

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Larimore, ND ~ January 14, 2024  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*



*“Very truly, I tell you, you will see  
heaven opened and the angels of God  
ascending and descending upon the  
Son of Man.”*

*— John 1:51*

## GREETING

### \*EPIPHANY CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us kneel in the darkness,

**A: Until we see God's light emerge.**

L: Let us wait with hope filled hearts,

**A: As Christ's image grows within us and shows us life.**

L: Let him speak to us and teach us love,

**A: Until we open our hearts to be his home.**

### \*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity...whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

*Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*

Faithful God, **have mercy on me. I confess that I am captive to sin and cannot free myself. I turn from your loving embrace and go my own way. I pass judgement on others before examining myself. I place my own needs before those of my neighbor(s). I keep your gift of salvation to myself. Make me humble, cast away my transgressions, and turn me again to life in you through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need...live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **AMEN**

### \*GATHERING HYMN

*"Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult"* ELW 696 vs.1,3,5

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most 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.**



## WORD

**FIRST READING:** *1 Samuel 3:1-10* PB 215

**1** 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. **2** At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; **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!" and he said, "Here I am!" **5** 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. **6** The 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." **7** Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. **8** The 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. **9** Therefore 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. **10** Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

*WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

**PSALM:** *Psalm 139:1-18* PB 503 (*read responsively*)

**1** O 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. **4** **Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.** **5** You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. **6** **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.** **7** Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? **8** **If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.** **9** If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, **10** **even there your hand shall lead**

me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. **11** If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," **12** even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. **13** For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. **14** I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. **15** My 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.

**17** How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! **18** I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

**SECOND READING:** *1 Corinthians 6:12-20* PB 929

**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. **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.

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## **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*“Angels From the Realms of Glory”* ELW 275 vs.2

**L:**The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*GOSPEL**     *John 1:43-51* PB 863

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> 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.” <sup>46</sup> “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip. <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.” <sup>48</sup> “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.” <sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael declared, Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.” <sup>50</sup> Jesus said, “You believe<sup>[i]</sup> because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” <sup>51</sup> He then added, “Very truly I tell you,<sup>[i]</sup> you<sup>[i]</sup> will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’<sup>[k]</sup> the Son of Man.”

**L:** The Gospel of our Lord.

**A: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     *“Here I am, Lord”* ELW 574 vs.1-2

## **OFFERING**

**\*OFFERING**     *“We Give Thee But Thine Own”* ELW 686 vs.1

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. You are an abundant God, and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it, we worship You and give our whole selves to You. May it be used for Your kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiply its reach, and may it be a great blessing to many. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### **\*APOSTLE'S CREED** Pg. 105

**I BELIEVE** in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. **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. **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. **AMEN.**

### **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** “*Lord, Listen...*” ELW 752

***SING:*** *Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

### **\*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.**

## **SENDING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING HYMN** “O Jesus, I Have Promised” ELW 810 vs.1-3

**\*DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace, to serve, and to share the love of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

A: **We will—Thanks be to God!**

**Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!** If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Wayne Knudson (church president) at 218-779-3594 -or- Camilla Stover at 218-791-2678.

**CALENDAR**

**Today, 1/14/2024—2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**9:00am**—Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

**10:00am**—Worship

**11:00am**—Fellowship

**Wednesday, 1/17/2024**

**3:30pm**—Confirmation Class

**Thursday, 1/18/2024**

**9:30am**—*No Quilting*

**Next Sunday, 1/21/2024—3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**9:00am**—Sunday School & **NO Adult Bible Study**

**10:00am**—Worship

**11:00am**—**Annual Meeting (followed by Potluck)**

**Every day:** An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Mission of the Month for: Jan. – Feb.:** YOUTH GROUP (TRIP)
- **Noisy offering:** Collected on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- **Quilting:** There will be no quilting until February, 2024. Quilters are in need of: Single cotton or cotton blend flat sheets. No microfiber ones. (they get into the water sources). Colors preferred blue, gray, green.

- **Flowers:**...on the tables in the basement are from Linda Knudson's (sister-in-law of Joel Knudson) memorial service on Saturday.

### **PRAYER LIST**

To add or remove someone from the prayer lists, please email the church email: [oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com](mailto:oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com) or call/text Roberta Stover: 218-779-0359

#### **We pray for those in need:**

Family of Linda Knudson    Ron Petsinger    Red Willow Bible Camp  
 Country of Israel, and all countries in the world—that they come to know  
 Christ as their Savior and Lord    Gloria Temple    Lois Jemtrud  
 Mark Sletten    Donna Willoughby (daughter of Gordon Peterson)  
 Robbie Leake    OSLC Call Committee: *Paul Mutch, Dee Muir, Jenn  
 Aamodt, Nancy Smith, Wayne Knudson (non-voting members: Luke  
 Reinhold, Sadie Aamodt)*

#### **Prayers for Homebound/Nursing Home Members:**

LaVonne Jacobson    Vicki Sweeney    Dolores Mutch  
 Marv Jemtrud    Arlene Lilja    Viola Lee

#### **Prayers for Armed Service Members:**

Robert Norman    Dillon Norman

#### **Serving this Sunday**

*Ushers:* Garrett & Ethan  
*Reader:* S. Rankin and J. Nesdahl  
*Prayer:* Teresa Welder  
*Communion:* N/A  
*Fellowship:* Langs

#### **Serving Next Sunday (1/21/24)**

*Ushers:* **Volunteers Encouraged**  
*Reader:* Ethan, Garrett, Westen  
*Prayer:* Ethan  
*Communion:* N/A  
*Fellowship:* POTLUCK!