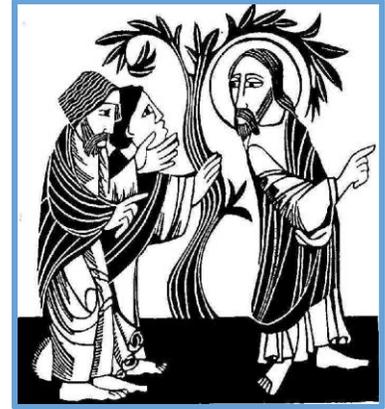


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FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – KENYON

*January 17, 2021*  
*2nd Sunday after Epiphany*



*Ringing of Bell*

PRELUDE *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*  
*Here I Am, Lord, ELW 574*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 139:1-6, 13-14, 17-18

- L LORD, you have searched me out;  
O LORD, you have known me.
- All **You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- L You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- All **Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**
- L You encompass me, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.
- All **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**
- L For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- All **I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**
- L How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!
- All **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.**
- L Praise to you, O Lord.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**All Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy God,

**All you search us and know us.**

**You are acquainted with all our ways.**

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—  
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow  
your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us.**

**We exploit the earth and its resources  
and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,**

**for all we have done and left undone.**

**Even before the words are on our tongues,  
you know them;**

**receive them in your divine mercy.**

**Amen.**

P How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of ☩ Christ Jesus,

our sins are washed away

and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness,

we are called to be the beloved community

living out Christ's justice

and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**All Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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.**

## READING: 1 SAMUEL 3:1-10 [11-20]

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [<sup>11</sup>Then 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. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For 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. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>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." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

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

## GOSPEL: JOHN 1:43-51

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>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." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>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."

MESSAGE: Pastor Julie Rogness

MUSIC *Rise, My Child* Tanya Short

*"Rise and stand up on your feet, my child, to serve and to bear witness unto me,  
Rise and stand up on your feet, my child, to serve and to bear witness unto me.  
I send you, near or far that they may turn from darkness to the Light,  
from darkness to the Light, that they may see."*

*"Rise and stand up on your feet, my child, to use your loving heart and willing mind.  
Rise and stand up on your feet, my child, to use your loving heart and willing mind.  
I send you, heaven-blest and Spirit led, that Christ-forgiven-souls new joy may find."  
"Rise and stand up on your feet, my child."*

## CREED

**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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE—OFFERING OF GIFTS

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

## BLESSING & DISMISSAL

L God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.

**All Amen.**

L Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth, ELW 538*

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## **CALENDAR**

Wed/Jan 20 7:30

Council

Sun/Jan 24 9 am

Live-Streamed Worship ~4th Sun after Epiphany

Sun/Jan 31 10:15 am

Annual Meeting via ZOOM – link will be emailed

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Pick one up at your convenience without entering the church. Find them in the closed tote container **Outside** the Handicapped Entrance. Please snap lid closed after taking a devotional.



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