



IN OUR PRAYERS: We remember those in special need of God's love and care including: Marilyn Eglund, Shirley Gentry, Deb Zanfes, Wilma Nielsen, Rhonda Bakken, Bonnie Anderson, Evelyn Mandsager, Margaret Sloan, Kort Freeman, Lois Jurries, Heide Rienhardt, Margaret Sloan, Garwin Anderson, Lois Quam, Pastor Trudy Peterson, Karyn Davis, Fern Schmidt, Rod Snavelly, Bob & Janet Mortenson, Lucille Anderson, Norma Larson, Richard Omundson and those we name in our hearts.

*Our missionary: Courtney Davis in Papua New Guinea

*Our companion synods: The Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Yakobi Parish, companion with Lost Island and the Evangelical Lutheran Church Laz-Paz Parish in Chile, companion with Bethany.

***The Family of LeRoy Kunz thanks Bethany Lutheran Church for your expressions of sympathy at LeRoy's passing. Thank you to Pastor Morlock, and Vicar Sarah Schilcher, Organist, Janis Campbell, and to the women who made salads and served the lunch. Thank you for your prayers, cards and memorials.**

Betty Kunz, Tony Kunz, Tim Kunz, Ann Gray and families

Today's Noisy Offering Goes to CBM (Christian Blind Mission)

CBM is an international Christian development organization, committed to improving the quality of life of people with disabilities in the poorest communities of the world.

Those who attend Sarah Circle, the date in the Newsletter is wrong. You will be meeting at Elaine Nauss' home on January 16th.

Adult Bible Study-Resumes January 17th-Potluck. All adults are welcome! 5:30pm-7pm. Bring a dish to pass as we dive into Psalm 119.

January 21st- Sunday school youth will sing during the service!
 Sunday School Youth-You are at **\$47.47** for the offering.
 The goal is \$100 by April 29th.

On January 21st, Bethany will be conducting their Annual Meeting following Church. All members are invited to attend to review what we have done over this past year—and what is ahead for us. Kristin will be hanging out with any youth in the basement during the Annual Meeting.

On January 28th-Lost Island will conduct their Annual Meeting. Kristin will also be around to hang out with the youth that are present.

Bethany Lutheran Church
 703 Broadway- Emmetsburg, IA
 Worship 10:30 AM
 Sunday School 9:30 AM

Lost Island Lutheran Church
 3797-310th St. - Ruthven, IA
 Worship 8:45 AM
 Sunday School 10:15 AM

Rev. F. Peter Morlock and Vicar Sarah Schilcher
 Organist: Janis Campbell

We welcome you to worship today
 January 14 2018

2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP SHEETS

We invite everyone to please sign the attendance sheets in the black notebook located at the end of pew. If you are a member, take a minute to notice people you don't know and welcome them to worship. If you are a visitor, we would like to get to know you better, please include your address and phone number. We welcome you to come again.

SERVICE FROM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP-SETTING 10

*Please stand as you are able

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

L: Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN:** WOV, #712, *Listen, God Is Calling*

***GREETING:** P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

***KYRIE:** sung to tune of *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE:** sung to tune of *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth;
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

HELPERS—BETHANY

Organist	Janis Campbell
Altar Guild for January	Pam & Mike Hermansen
TODAY, January 14	NEXT SUNDAY, January 21
Lector: Angie Hetrick	Stephanie Larson
Greeters: Joyce Froisland	The Boevers' Family
*Angie Hetrick	* Paul & Teresa Saxton
Communion Asst:	Jacki Ellingrod, Kristin Rienhardt
	Angie Hetrick
Ushers: Ryan Veldboom, Mark Saxton	Steve Finer, Mark Evans & Zack
Ben & Nicholas Saxton	Foxhoven
Acolytes: Hannah & Olivia Sanders	Josephine & Ben Saxton

TODAY, January 14 LOST ISLAND NEXT SUNDAY, January 21

Organist	Tim Nielsen
Altar Guild for January	Linda Pitt, Pat Henningsen
Reader: Charles Henningsen	Alaire Nielsen
Communion Asst:	Craig Thu
Acolytes: Owen Lux	Mariam Hackbart-Morlock

OPPORTUNITIES

Monday, Jan 15

9 am Quilters
 6 pm Quilters

Tuesday, Jan 16

Sarah Circle Meets at Elaine Nauss' home

Wednesday, Jan 17

12 Noon Men's Bible Study
 3:30 pm SACK
 5:30pm Adult Bible Study Resumes—Potluck
 6-7 pm Confirmation
 8:00 pm LIFE

Thursday, Jan 18

Youth Leaders Mtg—Rescheduled from the 11th
 Ministerial Meeting at Pizza Ranch
 Tabitha Circle meets at Alaire's home

Sunday, Jan 21

8:45 am Lost Island Worship
 10:15 am Lost Island Sunday School
 9:30 am Bethany Sunday School
 10:30 am Bethany Worship
 Bethany's Annual Meeting right after church
 2:00 pm Canvas Art Fundraiser

⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

CONCLUSION OF THE GOSPEL: Praise to you, O Christ. (Spoken)

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: WOV #752, *I, The Lord of Sea and Sky*

***THE APOSTLES' CREED:** LBW pg. 65

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**-respond with "hear our prayer"

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**—in this cold & flu season you may wish to refrain from shaking hands and just extend the greeting

Please be seated while the offering is received

***OFFERING/OFFERTORY:** ELW #744 (LI) TFF 248 (B) *Lord Be Glorified*
(NOISY OFFERING: CHRISTIAN BLIND MISSION)

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:** LBW Pg. 67 Merciful Father,
**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Re-
ceive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN:** ELW #798, *Will You Come and Follow Me*

***DISMISSAL:** P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Please pray together

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the
countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clear-
ly, 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

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

*At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel
and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel re-
sponds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This
marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.*

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; ³the 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 the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." ¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you."

¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." ¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.]

***Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18** Please read responsively

You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1)

¹Lord, 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.**

³You 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, it altogether.**

⁵You 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.**

¹³For 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.**

¹⁵My 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.**

¹⁷How 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.**

***Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.

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

Here ends the reading. Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: sung to Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCED and RESPONSE: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 1:43-51

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."