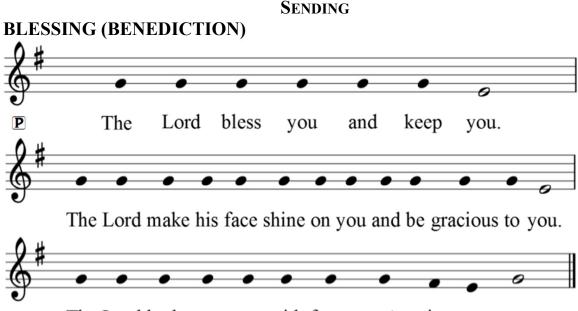
BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- **G** Amen.

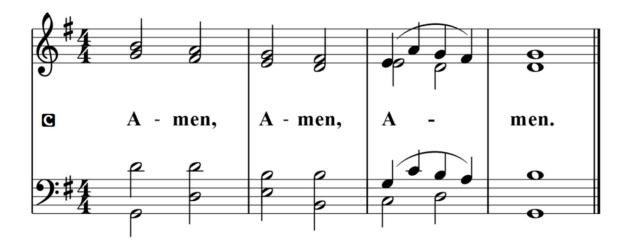
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

 Let us pray.
 We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.



The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Here I Am, Lord

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Here I Am, Lord



OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: *Psalm 19*

Marcello

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The Christmas Cycle celebrates the events surrounding Christ's coming — the prophecies, his birth, his manifestation (epiphany) to the Gentiles, and his baptism — through the Advent season, the Christmas season, and the Epiphany season.

On Sundays for which the color is green, it is appropriate to omit either the Kyrie or the Hymn of Praise, reserving both together for festival seasons.

The liturgical color green, symbolic of growth, is used for the season after Epiphany and after Pentecost.

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Worship Assistants Ushers: Scott Halteman, Dick Allebach, Shane Elison, and Karl Stefan Elevator Attendant: Mike Taylor Lector: Sonya Sowards Communion Assistant: John Kochel Acolyte: Wes Long Crucifer: Lilly North Altar Guild: Becky Quirk Offering Tabulation: Shane Elison, Alison Fishell and John Kochel <u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by LaVonne Johnson in memory of my parents Wilmot and Elmer Stonefelt.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Scott and Andrea Halteman and Danielle and Matt Michniewicz in loving memory of Anthony and Patricia Kopystecki, sister and Aunt Shiryl Kuterbach, and Galen Halteman.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Earl Catagnus, Jr., and family in honor of the birth of Jesus.

Pasta Buffet Dinner at Augustus on February 3rd

You, your family, and friends are invited to a delicious meal of Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce, Spaghetti, a variety of Soups, Salad, Fruit and home-made desserts in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 3, 2024. Dinner will be served between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Reservations are not necessary, and you may arrive at your convenience. There is no cost for the meal; however, you may donate towards the Augustus Soup Kitchen Outreach. There will also be information for anyone who wants to learn more about volunteering for the Soup Kitchen. We serve lunch to the needy on the second Wednesday of every month at St. John's Episcopal Church in Norristown. Plan now to drop-in for dinner at Augustus on February 3rd to support this important outreach and to enjoy the fellowship.

2024 Congregational Meeting *Part 1:* Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on February 11, 2024 following the 10:30 am service. Committee reports will be presented during this meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

<u>New Newsletter Delivery Coming!</u> Beginning in February 2024, our church newsletter will be delivered via e-mail. If you don't think we have your e-mail address, please drop a line to <u>office@augustustrappe.org</u> to get on the list! If you don't use e-mail, please call the church office to let Karen know that you would like to continue receiving your newsletter in the mail.

The Office of the Chaplain, Religious and Spiritual Life in cooperation with the Division of Inclusion and Community Engagement and the Beloved Community Committee of Ursinus College invites you to the

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Interfaith Service January 21st at 3 p.m. Bomberger Hall

Please <u>RSVP to attend by January 12th</u>



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Freedom

Ring!

The inspiration and wisdom of Dr. King has influenced every sector of our nation. This years' theme is "Let Freedom Ring". Following the service, you are invited to join the community in a reception of food and conversation.