

The Old Testament Reading. 1 Samuel 3:1–20

Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. 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, 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. And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose 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. And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. And I declare to 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. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." And 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." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him." And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

The Epistle Reading. 1 Corinthians 6:12–20

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved 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 not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

The Gospel Reading. John 1:43–51

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 of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" 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." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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“You will see greater things than these.”



**Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 17, 2021**

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Receiving the Lord's Supper at Holy Cross

Our Lord gives both directions and warnings in Scripture when it comes to the precious gift of Holy Communion, which we take great care to follow. A small brochure is available in the pew which describes the importance of the Biblical and historic practice known as "Closed Communion." If you are not under the spiritual care of Holy Cross, please speak with the pastor before communing so that our unity with Christ and with one another may be genuine. Our aim is not to insult, but to instruct and prepare those who earnestly desire to join our communion. So, if you or your children are not yet communicants, you may come forward for a blessing tied to baptism, and you are encouraged to signify this by crossing your arms over your chest as the pastor comes by. The Blood of Christ is offered either in individual glasses, or simply hold out your hand to take the chalice by the base as you drink from it.

Notes on the service: The season of Epiphany is our time to focus on the appearing, the revealing, of Jesus Christ as Savior—of Jew and Gentile alike. The baptized Christ was proclaimed to us by the Father as His own beloved Son. Today, the Epiphany season once again calls us to focus on the revealing of Jesus. The same Lord who is revealed as standing before and speaking to young Samuel in the Old Testament Reading in the Gospel speaks to Nathanael as the omniscient Savior who sees him from afar. The Collect recognizes that God "governs all things in heaven and on earth." From scorned Nazareth even to the depths of Sheol, God is revealed to His people for His saving work in Jesus.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Organist. Diane Lutman
Communion Elders. (8:00 A.M.) Luther Salonen & Curt Wendt
January Elders. Curt Wendt & Steve Hoffman

Psalm 40



I have not hidden your deliverance with- | in my heart; *

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation;

I waited patiently | for the LORD;*

he inclined to me and | heard my cry.

He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the | miry bog,*

and set my feet upon a rock, making my | steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God.*

Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the LORD.

Blessed is the man who makes the | LORD his trust,*

who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray af- | ter a lie!

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can com- | pare with you! *

I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than | can be told.

All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning, *

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I have not hidden your deliverance with- | in my heart; *

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation;

Note: Standing and Kneeling are optional

8:00 A.M.

Divine Service Setting One—LSB 151

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn—LSB #901

Confession and Absolution—LSB 151

Service of the Word—LSB 152

Introit—Psalm 40 (printed at left)

Kyrie - LSB 152-153

Hymn of Praise - Gloria in Excelsis - LSB 154

Collect of the Day

The Lessons: (printed on back)

Hymn of the Day - LSB #589

Sermon - "A Listening Servant"

Text: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

The Nicene Creed - LSB 158

Prayer of the Church - LSB 159

Offering

Offertory - LSB 159-160

Service of the Sacrament—LSB 160

Sanctus - LSB 161

Lord's Prayer (*right column*) - LSB 162

Agnus Dei - LSB 163

Distribution - LSB 164

Hymns—LSB #397, #730, #684

Nunc Dimittis- LSB 165

Benediction - LSB 166

Closing Hymn— LSB #810

10:45 A.M.—Matsins LSB 219

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn—LSB #901

Opening Verses—LSB 219

Psalm 40—(printed at left)

Office Hymn—LSB #397

The Lessons: (printed on back)

Common Responsory - LSB 221

Catechetical Instruction— The Sacrament of
the Altar—LSB 326-327

Sermon Hymn—LSB #589

Sermon - "A Listening Servant"

Text: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Canticle—Te Deum—LSB 223-225

Offering

Prayer—LSB 227

Benediction—LSB 228

Closing Hymn— LSB #810