

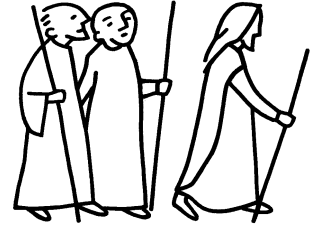
## Second Sunday after Epiphany, January 17, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION

*(sing twice)*



Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

**Holy God, 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.**

GATHERING SONG: *"In Christ Called to Baptize"* (ELW #575, vs. 1, 3-4)

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| <p><b>1</b> In Christ called to baptize,<br/>we witness to grace<br/>and gather a people<br/>from each land and race.<br/>In deep, flowing waters,<br/>we share in Christ's death,<br/>then, rising to new life,<br/>give thanks with each breath.</p> | <p>in costly compassion<br/>reflecting Christ's ways.</p>                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>3</b> In Christ called to witness,<br/>by grace we will preach<br/>the life-giving gospel;<br/>God's love we will teach.<br/>By grace may our living<br/>give proof to our praise</p>                                                            | <p><b>4</b> Unite us, anoint us,<br/>O Spirit of love,<br/>for you are within us,<br/>around us, above.<br/>Equip us for service<br/>with gifts you bestow.<br/>In Christ is our calling.<br/>In Christ may we grow.</p> |

## GREETING

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" (ELW #510 vs. 1)

**Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;  
Touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:43-51 (CEV)

*The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.*

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

## SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Children of the Heavenly Father" (ELW #781)

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| <p><b>1 Children of the heav'nly Father<br/>safely in his bosom gather;<br/>nestling bird nor star in heaven<br/>such a refuge e'er was given.</b></p>                  | <p><b>3 Neither life nor death shall ever<br/>from the Lord his children sever;<br/>unto them his grace he showeth,<br/>and their sorrows all he knoweth.</b></p> |
| <p><b>2 God his own doth tend and nourish,<br/>in his holy courts they flourish.<br/>From all evil things he spares them,<br/>in his mighty arms he bears them.</b></p> | <p><b>4 Though he giveth or he taketh,<br/>God his children ne'er forsaketh;<br/>his the loving purpose solely<br/>to preserve them pure and holy.</b></p>        |

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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## OFFERTORY

## OFFERING PRAYER

## LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as our Savior teaches us...

**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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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