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**Epiphany 2**

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“The **Stone** that the builders  
*rejected* has become the  
**Chief Cornerstone.**”



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## PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

*Ps. 139:1-10*

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and known me! <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. <sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. <sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. <sup>7</sup> Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? <sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! <sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, <sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

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## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN: TLH #8**

**“Father, Who the Light This Day”**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** *♩* **A - - - men.**

### CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION:

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*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

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**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C** *♩* **Who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C** *♩* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end**

that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C**  A - - - men.

## INTROIT

*Ps. 40:1-5*

*A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.*

**P** I have not hidden Your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation;

**C** I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

**P** He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

**C** He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

**P** Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie.

**C** You have multiplied, O LORD, my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You!

**P** I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

## GLORIA PATRI

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father"*



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system covers the text 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;'. The second system covers the text 'as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

**VERSE OF THE DAY***Isaiah 49:3*

Alleluia. You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

Alleluia.

**THE KYRIE***Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our life.*

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST***TLH #237:1*

**C** All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

**P** Let us pray . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - - - men.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – 1 Samuel 3:1-10** Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.<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 own place.<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, 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> And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose 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> And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose 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 hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup> And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

**GOSPEL READING – John 1:43-51** 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 of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

**P** This is the Word of the LORD.

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

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*The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.*

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**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into  
heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father**

**almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**HYMN: TLH #132**

**“O God of God, O Light of Light”**

**SERMON – 1 Peter 2:1-10** So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. **2** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation- **3** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. **4** As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, **5** you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **6** For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." **7** So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," **8** and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. **9** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. **10** Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

### **You are God’s Holy Priests**

**I. Rejected by man   II. Built on the Rock   III. Set apart for God**

#### **OFFERTORY**

*In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.*

**☞** **♫ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**SERMON HYMN: TLH #130:1-2, 5-6**

**“O Jesus, King of Glory”**

## - OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

*Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed on the next page:*

### OFFERING HYMN: TLH #788:1

- C**  Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.

### PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

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- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

- C**  Amen, amen, a – men.

### CLOSING HYMN: TLH #49

“Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast”

## ✠ Announcements ✠

**The January Schedule** has been rearranged. Due to Pastor's absence on January 7<sup>th</sup>, communion will be moved to January 21<sup>st</sup>. Relating to this, we will also be moving the normal fellowship snack to the 21<sup>st</sup>. And to include those who can normally only attend on a communion Sunday, the Quarterly Voters' meeting and Ladies of Immanuel will also meet on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Jan. 21:** Communion, Fellowship Snack, Voters Meeting, Ladies of Immanuel
- ✠ **Feb. 4:** Confirmation Day for Joel Bernthal – Examination @ 9:15 | Confirmation during the worship service

**Agendas** for the upcoming voter's meeting are available in the back of church. If you are a vote, please plan on coming to the meeting next week for this important work.

**CLC Pastor Paul Krause** (of Trinity Lutheran in Watertown, SD) and family awoke to very difficult news recently. His son, Nathaniel, 21, had died in his sleep in the early morning of New Years Day. A victory service was held at his home congregation on January 6<sup>th</sup>, and a memorial service was held in Nathaniel's remembrance at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College and Seminary on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Please

remember the Krause family in your prayers during this difficult time. As we think of them, we also remember all those within our own midst who are dealing with cancer and sickness and whose bodies are simply breaking down. Such sickness and unexpected death serves as a solemn reminder of our greatest enemy—sin, which ultimately leads to death. Thankfully the Lord has taken death captive for his own purposes, and now we know that in Christ death is but the entrance to eternal life in heaven. This is the confidence that the Krauses hold as they mourn their loss, leading Pastor Krause to conclude his email to all of the CLC Pastors: “The Lord gave - the Lord has taken away - blessed be the name of the Lord!”

**Last Week:** (12/31) – 48 | (1/7) – 34

General = \$969 | CLC Missions = \$25 | Building Fund = \$40 |

**Total Offering** = \$1034

General = \$1404 | CLC Missions = \$50 | Property Improvement = \$10 |

Building Fund = \$10 | Tuition Aid = \$25 | **Total Offering** = \$1499

**January Usher:** Seger | **Acolyte (1/21):** Mason K.  
| **Cleaner (1/20):** Sedberry

## Why Go to Church?

A church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them... So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today."