Welcome
Welcome to God’s church *On this, the 2nd Sunday after Epiphany*. These communities of faith have one great aim and purpose: to help people grow in love for neighbor, ourselves, the earth and God. That’s why we’ve come together and that’s why we’re glad you’re here.

Announcements
*Remember that we are in the holy presence of God. Let us take a moment to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

Confession and Forgiveness
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.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*
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.
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.

Amen.

**Gathering Hymn**  ELW 574 -Here I Am, Lord

1  "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2  "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.

3  "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?"  Refrain

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**Greeting** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you.
C: And also with you.
Kyrie

L : In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

L : For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
    For the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

L: For your people here, who have come to give you praise,
    For the strength to live your word, Let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

L: Help save and defend us, O God  C: Amen

Canticle of Praise  #836  Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee V 1,3

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,                      Thou art giving and forgiving,
God of glory, Lord of love!                          ever blessing, ever blest,
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,             wellspring of the joy of living,
praising thee, their sun above.                     ocean-depth of happy rest!
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,               Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
drive the gloom of doubt away.                     all who live in love are thine;
Giver of immortal gladness,                        teach us how to love each other,
fill us with the light of day.                      lift us to the joy divine!

Prayer of the Day

God of new beginnings…
Be present with us this year
Help us to trust the delight you have in us
Lead us in every step
And may the Spirit’s gifts unfold in each of us in new ways
May beauty surround us,
Grace enfold us
Love embrace and uphold us
Joy bless us
And Hope sustain us.
May we receive healing and wisdom
May our creativity flower and our courage grow
And in your hands may justice and mercy flourish.
We rejoice in all the gifts that await us in this new year
And pray that we will receive them with delight.
Thank you for the gift of sharing together
The journey of this new year.
Amen.

C: Amen.

1ST READING  1 Samuel 3:1-10

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; 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. 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.”
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 LORD, 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.

3 You 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.

5 You 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.

13 For 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.

15 My 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.

17 How 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.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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. 14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. 15 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! 16 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.” 17 But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. 18 Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. 19 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? 20 For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

**Gospel Acclamation** 172 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
L: The Gospel for today is from the Gospel of John 1:43-51
C: Glory to You oh Lord

**The Gospel**
L: The Gospel of the Lord
C: Praise to You, O Christ

**SERMON**

**Hymn of the Day** ELW 798 - Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

1  "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

2  "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?"

3  "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

4  "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.

In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

The Apostles 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.
The Prayers of the People
Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.
For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound (especially), that God console all who suffer, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

For our neighborhood, for visitors joining us for the first time or returning, and for those absent from our assembly, that all who seek to know God are nourished by word and sacrament, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us (especially Antony and Pachomius, renewers of the church), that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.
Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

The Offering
Offering Resp. # 686 We Give Thee But Thine Own (V 1 only)
The Offering Prayer
Merciful God,
receive the gifts we bring,
our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Through this meal unite us as your body,
shining with the light of your justice and mercy;
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C: And also with you.

The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise!
Let us Pray

The Pre-Communion Prayer
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy (p 153)
C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow’r and might:
Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the mystery of faith until he comes:

C: Christ has died.
   Christ is risen.
   Christ will come again.
With this bread and cup we remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life lived for others,
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.
The Lord’s Prayer (Sung)
**The Invitation**

We who are united in one body, who have been anointed by your Spirit, who seek to join in your mission, make us one as we partake of the one bread.

Behold who you are. Become what you will receive

Come. Be filled with light and life.

**The Post Communion Prayer**

Christ Jesus,

at this table we have feasted on your very life

and are strengthened for our journey.

Send us forth from this banquet

nourished in body and in spirit

to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

L: We have asked God to change us by God’s grace, fill us with God’s goodness and make us a mirrored reflection of the Divine. We ARE the body of Christ – giving ourselves for others. We are the blood of Jesus – may our lives and love be spilled out for those around us who are hurting. We have become what we received.

C: Amen.

**Blessing:**

..May your life be a brush in the very hand of God—painting new creation into every nook and cranny of reality that your shadow graces. Be courageous. Be free.

Prune that which needs pruning, and water that which thirsts for righteousness.

You are the body of Christ, the light of the world. Pick up your hammer. Your brush. Your trumpet. Your skillet. Your pen. Lift up your head. Lift up your voice. And walk. Run. Dance. Fly. Sing. The great Artist has called you into being. So go into your world, your valley, your garden, and create with His grace and His peace.

Amen.
**Sending Song**  ELW 677 - This Little Light of Mine

1. This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
   this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
   this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
   let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
   ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
   ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
   let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
   Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
   Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
   let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

**Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ  
C: Thanks be to God.