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## The Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 15, 2023



**Color of the Day:** Green - suggesting spiritual growth and maturity. There is nothing colorless about our need to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. That's why the "green meadow" time of the church year is so lengthy. Time must be given to encourage all worshippers to maintain their faith through the constant use of God's means of grace.

Opening Hymn . . . . . #696 – O God, My Faithful God  
Confession and Absolution . . . . . Page 167

### Service of the Word

Introit . . . . . Page 168

Ps. 19: 1-4a, b; antiphon: Ps. 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable

| in your sight,\*

O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,\*

and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

Day to day | pours out speech,\*

and night to night reveals | knowledge.

There is no speech, nor | are there words,\*

whose voice | is not heard.

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end | of the world.\*

In them he has set a tent | for the sun.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,\*

O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

Kyrie . . . . . Page 168

Hymn of Praise (This Is The Feast) . . . . . Page 170

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Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading . . . . . Page 172

Isaiah 49:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup>he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Gradual . . . . . Page 172

Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle Reading . . . . . Page 172

<sup>1</sup>Corinthians 1:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup>so that <sup>8</sup>you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>9</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful,

by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Choral Anthem**

**Alleluia & Verse** ..... Page 173

**Holy Gospel**..... Page 173

*John 1:29-42a*

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” <sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn of the Day** ..... #402 - *The Only Son from Heaven*

**The Sermon** ..... Called to Be Saints ~ 1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
*Miss a sermon, need some inspiration, need a review of church doctrine (teachings), check out Pastor’s blog at: <http://rabswritings.blogspot.com/> or Pastor Mendez’s blog at: <https://pastormendez.blogspot.com/>*

**Introduction**

Beginning this morning \_\_\_\_\_.

**Paul’s An Apostle**

Paul is not writing \_\_\_\_\_.

**To the Church**

We might well read, \_\_\_\_\_.

By faith in Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

And by faith in Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

**Grace and Peace**

Grace is \_\_\_\_\_.

We have peace \_\_\_\_\_.

**Thanksgiving**

First, Paul gives thanks \_\_\_\_\_.

It is God who gives \_\_\_\_\_.  
We are not lacking \_\_\_\_\_.  
God has, is, and will \_\_\_\_\_.  
Our confidence is \_\_\_\_\_.  
So, we have fellowship \_\_\_\_\_.

**What Does This Mean?**

This means we, \_\_\_\_\_.  
God calls us together through \_\_\_\_\_.  
God sustains us \_\_\_\_\_.  
God calls, God does, God gives and \_\_\_\_\_.  
Today \_\_\_\_\_.

**Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:**

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**Prayer of the Church & Offering** ..... Page 175

*Our First Fruits & Tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the Gospel. Our Offerings are special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes. This is an act of worship for members and friends of St. Matthew who are moved by God’s love to respond to the Gospel. Guests should not feel obligated to participate.*

**Offertory** ..... Page 176

*Service of the Sacrament*

**Preface** ..... Page 177

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus & Prayer of Thanksgiving** ..... Page 178

**Lord’s Prayer and The Words of Our Lord** ..... Page 179

**Pax Domini & Agnus Dei**..... Page 180

**Distribution** ..... Page 181

*Before partaking of the Lord’s Supper, we ask that you read our communion statement on the pew insert behind the Bible. Thank you.*

**Distribution Hymns** ..... #688 – “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake  
#602 – The Gifts Christ Freely Gives  
#628 - Your Table I Approach

**Post-Communion Canticle (Thank the Lord)** ..... Page 181

**Post-Communion Collect and Benediction** ..... Page 183

**Closing Hymn** ..... #795 - *Voices Raised to You We Offer*