



January 14 & 15, 2018 - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome to worship! To the first time visitor, we extend our sincere greeting. To those looking for a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Savior, membership in His church and citizenship in His eternal kingdom. Parents, there is a "sitting room" with visual and sound of the service along the south wall. **We follow the Service of the Word, starting on page 38.**

We have large print service binders available - please ask an usher for one.

Today's Hymns: #183, #283, #560, #562

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's Glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹ The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. ² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

⁶ Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Psalm 67 (page 91)

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹² "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything. ¹³ You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. ¹⁵ Do you not know

that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." ¹⁷ But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. ¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

Gospel Lesson: John 1:43-51

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

⁴⁶ "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

⁴⁸ "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."

⁵⁰ Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." ⁵¹ He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

Sermon Theme: (based on John 1:43-51)

He Says to You, "Follow Me!"

Thank you to our Sunday organist, Jennifer Knutson and Monday pianist, Amibeth Olderman.

This week - God willing.....

TODAY: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 9:20am

Adult Bible Class 9:20am & 6:30pm "Prophecies of the Book of Zechariah"

Mon: Worship 6:30pm

Tue: Catechism 5:30pm

Wed: Bible Class 1:30 & 6:30pm - "Study of John's Epistles"

Thu: "Seekers" Young Adult Bible Study @ Jen's Java 7:00pm

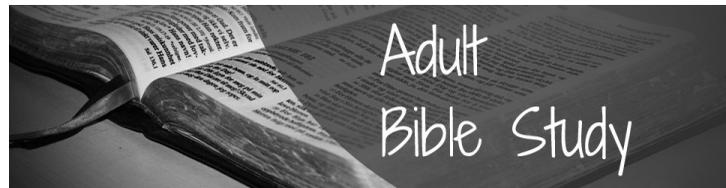
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Last Weekend's Attendance: Sunday: 8:00 - #96, 10:45 - #73, Monday - #62, Total - #231

“Koine” will be performing at MLHS on Friday, Feb 23 at 1:30pm in the gym. This concert is being offered free for school aged children and their teachers. Adults are also welcome to attend but are asked to contribute to a door offerings (suggested amount is \$5)



Epiphany Adult Bible Studies:

- **Sundays at 9:20am & 6:30pm:** A study of the prophecies of Zechariah. With 14 chapters, Zechariah is hardly a minor prophet! He looks ahead 500 years to the time of Christ and onward to the end of the age. If you like the prophecies of Revelation, you will also like those in this book.
- **Wednesdays at 1:30 & 6:30pm:** A study of John’s epistles, and the epistle of Jude. John was the ‘disciple Jesus loved’ - who not only walked with Jesus during his earthly ministry, but also lived to a ripe old age and watched the Lord build his Church. John writes fatherly advice to us, emphasizing God’s vital gifts of love and truth and how our lives are built on both.



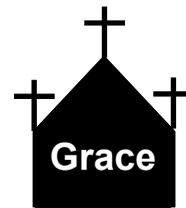
Altar Flowers at Grace: Would you consider furnishing a flower arrangement to go on the altar for a weekend in 2018? These can be in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a blessing in your life (birthday, anniversary, etc) and this information can be shared in that week’s bulletin (please contact the office with this info). If interested, sign up on the flower chart on the bulletin board. For details, please call Laverne Mattes (652-9610).

Upcoming Conferences & Retreats:

Men: “Men of His Word Conference” will be on Saturday, Feb 24, 2018 in Oshkosh. This year’s theme is “Get Out of the Boat!” There are handouts available on the round display table with descriptions of the 19 breakout sessions being offered - you pick 3 to attend. Online registration and more details about the schedule, sessions, keynote speaker, etc can be found at www.menofhisword.org



Ladies: “Pathways to Christ Retreat” will be held on Mar 9-11 in Oshkosh. The 2018 theme is “Speak O Lord”. There are brochures available on the round table display with details about this retreat. Additional information, along with registration forms, can be downloaded at <http://pathwaystochrist.org>.



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