



SAINT LUKE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 17, 2021

WELCOME _____

Prelude: Improvisation on "Here I Am, Lord"

D. Mead

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM _____

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvations.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING _____

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,
Day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me":

As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call, give our hearts to your
obedience, serve and love you best of all.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. 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.**

WORD _____

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-20

The reading concludes:

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

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Lord, you have¹ searched me out;

O Lord,¹ you have known me.

You know my sitting down and my¹ rising up;

you discern my thoughts¹ from afar.

You trace my journeys and my¹ resting-places

and are acquainted with¹ all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word¹ on my lips,

but you, O Lord, know it¹ altogether.

You encompass me, behind¹ and before,
 and lay your¹ hand upon me.
 Such knowledge is too wonder-¹ful for me;
 it is so high that I cannot at-¹tain to it.
 For you yourself created my¹ inmost parts;
 you knit me together in my¹ mother's womb.
 I will thank you because I am mar-¹velously made;
 your works are wonderful, and I¹ know it well.
 My body was not hid-¹den from you,
 while I was being made in secret
 and woven in the depths¹ of the earth.
 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
 all of them were written¹ in your book;
 my days were fashioned before they¹ came to be.
 How deep I find your¹ thoughts, O God!
 How great is the¹ sum of them!
 If I were to count them, they would be more in number¹ than the sand;
 to count them all, my life span would need to¹ be like yours.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

The reading concludes:

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

✠ SAINT JOHN 1:43-51 ✠

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
Remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.

Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will.
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
Now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end.
Oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

Apostle's 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition: Lord, listen to your children pray.
Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.

Sharing of the Peace

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

Reflections on God's Grace

"Will you come"

THANKSGIVING _____

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Praise and thanks to you, Holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

SENDING _____

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Prayer for Peace

Recession

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prelude: Little Prelude and Fugue in C

J.S. Bach



SAINT LUKE CHURCH

January 17, 2021

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship

THE PRAYER FOR 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.**

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ILL

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants:

<i>Eve Scheffler</i>	<i>Maryann Palermo</i>	<i>Peter Burkbart</i>	<i>Steve Mead</i>	<i>Abigail Zhang</i>
<i>Patricia Grunde</i>	<i>Janet Hagberg</i>	<i>Christian Long</i>	<i>David Horne</i>	<i>Dale Peters</i>
<i>Shauna Stiglich</i>	<i>Jan Nyberg</i>	<i>Amyyah Robinson</i>	<i>Rosie Diaz</i>	<i>John Holland</i>
<i>MaryJo McCawley</i>	<i>Neva Geweke</i>	<i>Ray Geweke</i>	<i>Dan Horton</i>	<i>Erika Stampfl</i>
<i>Laurie Strobmayer</i>	<i>Mona Moharreri</i>	<i>Martha Kastigar</i>	<i>Grace Tampa</i>	<i>Rosemarie Morgen</i>
<i>Albester Hall Jones</i>	<i>Ray Wentworth</i>	<i>William A. Jones</i>	<i>Matthew Hage</i>	<i>Alice Sarasin</i>
<i>Linda Planekowsky</i>	<i>Mark Van Scharrel</i>	<i>Michael Holman</i>		

the help of your power, that illness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. Amen

FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may move every human heart; that the barriers dividing us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; and that we might live in justice and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty God, we commit to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad:

Nicholas Bakulinski *Jeremy Strobmayer* *Dan McCarthy* *Lucas Kratz* *Preston Larson*

Defend them with your heavenly grace and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

O Almighty God, Creator of all humanity, turn the hearts of all peoples and their rulers that by the power of your Holy Spirit peace may be established among the nations on the foundation of justice, righteousness and truth; through him who was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

January 17, 2021



Welcome to Saint Luke Sunday Services

Saint Luke has temporarily suspended in person services. Services will continue ONLINE ONLY. Please pray for our country and the world as we fight this pandemic.

Introduction to the Day

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather *whom*—we come *to*. Jesus refers to the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision “the house of God, and ... the gate of heaven” (Genesis 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

Today

The joy of Christmas continues! Environmental features remain from that festive season to remind us that we continue in our joy at the birth of God's Son. The “Light to the Nations” now continues his epiphany through his earthly ministry which we follow in the Gospel readings for this season.

In-Person Worship Founders Day 137 – Next Sunday



Saint Luke Church will be back in Church next Sunday, January 24, 2021!

Next Sunday, January 24, 2021 we mark the founding of the Saint Luke Church in 1884 and celebrate **137 years of blessing**.

The service at 8:30 a.m. will be Morning Prayer and the **festival service** of Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m.

At both services we will give thanks for past blessings and commit ourselves to increased service in the future.

Voters Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Voters Assembly next Sunday, January 24, 2021. This meeting will be held at 9:15 a.m. (between services). Reservations for the Voters Meeting are necessary. Please call the church office (773.472.3383) or email Elisabeth Stampfl (estampfl@stlukechicago.org) to make your reservation for the Voters Meeting.

The Voters Meeting will be broadcast live via Zoom. The link for the meeting is: <https://bit.ly/3r92TAV>
Meeting ID: 960 5161 1085 Passcode: stluke



Coffee Hour!

You are invited to Coffee Hour after Church this morning beginning at 10:30 a.m. Join the conversation and check up on people from church you haven't seen in a while!

Here is the link for Coffee Hour: <https://bit.ly/39xYjVS>
Meeting ID: 948 1158 6701, Passcode: saintluke



Bible Class **will** meet this Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Get you lunch and join Pastor Bouman to discuss the lessons and Gospel for the Anniversary of Founding of the Congregation.

The lessons are: *Isaiab 49:1-7, I Corinthians 1:1-9, Saint John 1:29-42*

The link for "**Bible Class**" can be found on the website at stlukechicago.org. Click on "Bible Class" or enter the following URL into your browser: <https://bit.ly/3oiiovVR>

Meeting ID: 784 7788 0585, Passcode: saintluke

Caring and Sharing for the home



Some of the residents of Saint Luke Renaissance--Greenview Place are in need of **new bed pillows, towels and twin-size sheets, blankets, waste baskets and shower curtains**. Items should be in their original packaging. If you are able to supply any of these items, please bring them to the Church Office.

Caring and Sharing

As we begin a new year, we also begin again our yearly cycle of collections for those in need in our midst. Each month we designate an item in special demand during that season and ask our members to leave their donations in the collection barrel in the church lobby. Contributions are then distributed through relief agencies in the LakeView area.



In **January**, the item for the month is **beans (dry or canned)** and **rice**. Please be generous in your contributions.

The Freedom of a Christian

Amid the pandemic of COVID-19 and the ongoing pandemic of racism and xenophobia, our communities and world are ravaged by illness, death and injustice. We are tempted to turn inward in despair. Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther wrote a treatise titled *The Freedom of a Christian*. In it, he offered his most compelling summary of the Christian life: In Christ we are completely free and at the same time completely bound in love and service to our neighbors. The Lakeview Lutheran Parish (LLP) is sponsoring a study of *The Freedom of the Christian* on Wednesday mornings 10:00 – 11:00 am continuing until February 17. Join via zoom: <https://bit.ly/3luyyJm>. Meeting ID: 987 432 464. Password: 029091. Call-in: 312.626.6799.

Watch a brief video from Bishop Eaton, download the study guide and a free copy of the *Freedom of the Christian* at elca500.org.

THANK YOU!

- Many thanks to Martin Luther King Lutheran Church for a donation to Saint Luke Academy.
- Thank you to the following for their donation given to the glory of God and to Saint Luke for the Year-End Appeal:

Lawrence Chapman

John Langfeld *in honor of David and Laura Abrahamson*

Dean and Diana Maschoff *in honor of the baptism of Charles Maschoff*

THIS WEEK

at Saint Luke Church

The Second Sunday of Epiphany – SUNDAY, January 17, 2021

Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.

<https://bit.ly/3r92TAV>

Meeting ID: 960 5161 1085

Passcode: stluke

Online

Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.

<https://bit.ly/39xYjVS>

Meeting ID: 948 1158 6701, Passcode: saintluke

Online

Book Launch 7:00 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/3bBwzAV>

Online

MONDAY, January 18, 2021

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School/Building closed

TUESDAY- FRIDAY, January 19 – 22, 2021

Morning Care 7:30-8:00 a.m.

School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

After Care 3:30-6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, January 20, 2021

Administrative Staff Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Online

The Freedom of a Christian Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/3luyyJm>

Meeting ID: 987 432 464. Passcode: 029091. Call-in: 312.626.6799.

THURSDAY, January 21, 2021

Bible Class 12:00 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/3oi0vVR>

Meeting ID: 784 7788 0585, Passcode: saintluke

Online

The Anniversary of the Founding of Saint Luke Church - SUNDAY, January 24, 2021

Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m.

Voters Meeting 9:15 a.m.

<https://bit.ly/3r92TAV>

Meeting ID: 960 5161 1085

Passcode: stluke

Festival Eucharist 10:30 a.m.

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Coffee Hour canceled (January 24 only)

Book Launch with Pastor Bouman January 17th at 7 p.m.



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Authors Stephen Bouman and Ralston Deffenbaugh observe that ten years after they wrote the first edition of this book, immigration is an even more contentious issue in society and the church, and immigrants are much more vulnerable, mistreated, and blamed than ever before. Through stories of crisis and hope, *They Are Us* helps Christian communities understand themselves and their ministries as part of God's narrative of love and hospitality for the little, the lost, the last, and the least. These stories show there is no greater power to unite our divided, angry, and fearful church and society than the presence of the crucified and risen Christ among us.

Zoom Link for Book Launch: <https://bit.ly/3bBwzAV>