

January 17, 2021 - SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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Prelude: Brian Crane & Wow Worship CD Track 1 “Victory Chant, Hail, Hail, Light of Judah, How Wonderful You Are”

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Prayer of Confession

P: Let us pray... Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, empowered by Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (brief silence)

L: Most merciful God

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

Absolution: Words of Comfort & Forgiveness

Hymn of **Thanksgiving and Praise:** Wow Worship CD Track 9 “**Awesome God**” (p179 blue hymnal)

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 139: 1-6; 13-18 The Inescapable God

To the (song) leader. A Psalm of David.

¹O LORD, You have searched me and known me. ²**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;**

You discern my thoughts from far away. ³**You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.**

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, **O LORD, You know it completely.**

⁵You hem me in, behind and before, **and lay Your hand upon me.**

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; **it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

¹³For it was You who formed my inward parts; **You knit me together in my mother's womb.**

¹⁴I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. **Wonderful are Your works; that I know very well.**

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from You, **when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.** ¹⁶**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.**

¹⁷How weighty to me are Your thoughts, O God! **How vast is the sum of them!**

¹⁸I try to count them—**they are more than the sand;** I come to the end (Or *I awake*) —**I am still with You.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Thanks to You Lord Jesus Christ, our 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

Invitation to participate in the **Prayers of the Church:**

L: “Forgiven through grace and filled by the Spirit, let us join the whole people of God in Christ Jesus by praying for the church, our nation, the world, those in need, and all of God’s creation. Let us bring our hopes and needs to the God who listens.”

(brief silence.)

Merciful Redeemer, speak to the hearts of Your listening church. Make obvious to us the many ways You reveal Your life-giving presence. Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Great Creator, renew the face of the Earth. Heal the wounds caused by human carelessness, selfishness, greed, ego, and the hunger for power. Arouse in us a hunger to care for future generations by considering our use of all the things that sustain life, our faith, our land, water, and air. Make us good stewards to even the seventh generation of those we love. Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, give strength to caregivers and all who attend to those suffering with illness, addictions, disabilities, rehabilitation, addictions, loss of loved ones, loss of jobs, loss of health and losses of all kinds; especially (list.) Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, strengthen, protect, and restore the values, giving wisdom and discernment between right and wrong to of all leaders, world-wide; to all decision-makers, great and small; to parents (especially single parent families), to grandparents (especially those who parent), to our Peace Officers; Emergency response personnel; and to our congregation, we specifically pray for the families of Levi & Kelsey Perrine, Sean Peterson, Norma Quam, Travis & Emily Quam, and Jake & Brittnei Radtke. For all these we give You thanks. Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Light of the World, we give You thanks for revealing Yourself in those around us. Renew our zeal to love our neighbor as You love us. Give us the Holy Spirit's gift of hospitality when it is safe to resume getting together. Bring us into the fullness of Your glory on our Last Day. Trusting in Your power in our world, we commend our nation and all for whom we pray to You, knowing You will hear and answer in the "fullness of time". **AMEN.**

Hymn in preparation to hear the Word: Praise & Worship CD, Track 3: "**Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord**"

FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 3:1-20 Samuel's Calling and Prophetic Activity

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.

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!" (*in the Masoretic Greek i.e. MG, the Lord called 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."

¹⁷ Eli 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. (*a curse*)" ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he (*Eli*) said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹ As Samuel grew up, **the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.** ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 **Glorify God in Body and Spirit**

"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. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by His power. ¹⁵ 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! ¹⁶ 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." ¹⁷ But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

¹⁸ Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹ 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?* ²⁰ *For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.*

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." (Ps. 119:105) Songs 4 Worship Song 2 Blue Hymnal p184

GOSPEL: **John 1:43-51;** Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me."

⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ 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."

⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Philip said to him, "**Come and see.**"

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, He said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"

⁴⁸ Nathanael asked Him, "Where did You get to know me?"

Jesus answered, "**I saw you** under the fig tree **before** Philip called you."

⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "**Do you believe because** I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ 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."

P: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks Be to God.**

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SERMON/CHILDREN'S SERMON

Hymn of Faith: Wow Worship CD Track 14; "**As the Deer**" (p548 blue hymnal and from Psalm 42)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

P: THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU. **C: AND ALSO WITH YOU**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

P: God calls us in Word and Baptism to be His own beloved children, **C: and that makes all the difference.**

Closing Hymn: 100 Best Loved Hymns Disc 1, Track 5: **"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

P: Go In Peace, shine for the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Recessional: Wow Worship CD Track 11, **"Shine Jesus Shine"** & Brian Crane