

Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." John 1:48

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 14, 2024

11:00a

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens" 589

INVOCATION

 ${\tt P}$ In the name of the Father and of the ${\tt T}$ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 139:1–10; 1 Samuel 3:9*

P O LORD, You have searched me and known me!

- C You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.
- P You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
- C Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.
- P You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.
- C Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.
- P Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!
- C If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.

P Speak, LORD,

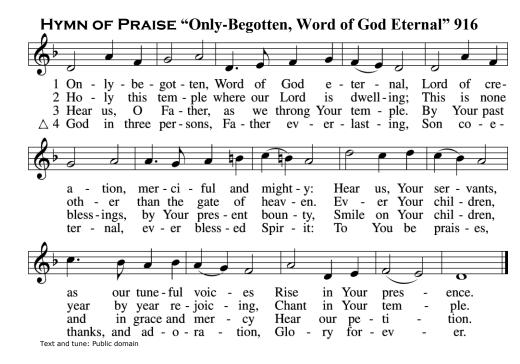
C for Your servant hears.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P As the psalmist declares, the Lord searches us, knows us, is everpresent with us, and leads us. He listens to us as we speak to Him. We come before Him in confession.

Silence for meditation.

- P "The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth."
- C We confess, heavenly Father, that we often choose not to call on You in times of need, nor in times of thanksgiving. We fail to be near You in our opportunities to pray, praise, and give thanks. Forgive us.
- P "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."
- C We confess, heavenly Father, that in our days of trouble we rely on ourselves and not You. We seek deliverance through our own devices and peace through the temporary offerings of this world. Forgive us.
- P "Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near."
- C We confess, heavenly Father, we are the ones who are lost even though You are near and present in Your Word and means of grace. Our sins of thought, word, and deed separate us from You. Forgive us.
- P As we speak and call out to the Lord in prayer and confession, He calls to us, His people, through His Word of truth, mercy, and grace; for He has "saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began." As a called and ordained servant of the Word and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord of all mercy and grace, You sent Your Son into our flesh to call us to Yourself. Open our ears to hear Your voice and to heed Your call, even as we know You hear our prayers; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "When You Pass Through the Waters" Paul Weber

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.C Praise to You, O Christ.We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"



SERMON "I Know Something You Don't Know" Pastor Michael Geml

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood in this Sacrament You lead us to remember all that You have done for us before we were born, to realize that You are with us today, and to await Your promised return one day to receive us into Your eternal kingdom. So remember us in Your kingdom now and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit.	
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS	
"God Himself Is Present"	907
"When to the World the Savior Came"	551

We stand. **Post-Communion Collect**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Spread the Reign of God the Lord" 830

Postlude

