

January 14, 2024

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Second Sunday after Epiphany

FIRST READING. 1 Samuel 3:1-10

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.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 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! 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. 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.’ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 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. 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.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’

SECOND READING. I Corinthians 6:12-20

‘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. ‘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. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. 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! 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.’ But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. 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? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

GOSPEL. 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 about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.’ Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ 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.’



Sunday, January 14, 2024

“In response to God’s love, St. Matthew’s is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone.”

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,
we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. Amen.

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Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us,
Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Dates to Remember

Today	Church Council Meeting after the service
Jan 21	“Beat the Winter Blahs” Soup Lunch following the worship service.
Feb 4	Annual Meeting, please have all reports submitted <u>TODAY</u> .
Feb 10	Roast Beef Dinner

Beat the Winter “Blahs” Soup Lunch; January 21, 12:00 pm

Join us after the service for lunch featuring three delicious homemade soups, sandwiches, and dessert:

- Meatball and Potato
- Cheese Tortellini and Chicken
- Vegetarian Black Bean



The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 - Tune: 829

Leader: Your hand will lead me; your right hand will guide me.

Whereso'er, O Lord, I go, | There your hand is leading me.

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Whatso'er I think or know, | There your guiding hand will be.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

There is nowhere I could flee | Where your presence fails to be.

You created every part of me; you knit me together in my mother's womb. When I was growing there in secret, you knew that I was there; you saw me before I was born.

Whereso'er, O Lord, I go, | There your hand is leading me.

Your thoughts are far beyond my understanding, much more than I could ever imagine. If I tried to count them, they would be more than the grains of sand.

Whatso'er I think or know, | There your guiding hand will be.

I praise you because of the wonderful way you created me. Everything you do is marvelous! Of this I have no doubt.

There is nowhere I could flee | Where your presence fails to be.

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Roast Beef Dinner; Saturday, February 10, 5:30 p.m.

Adults - \$20 • Youth (6-12) - \$12 • Kids (5 and under) - FREE

Roast Beef is back on the menu for 2024! This served-buffet style dinner features great food, fellowship and door prizes!

Purchase tickets from Marilyn Schultz by February 4.



First Lutheran Pancake Supper; February 13, 5:30 p.m.

A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper including pancakes, sausage, and bacon is hosted by First Lutheran (688 Elm St., Port Colborne). Please sign up by Feb 5.

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“Glory to you, O Lord.”

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“Praise to you, O Christ.”

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and Follow Me

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Peace (non-contact gestures)

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Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song676 Lord, Speak to Us,
That We May Speak

Dismissal: Go in peace. You are God’s beloved.

Response: Thanks be to God.