



# Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

arr. Joseph M. Martin

## Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is the light of the world. We light this candle as a sign that Christ has come and Christ will come again. As the light pushes back darkness let us walk with, learn from, and worship Jesus Christ.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: That light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**All:** The true light that gives light to everyone has come into the world.

Liturgist: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only son who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*John 1:5, 9, 14 adapted*

\* **All Singing:** 103 "Arise, Shine, for Your Light is Come"  
*Singing verses 1, 3, and 5*

\* GOD'S GREETING

\* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* **All Singing:** 269 "All Are Welcome"  
*Singing verses 1, 3, and 5*

*Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."*

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## Reconciliation

Liturgist: You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you know my thoughts; you know my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. You hem me in behind and before and you lay your hand upon me.

**All: So, where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee your presence? If I go to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there; if I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, your hand will guide me and hold me fast.**

*Psalm 139:1-10 adapted*

Liturgist: Lord, hear us as we pray:

**All: Have mercy Lord and forgive us.  
You are everywhere and we forget about you.  
You are beside us and we ignore you.  
You are behind us and we run from you.  
You are in front of us and we make our own way.  
You are light and we cherish the dark.**

### *Silent Confession and Reflection*

Liturgist: This is the message that we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

**All: As we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:5-9 adapted*

\* **All Singing: 730 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**

## BAPTISM OF ELEANOR HOPE & EZRA JAMES OTTENHOFF

Minister: Having heard God's gracious promises to us in Christ, do you desire that Eleanor Hope and Ezra James be baptized?

Parents: We do.

**All: With joy we celebrate together the gift of God's grace in Christ!**

Minister: In presenting your children for baptism, desiring that Eleanor Hope and Ezra James be grafted into Christ as members of his body do you receive the teachings of the Christian faith, which we confess in the Creeds of the church?

Parents: Yes! We trust in him as our Lord and Savior. We intend to be Christ's faithful disciples, trusting in his promises, obeying his Word, honoring his church, and showing his love, with God's help as long as we shall live.

Minister: Will the congregation please stand and with these parents proclaim your faith using the words from the Apostle's Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again**

from the dead. He ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

COVENANT VOWS  
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  
BAPTISM

WELCOME

Minister: Some of us will have the privilege of encouraging Eleanor Hope and Ezra James often, over the course of many years. Others of us may not be able to do so. Yet we all speak words of promise and welcome, speaking on behalf of Christ's whole church, in time and space, and committing ourselves to live lives of Christian encouragement wherever God calls us.

Brothers and sisters, we now receive Eleanor Hope and Ezra James into Christ's church. I charge you to nurture and love them and to assist them to be Christ's faithful disciples.

**All:** With joy and thanksgiving, we now welcome you, Eleanor Hope and Ezra James into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you and to help you know and follow Christ.

**All Singing:** 709 "Jesus Loves Me"  
*Soloist singing verses 1 and 2; all joining to sing verse 3*

**Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

## Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

\* **All Singing:** 763 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"  
*Singing verses 1 and 3*

Scripture: John 1:43-51

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Constructing Community

\* **All Singing:** 627 "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

## Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Elim Christian Services

OFFERTORY “Come, People of the Risen King”

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\* **All Singing:** **374** “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”  
*Singing verse 4*

**All glory be to God Most High; to God the Son let praises rise;  
whom with the Spirit we adore forever and forevermore.**

## Sending

\* BENEDICTION

Postlude

### Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Ari Varghese
Pianist / Vocalist:	Erin Pacheco	Liturgist:	Josie Boswell
Vocalists:	Lori & Evelyn Evenhouse	Prayer:	Sandi Nelson
Alto Saxophone:	Cody Decker		
Percussion:	Clay Carlson		
	Henry Evenhouse		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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