

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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

PRELUDE

Prelude on Repton

Barrett

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, the Word made flesh,
 the Power of the Most High, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

Silence for reflection.

God who searches us and knows us,
 you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world,
but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.

Receive the promise of baptism:

You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven.

Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

At the Cross

Oh Lord, You've searched me. You know my way.

Even when I fail You. I know You love me.

Your holy presence, surrounding me.

In every season, I know You love me. I know You love me.

At the cross I bow my knee,

Where Your blood was shed for me.

There's no greater love than this.

You have overcome the grave,

Your glory fills the highest place.

What can separate me now.

You go before me, You shield my way.

Your hand upholds me, I know You love me.

And when the earth fades, falls from my eyes.

And You stand before me, I know You love me. I know You love me.

At the cross I bow my knee,

Where Your blood was shed for me.

There's no greater love than this.

You have overcome the grave,

Your glory fills the highest place.

What can separate me now.

You tore the veil, You made a way,

When You said that it is done.

You tore the veil, You made a way,

When You said that it is done.

At the cross I bow my knee,

Where Your blood was shed for me.

There's no greater love than this.

You have overcome the grave,

Your glory fills the highest place.

What can separate me now.

GREETING

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world. The light no darkness can overcome.

May the grace and truth of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Jesus Christ, Son of God, we thank you for calling us to be your disciples.

Open our eyes to recognize you as the promised Messiah, and draw us to follow you wherever you lead. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

KIDS' TIME

Pastoral Assistant Sandra Anderson

FIRST READING

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.

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."

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

*(read responsively)*¹LORD, you have searched me out;

O LORD, you have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**³You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**⁵You encompass me, 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 to it.**¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.¹⁴**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**¹⁵My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were
written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.**¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!¹⁸**If 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.*

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.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (I Am the Light of the World)

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia, I am the light of the world.

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia, I am the light of the world.

Those who fol - low me will not walk in dark - ness.

Those who fol - low me will have the light of life.

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

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."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Erin Heidelberger

SONG OF THE DAY*Take My Life*

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move,
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing,
Always only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold.
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Every power as You choose.

Here am I, all of me.
Take my life, it's all for Thee

Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At your feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for thee.
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee.
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 to the dead.
 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 THE PEOPLE

Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Prayer response: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

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OFFERING SONG

Step by Step

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
 O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
 I will seek You in the morning,

And I will learn to walk in your ways;
 And step by step You'll lead me,
 And I will follow You all of my days.

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
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 I will seek You in the morning,
 And I will learn to walk in your ways;
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OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. By your grace, use these gifts to spread your name and salvation through our community and our world. We pray this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

May the God of glory dwell in you richly, call you beloved, and shine brightly on your path. The blessing of Almighty God - the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Rise Up and Praise Him

Let the heavens rejoice. Let the earth be glad.
 Let the people of God sing His praise all over the land.
 Everyone in the valley come and lift your voice.
 All those on the mountaintop, be glad and shout for joy.

Rise up and praise Him, He deserves our love.
 Rise up and praise Him, worship the holy one.
 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might
 Rise up and praise Him.

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SENDING WORDS

Go in peace! Share the good news of Jesus Christ!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Lord of Hosts Extolled on High

Smith

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