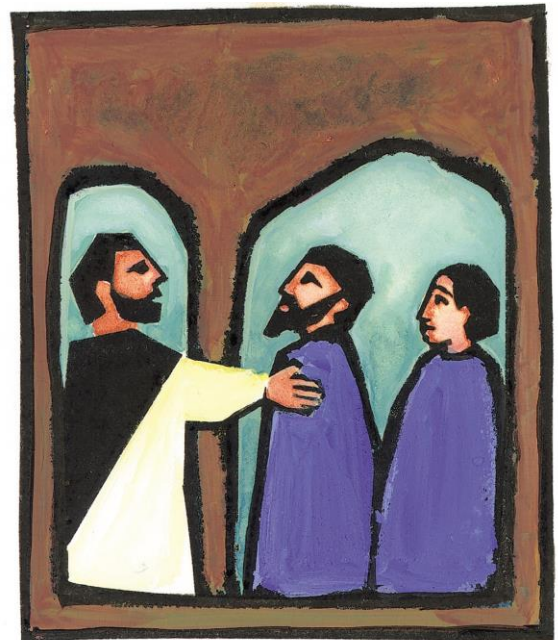


Second Sunday after Epiphany

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."



January 14, 2024

9:30 a.m.

HOLY NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

New Hope, Minnesota

www.holynativity.net



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

Welcome to WORSHIP at Holy Nativity!

Holy Nativity Lutheran Church ~ 3900 Winnetka Avenue North ~ New Hope, MN 55427
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Our Mission & Ministry: "Grounded in Christ's love, Holy Nativity Lutheran Church is a welcoming community dedicated to helping all know God's love through worship, service, and fellowship."

Join us for Sunday worship at 9:30am
in person or on Facebook "LIVE"
at facebook.com/holynativitynewhope!

The nursery is available during worship for families with kids ages 3 and under.

Staff Members:

Rev. Jason Wahlstrom	Pastor
Iver Hubert	Director of Music & Worship
Lisa Stockert	Organist & Communications Coordinator
Kristen Chamberlain	Sunday School Director
Linda Lien	Congregational Care Coordinator & Set-Up Funeral Coordinator
Wendy Grimes	Youth Ministry Associate
Tom Wiblishauser	Custodial Care & Activity Set-Up
Kara Holt	Financial Coordinator
Amy Laite	Sunday Nursery Coordinator (September through April)
Tawn Hanson	Wedding Coordinator
Brittany Anderson	Director of Week-Day Childcare Center (hncccc.org)

Worship "Stream" Team:

Mark Chamberlain
Harper Chamberlain
Andrew Kubly
Chris Daniels
Isaac Daniels

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

“To be called by God is an act of spiritual intimacy and divine urgency.”
-Joseph L. Price

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

This is a time to quietly listen, pause to pray, and reflect on why we are here.

GATHERING MUSIC *“When Christ’s Appearing Was Made Known”* Mark Sedio

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (P-Pastor, C-Congregation)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence is kept for reflection)

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God’s beloved.

C: Amen.

WE PRAISE GOD

GATHERING HYMN *“Making Their Way”* All Creation Sings #979

GREETING & KYRIE Red Folder Pg. 13

HYMN OF PRAISE *“Glory to God”* Red Folder Pg. 14
(Congregation sings refrain to begin and after each verse)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison) **Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessing 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.**

ANTHEM

“I Believe”
Nativity Ensemble

Mark A. Miller

*I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.
I believe in love even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God even when God is silent.*

FIRST READING

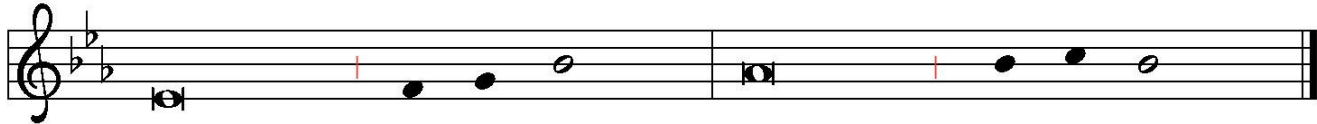
1st Samuel 3:1-20

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 responds 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 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 Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words... **Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18 (tone 4) (sung responsively)



(first line of each verse)

(second line of each verse)

Leader: ¹ Lord, you have ¹ searched me out;
O Lord, ¹ you have known me.

All: ² **You know my sitting down and my ¹ rising up;
you discern my thoughts ¹ from afar.**

Leader: ³ You trace my journeys and my ¹ resting- places
and are acquainted with ¹ all my ways.

All: ⁴ **Indeed, there is not a word ¹ on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it ¹ altogether.**

Leader: ⁵ You encompass me, behind ¹ and before,
and lay your ¹ hand upon me.

All: ⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonder- ¹ ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- ¹ tain to it.**

Leader: ¹³ For you yourself created my ¹ inmost parts;
you knit me together in my ¹ mother's womb.

All: ¹⁴ **I will thank you because I am mar- ¹ velously made;
your works are wonderful, and I ¹ know it well.**

Leader: ¹⁵ My body was not hid- ¹ den from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths ¹ of the earth.

All: ¹⁶ **Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written ¹ in
your book;
my days were fashioned before they ¹ came to be.**

Leader: ¹⁷ How deep I find your ¹ thoughts, O God!
How great is the ¹ sum of them!

All: ¹⁸ **If I were to count them, they would be more in number ¹ than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to ¹ be like yours.**

SECOND READING

1st Corinthians 6:12-20

Paul helps 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.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words... Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

John 1:43-51

Pastor: The holy gospel according to John... Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

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." 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."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord... Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"That's a Relief"

Rev. Jason Wahlstrom

MOMENT TO REFLECT (*We pause in silence.*)**WE RESPOND**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Son of God, Our Christ"

Red Hymnal #584

APOSTLES' CREED

Hymnal Pg. 105

C: 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.

OFFERING/CHILDREN'S TIME

(If you are worshiping at home, you are invited to mail or drop off your offering, or donate online – go to our website at holynativity.net and click on "Make Donation." Thank you!)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(After each prayer petition... P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

LORD'S PRAYER (unison) Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Now may the light of God surround us, the love of God enfold us, and the presence of God watch over and protect us. For wherever we are, our God is also there. We close as we began, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen**

MISSION HYMN

“Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”

Red Hymnal #676

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are God’s beloved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC

“O Zion, Haste”

Mark Sedio

WEEKLY INFORMATION

<p><i>Sunday, January 14th</i> <i>Second Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Time 10:45am Education 12:00pm – 3:00pm Holy Ghost Church</p>	<p><i>Thursday, January 18th</i> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 9:00am Quilters</p>
<p><i>Monday, January 15th</i> <i>Martin Luther King Jr, Day</i> Office Closed</p>	<p><i>Friday, January 19th</i> Office Hours 9:00am – 1:00pm</p>
<p><i>Tuesday, January 16th</i> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 10:00am Bible Study 3:45pm Staff Meeting 5:00 – 7:00pm Holy Ghost Church (Annex) 7:00pm Council</p>	<p><i>Saturday, January 20th</i></p>
<p><i>Wednesday, January 17th</i> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 9:30am Lounge reserved 1:00pm Lounge reserved 6:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm Nativity Choir</p>	<p><i>Sunday, January 21st</i> <i>Third Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30am Worship w/Communion 10:30am Fellowship Time 10:45am Education 12:00pm – 3:00pm Holy Ghost Church</p>
<p>PRISM is in need of all food donations. January’s Mission Offering is designated to Lutheran Disaster Response.</p>	

TODAY...

Education is at 10:45am:

- **Sunday School** begins and meets in the large room at the end of the Sunday School hall.
- **Sunday Forum** meets in the worship area and is led by Pastor Jason. Topic is *“The Oldest Church in the ELCA.”*
- **Youth Forum** (for 7th – 9th graders) is in the youth room.

UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS...

Our next congregational meeting is on Sunday, January 28th at 11:30am. We’ll be discussing and adopting our 2024 budget. Join us!

Youth Takeover Sunday is February 4th. We're excited to have our youth lead worship!

Holy Nativity will be again hosting the Second Annual Wildfire “Marty” Gras Fundraiser to benefit Every Meal. The event will be held in our Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, February 10th from 12:00 – 3:00pm** and will feature Bingo and prizes, Popcorn, a Pizza Lunch, a Bead Game and more! Proceeds will help with the cost of providing weekly meal bags to District 281 elementary students experiencing food scarcity. Further information to follow soon—meanwhile, please save the date!

Trivia Night Fundraiser! Please plan to join us on Tuesday, February 13th for Shrove Tuesday Trivia and Dinner! 6:00pm dinner and 7:00pm trivia. More info to come.

The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday worship on February 14th at 7:00pm. Join us!

Family Camp! We are returning to Camp Wapo February 23th – 25th for a weekend of rest together. Games, snacks, puzzles, movies, reading, broomball, hiking, naps, or nothing at all. Families, couples, singles – all are welcome! Sign up deadline is Friday, February 9th. Have questions? Kristin Daniels would love to talk with you. Sign up on the kiosk!

Please sign up for Sunday flowers in honor or memory of someone or in celebration of something in your life. The sign-up chart is on the wall across from the office. We have many Sundays available! Flower bouquets are \$30 and are arranged by Cardell Floral.

Thank you for your continued financial support! If you are worshiping with us at home, there are still many ways you can financially support Holy Nativity!

- **Mail your offering** (you may use your offering envelopes or mail checks to us at Holy Nativity, 3900 Winnetka Avenue N, New Hope, MN 55427).
- **Scan this QR code with your phone to make a donation online.** Or go to our website at holynativity.net and click on “Make Donation.”
- **Contact the office to send you a Simply Giving form** for automatic withdrawals



If you have a prayer request or update, or wish to be added to our prayer group, please contact the church office at 763-545-1647 or office@holynativity.net.

<i>Thank you to today's worship assistants!</i>	
Council Host	Lori Cowman
Cantor	Cresta Hubert
Scripture Reader	Laura Sommervold
Greeter	Lynn Kvalness
Ushers	Gaylen Bunce, Dennis Dalen, Todd & Leah Weisjahn
Social Hour Hosts/Coffee Servers	Dave & Grace Folkerds
Acolytes	
Altar Guild Assistants	Deb Peterson, Nora Leverson