



Jona Abbey

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Sunday Communion Service A (Iona Community)

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons 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 Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

P With Nature in its power and beauty, in pouring rains and bright sunlight, in mighty old trees and new blades of grass.

C **We gather in praise of God.**

P With believers and seekers, with people from every land, and speakers of every language.

C **We gather in praise of God.**

P With the angels and saints in heaven, with all who have worshipped in this place.

C **We gather in praise of God.**

P With Jesus who promised his presence and the Spirit who showers us with blessings.

C **We gather in praise of God.**

P Here let heaven and earth be united.

C **Here may God's people find a home.**

GATHERING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord



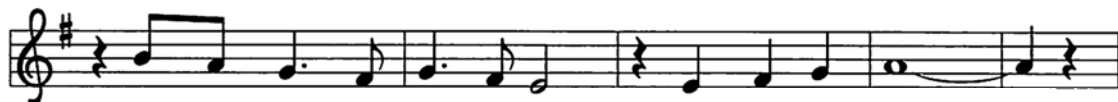
1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,	I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,	I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,	I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin	my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them.	They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them.	My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings 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.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P For the right roads we avoided traveling, and the kindly words we refused to share; for the false gods who received our attention and our true shelves full of love that we do not show.

C God, by your grace, forgive us.

P For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly, and the promises which we never kept; for the careless use of our time and money, and the excuses we should never have made.

C God, by your grace, forgive us.

P For all we should be and all we can amend.

C God, in your love, renew us.

P For all you have in store for us and all you may demand of us.

C God, in your love, prepare us.

P For the life of the world and the love of its people.

C God, in your love, commit us.

**A Kyrie Eleison
Christe Eleison
Kyrie Eleison
Amen.**

P Hear and believe these words of Jesus: Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace. Come and follow me. Glory to the Creator who gives us life, to Jesus whose love remakes our souls, to the Spirit that walks with us in this journey. Glory be to God forever more.

C Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 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.

L Listen for God's Word

C Our hearts and minds are open.

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.

L God be in our hearing of your word this day.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18

Spoken responsively

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 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!

¹⁸If 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 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.

L Listen for God's Word

C Our hearts and minds are open.

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.

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C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel, according to John, the first chapter.

C 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.” 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.”

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SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW C. PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beautiful Savior

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in the flow'rs of spring;
 bright of spar - kling and high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, who set the sun and moon in the sky, who gave us water and earth to thrive, and created humans with vast diversity yet all children of you.

We believe in God beside us, in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, healer of the sick, servant of the poor, tortured, nailed and died on a cross. A man of compassion; he died for our sins. He descended into the earth and into the place of death. On the third day, he rose from the tomb and ascended into heaven. His kingdom will come on earth in the last days.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit, the fire of that Pentecost day, the life-giving breath of the church to preach to all the lands. The Spirit that brings unity to all followers around the world. The Spirit that brings healing, forgiveness, and resurrection to all. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A For the body of Christ throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned, hospitalized, or homebound, especially Eleanor Jewell, Betty Mai, Walt Laughlin, Martha Nemeth, and Don Longren, that God console all who suffer, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For our neighborhood, for new and returning visitors, and for those absent from our assembly, for First Lutheran in Dorrance and Upper Wolf Lutheran in Robinson, Kansas, and Zion Lutheran in Ferguson, Missouri, that all who seek to know God are nourished by word and sacrament, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For Ivan Carlson, and Cathy Tunnell as they celebrate their birthdays and for Betty Patton as she remembers her baptism, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

PEACE

P In your forgiveness from Christ, may you go in peace to spread love to all those you see this day. May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P All that we have and all that we are is a gift of God's grace to us. Let us return with thankfulness and use what we possess for God's glory this day.

C Amen.

MEAL

P The Lord be with you

C and also with you.

P Lift up your hearts

C We lift them up to God.

P Let us give thanks to God our Maker,

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to our God. We praise your name and join in their unending praise:

C Holy, Holy, Holy God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

P Because you, gracious God, have been faithful to us, we will be faithful to the example that Jesus gave us. He promised to be with those who meet in his name.

C This we believe.

P He said that in the communion of bread and wine, that he would be present with us as we remember him.

C This we celebrate.

P So, send now your Spirit among us and upon this bread and wine, that we may taste and see your goodness, be embraced by your love, and be engaged in your service in the world.

C Amen.

P As Jesus did, so we do this day. We break this bread. (*The bread is broken*) We share this cup. (*The cup is raised*) We believe that he who lived, died, and rose again for us is present in these. We share these in remembrance and forgiveness that Christ calls us to in this meal.

Around this table, at this meal, we pray those words given to us by our Lord and Savior,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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.

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

P Take this bread, share this cup. In these Christ comes to us with love from God. These are the gifts of God for the people of God, let us be glad in them this day!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C Graciously nourish us, Jesus Christ, so that we who try to follow you may receive this spiritual food for our faith journey and be bound in unity with all who walk in your way. Amen.

SENDING

PRAYER

P Give thanks for all God's goodness

C God's love shall last forever.

P Generous and faithful God, you have fed us at your table. May the nourishment we have received deep in our souls enable us to enrich the lives of others in our life wherever we may go from here. Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether our cares be light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our hearts open, our hands embracing, our lives ever surrounded and lifted in this love that you showed us this day around your table of grace.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P May the everlasting God shield you wherever you go. In the name of God, the Giver of Life, of Jesus, the fount of love, and of the Holy Spirit, the bearer of Peace, this blessing of the Trinity be upon you now and evermore.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
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Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

DISMISSAL

P Go in Peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, 17..... Online Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM

Mon., Jan. 18 Deadline for Annual Report Submissions

..... Deadline for February Trinity Tidings.....

Sunday, Jan. 24..... Online Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM



Deadlines are coming! Tomorrow, January 18 is the deadline to turn in reports for the Annual Report and for articles and information for the February issue of Trinity Tidings. We will be mailing the annual report out in combination with the Tidings.

Camp Tomah Shinga:

We have opened registrations for summer camp 2021! After a summer apart due to COVID, we are thrilled to be back. As we adjust camp to be safe and healthy for your camper, we look forward to Exploring Creation, Building Relationships, and Growing in Faith with you this summer. Register at www.camptomahshinga.com. If you have any questions reach out to Jazz Turley at jturley@tomahshinga.com.

Bethany College:

Is your family beginning the college search? Are you unsure of where to begin? Look no further than YOUR Lutheran college, Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS. Find your path to your purpose with us. Contact Vicki Cornett at cornettv@bethanylb.edu or visit www.bethanylb.edu for more information.

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Dec. 20	\$380.00	\$25.00	\$405.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$2,387.00	0
Dec. 27	\$9,065.00	\$75.00	\$9,140.00	-\$2,792.00	\$6,348.00	0
Jan. 3	\$545.00	\$0.00	\$545.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$2,247.00	0
Jan. 10	\$3,892.00	\$0.00	\$3,892.00	-\$2,792.00	\$1,100.00	0
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Nov 2020	\$5,869.14	-\$8,919.47	-\$3,050.33	
		Jan. - Nov	\$102,712.94	-\$111,266.51	-\$8,553.57	

Remember our shut-ins!

Peggy Buchholz
Don Longren
Marlene Hassan

Roy O'Neil
Ron Owensby

Keith Springer
Naomi Walker



DOORSTEP'S
"SOUPERBOWL
SUNDAY" IS
FEBRUARY 7th



**BRING
SOUP**

**AND
CRACKERS**



Our Goal this year is 2.5 ton... 5,000 pounds!

**TO YOUR CONGREGATION TO HELP
STOCK DOORSTEP'S FOOD PANTRY!**



The mission of
**Trinity Evangelical
 Lutheran Church**
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

Together in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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