

PHILADELPHIA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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The Second Sunday after Epiphany
(Lectionary Series B)

January 15, 2012 **11:00 A.M.**

THE LITURGY-THE PUBLIC WORK OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
Evangelical Lutheran Worship - Holy Communion - Setting 1

Prelude Prayer: Gracious and eternal God, in the Scripture texts for this day and especially in today's Gospel, we discover the dramatic and life transforming consequences that result from our having been encountered, embraced and called by You. John's Gospel narrative vividly reveals that despite Nathaniel's prejudice and scornful opinion of Nazareth, You can bring forth good at anytime, from any place and from anyone. Furthermore, in today's Gospel we, like Nathaniel, have our opinions challenges, our priorities reordered and our lives transformed as we are embraced by Your Redeeming Presence and Call made visible in Jesus Christ. In joy and thanksgiving, we worship You and serve others. Amen.

Theme of the Day: **"Life Transforming Epiphanies of God"**

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WORD

Children's Message: **"Surprising Places for God's Epiphanies"**

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

Congregational Response: *"Thanks be to God."*

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Congregational Response: *"Thanks be to God."*

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A: As God's beloved people made radiant by the light of Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human family and God's good creation and particular for those lifted up in intercessory prayer who are listed in this week's bulletin (A brief silence) Speak, for your servant church is listening and ready to serve. Make us attentive to your call, that with alertness and joy we will follow wherever you lead. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: All your works are wonderful and marvelously made, and you desire abundant life for all your creatures. Knit together all that is broken, and restore the balance of life on earth. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Raise up courageous prophets and leaders who speak truth to power. Open the heavens and let your justice roll down for all who are oppressed because of color, class, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: As you have promised, do great things for those who are homeless, hungry, uninsured, unemployed, or lacking adequate child care, and lift up those who are sick (especially). Sustain the caring and outreach ministries of this congregation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You search our hearts and understand us completely. In your compassion, care for those who are experiencing life transitions or making difficult decisions about health, work, church, and family relations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Remembering the mighty witness of (Martin Luther King Jr. and) all the saints, we look to that day when we will dwell with them at peace in your beloved community. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy God, we lift our prayers to you in hope, entrusting all for whom we pray to your great goodness and mercy, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

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Family Devotions

Altar Flowers are given to the **Glory of God** and in honor of the **Birthdays of Kevin and Bryson Adam** by **Steve and Allison Adams**.

The Second Sunday after the 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 Nathaniel plays with the idea of place.

Nathaniel initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's not so much where we come from—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 Nathaniel will meet God.

HOLY COMMUNION

As Christians & Lutherans we have been led by the Holy Spirit and through Baptism to acknowledge Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Lutherans also confess that in the giving and receiving of the bread & wine we also receive the Real Presence of the Risen Christ and His gifts of Forgiveness, Salvation, and New Life. A cordial invitation is extended to all baptized persons to participate in the celebration of these realities by receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received First Communion instruction are encouraged to come and receive a special blessing.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS Offerings and Gifts of Intercessory Prayer

Below are all those included on our weekly List for **Intercessory Prayer**. We lift them up in Prayer during the Sunday Worship Service and we encourage you to include them in your Prayer Life during the coming week. Please contact Pastor Weant or the Church office regarding persons whom you would like to add or remove from our weekly list for **Intercessory Prayer**.

Nursing Home or Other Care Facilities: **Jane Hubbard** is doing reasonably well at her assisted living home at *The Coach House*, Room 322, The Carriage Club, 5800 Old Providence Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28226. Phone: 704-362-5314; **H.T. Beam** remains in fair condition at *Morningside Assisted Living*, Gastonia; **Florene Friday Bridger** continues in fair condition at *Stanley Total Living Center*; **Lillie Mae Rhyme** is doing well at *Covenant Village*, Gastonia; **Clyde Lutz** continues in fair condition at the *Conover Nursing and Rehabilitation Center*, Room # 103, 920 4th Street Southwest, Conover, NC 28613-9679. Phone: 828-695-8282.

Members at Philadelphia Church having special needs: **John Jarrett** has returned home and continues to after spending most of this week at Gaston Memorial undergoing tests, observation and treatment after falling last Sunday morning at home; **Jennifer Rose Early** continues to recover at home following a recent hospitalization at Gaston Memorial undergoing tests, observation and treatment for a digestive disorder; **Diane Morgan** is doing reasonably well while undergoing chemotherapy for treatment of breast cancer in preparation for surgery which is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 20th. ; **Mary Frances Friday** continues to



reasonably well at home but remain under the doctor's care for treatment of a number of chronic conditions; **Dustin Braden** continues a slow but steady recovery and has now returned to work on a restricted schedule. He remains under the doctor's care and continues to participate in physical therapy but has made significant progress toward recovery following surgery in March at Carolinas' Medical Center, Charlotte to remove temporary supporting hardware implanted in his back in September of 2010 to help facilitate his recovery from major back injuries that resulted from a serious auto accident; **Harmon Rose** has been temporarily placed on a more restricted schedule pending time for new medication to be adjusted for treatment of a number of chronic conditions and the recovery of his memory following several hospitalizations at Gaston Memorial over the past year for treatment of a seizure, blood clots and short term memory disorders; We pray for **Howard Pasour, who remains in the custody of the N.C. Dept. of Corrections and for Howard's entire family** that God's love and care will bring healing and hope to all who suffer amidst the heartbreak of the tragic auto accident in July of 2010. Howard's new mailing address is: **Howard Clay Pasour, #1067031 Scotland Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 1808, Laurinburg, N.C. 28353.**

Others having special needs which includes friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers of members at Philadelphia as well as the needs of people around the world: **Carol Ellington**, mother of Rhonda Payseur and friend of Danny Adams, has returned home and is making a good recovery following tests, a heart catheterization and treatment for both a respiratory and cardiac condition; **Russell O'Neal**, friend and former classmate of Thomas Kelly, who remains in serious condition in his battle with cancer; **Gladys Jarrett**, aunt of John Jarrett, remains in serious condition following an auto accident on Thursday; **Nancy Bollinger, wife of Pastor John Bollinger**, continues to recover at home following open heart surgery at Carolinas' Medical Center on Friday, Dec. 17th; **Iris Carpenter**, cousin of Clay Pasour, who is undergoing tests and chemotherapy for leukemia at Bowman Gray Medical School; the **ELCA** and **some Lutheran congregations across the N.C. Synod** that we may be delivered from the misery and destruction threatening the Church and the Gospel by our captivity to Sin now manifesting itself in dishonesty, self righteousness, hatred, heresy, idolatry, prejudice, anger, discord and schism; for **the many victims suffering in the wake of severe drought in much of the southern and southwestern part of the USA earlier this year; all those afflicted by recent tornados, floods and hurricanes; the troops killed in the war in Afghanistan and Iraq and all who continue to serving in Afghanistan and Iraq; for the victims of the escalating political turmoil and violence erupting in many of the Arab countries; the victims affected by the social unrest in Greece, Italy, London** and many countries, that peace, justice and a better quality of life may emerge for all; for **America** that the energy manifested in the increasing political rancor paralyzing our nation and the escalating social unrest in many communities

may be channeled in directions and ways that can serve for constructive conversation and solutions to the economic, social and ethical challenges facing our nation and world; that our leaders will be given the wisdom and will to make sound, reasonable and wise decisions for the long term health of this nation; that we may be rescued from violence, discord, hatred and the destructive horrors of Sin and Evil; and **for all who stand in need of God's mercy and care.**

Renewed and strengthened by **Christ's Easter Victory over Sin, Evil and Death and His Promise of New Life in the Resurrection**, we extend our love and care to **Betty Smith and her family** following the death of her sister-in-law, **Betty Sue Smith Shook**, on Wednesday, January 11th.

Caring Conversations

We extend a cordial welcome to everyone. We are thankful to have you with us in Worship and it is our hope and prayer that you will experience a sense of acceptance, forgiveness, challenge, peace, joy, discipleship and hope as we are embraced by the Good News of God's infinite, unconditional and life transforming love made visible in **Jesus Christ, God's Living Word**. We encourage you to worship with us often as we celebrate **New Life in Christ** every **Lord's Day**.

We encourage all our regular members and all our visitors to please take a few moments and sign our register as it is passed down the pew. This helps us note your participation in *worship*, your reception of the *Sacrament of Holy Communion* and provides an opportunity to let us know of any prayers requests or pastoral needs that you or your family may have. We also encourage our visitors to give us your address and phone number if you would like to be placed on our newsletter mailing list or receive notice of upcoming events.

Table Grace for January

"God is great, God is good and we thank God for our food. By God's hands we are fed. Thank you Lord for daily bread. Amen."

During the month of **January**, Philadelphia will be providing **SOUP and CRACKERS** for the *Dallas/High Shoals Christian Social Ministry*. Cleaning supplies are always needed. Items may be left **in the collection area in the connecting foyer between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall** or taken directly to the Ministry at their location at 110 S. Gaston St., Dallas.

You can strengthen your daily Prayer and Devotional life by using the suggested **daily devotional Bible readings** and **constantly updated Intercessory Prayers** for the thousands of people serving in ministry across the ELCA and the Whole Church of Jesus Christ which are available on Philadelphia's website at www.philadelphialutheran.org ? At the home page, click the *Worship* tab and select the *"Daily Study and Prayer"* option. Philadelphia's website and the *Google expanded calendar* are updated every week. This includes the Sunday bulletin and

a brief biblical and theological summary of the lectionary texts and theme for the current or upcoming Sunday. The special Epiphany insert included in last Sunday's bulletin has also been posted on Philadelphia website. **Please encourage your friends, neighbors and those who do not have a church home to log onto Philadelphia's website and join us in worship and ministry.**

Please note the one page **Church Year Calendars** are available on the table in the narthex. There are enough for each family in the congregation, so take this item and use it to strengthen the spiritual and devotional life of your family.

The **2011-2013 ELCA Good Gifts Catalogs** are available in the narthex. This catalog provides a inspiring description of the overall scope of the ministries supported and made possible through our benevolence giving all across the USA and in over 60 countries around the world. We have enough for every family in the congregation. Take one, read, pray and join with others in supporting the mission of Christ's Church.

Service

This past week **Philadelphia** received a special note of **thanks and appreciation** from **Shana Ethernan**, the Activities Director at **Heritage Oaks Assisted Living**, Gastonia, expressing their gratitude for the many gifts, visits and prayers extended to the residents of **Heritage Oaks** during the Christmas Season.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TITHES IN 2012			
THE GENERAL BUDGET			
	BUDGET	RECEIVED	STATUS
01/08/2012	\$ 3,012.00	\$ 2,635.00	\$ 377.00 (Under)
Year to date:	\$ 6,024.00	\$ 4,886.10	\$1,137.90 (Under)
For the year 2012, as of 01/12/2012 we have received:			
\$	25.00	Sanctuary Furnace Fund	
\$	10.00	Parsonage Furnace Replacement	
\$	20.00	Area Lutheran Foundation	
\$	55.00	Total Additional Gifts outside General Budget	
Parsonage Furnace Fund Appeal			
	Goal	Received	Remaining to Go
01/08/2012	\$7,768.60	\$2,775	\$4,993.60
Sanctuary Furnace Fund Appeal			
	Goal	Received	Remaining to Go
01/08/2012	\$24,000	\$17,263.00	\$ 6,737.00
Ed. Bldg. Roof Replacement Appeal Fund Detail			
	Goal	Received	Remaining to Go
Challenge	\$18,200	\$13,420	\$4,780

During the past week the following memorial gifts were given to the Glory of God and in support of Philadelphia Lutheran Church:

Sanctuary Furnace Replacement:

In honor of **Mary Jo Friday** by **John and Vivian Friday**.

Parsonage Furnace Replacement:

To the Glory of God by **David Luoto**.

Area Lutheran Foundation:

To the Glory of God by **Ray and Ginger Cloninger**.

Philadelphia expresses a resounding word of **"THANKS & APPRECIATION"** to **Johnny, Vivian and Edward Friday** for providing the special **Christmas Treat Bags** for the children in the congregation.

To prepare for Next Sun., **Third Sunday after Epiphany**; First Lesson: **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**; Second Lesson: **1 Corinthians 7:29-31**; Gospel Lesson: **Mark 1:14-20**.

The **2012 Altar Flower Chart** is posted in the narthex.

Attendance 1-08-2012: Worship at 11:00 AM: **81** Sunday School **46**

Parish Mail: Ray Cloninger

Mark Your Calendar and Note These Significant Ministry Events in 2012

✦ **LMM Fellowship - Fishing Retreat: Thursday, April 19 – Sunday, April 21, 2012.**

✦ **CAMPFIRMATION at Lutheridge, Sun., June 17 – Sat., June 23, 2012.**

✦ **Summer Day Camp: Sunday, July 8 - Friday, July 13, 2012**

✦ **Youth & Family Beach Retreat at Kure Beach, Sun., Aug. 5–Thur., Aug. 9, 2012.**

We are pleased to note that we have received an newsletter update and video link from **our partner Missionaries in Bolivia, Pastor Justin and Kari Eller**. Both of these items have been placed on Philadelphia website. Justin and Kari have also announced an addition to their family, an adopted son, **Everette Josef Eller (Eber Jose)**. So check out Philadelphia's website at www.philadelphialutheran.org regularly for updates on the mission and ministry of Philadelphia Church and Christ's Church both locally and globally.

Please help us prepare for ministry by completing and returning the **2012 Time and Talent Forms** included in the last issue of *The Philadelphia Prophet*. Over the last few years we have gotten a bit slack in the use of this tool for ministry. Consequently, we have far too many people who do not regularly participate and share in the weekly ministry of Philadelphia Church and we have others who feel over extended and who are in danger of "burnout." So please, engage in prayer and circle the areas of ministry where you would be willing to serve in the coming year. **Please place your form in the offering**

plate or return to the church office before our special ministry organizational meeting on Sun., Jan. 29, 2012.

You are invited to help us make a good congregation better by participating in our annual **congregation, pastoral and personal inventory and evaluation**. Copies of the inventory and evaluation form are available in the narthex. All forms should be returned to the church office by **Sunday, February 5, 2012.**

Attention all parents and children age 3 who have not been confirmed, please note the Children's Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex. Children learn by example and what they see and they develop healthy habits through the regular and sustain rituals the participate in on a repeated and sustained basis. Therefore, we encourage parents to use these envelopes because the practice of making a sacrificial offering on a regular and sustained basis every week in response to God's blessing is on of the key ways parents can help nurture Children in the Christian Faith and increase the likelihood that the next generation of Christians will understand and live out regular and sacrificial giving and stewardship as a central part of what it means to be a Baptized Child of God.

Stewardship Is a Way of Life "Thought for The Day":

According to the 2009 report by the *Empty Tomb Research Foundation*, www.emptytomb.org, an independent, Christian research organization that studies stewardship and giving patterns across 29 Christian denominations, some sobering patterns have emerged regarding our priorities and stewardship across all denominational groups over the past 82 years. The Foundation discovered that in 2007 the total amount given to Overseas Ministries involving over 700 agencies, including denominational, inter-denomination and independent agencies for aid, evangelism and development totaled **\$5.2 Billion**. Moreover, if church members in the US had tithed in 2007 (latest year available) **an additional \$161 Billion** would have been available for the Church's mission. The Foundation also tracks consumer spending and priorities which underscores the importance of teaching **Biblically Grounded Stewardship**. The Foundation noted that in 2004 American consumers spent an estimated **\$705 Billion on recreation and entertainment**. ***The Good News of the Gospel*** invites, challenges and draws us into a pilgrimage of spiritual growth and renewal where we as a people of God can reflect the earmarks of the Church and manifest a generosity and discipleship as a Lutheran Church commensurate with the love, grace and abundance of blessings we have already received in Jesus Christ.

We apologize for the delay many of you experienced in receiving your offering envelopes for the first quarter of 2012. *Augsburg Fortress* confirmed that the envelopes were shipped on Dec. 13 from the Youngstown, Ohio printers and were delivered on Dec. 14 to the distribution center in

Greensboro, N.C. The US Postal Service could not give us a satisfactory explanation as to why it took more than 17 days for most of the envelope packets to travel from Greensboro, N.C. to Dallas. Because we were unable to confirm the location of the original envelope order the week after Christmas, *Augsburg Fortress* shipped a second batch of envelopes *first class at no additional cost to Philadelphia*. In some cases, families may receive two sets of envelopes. The Postmaster in Dallas has apologized for this "glitch" and has promised the Postal Service will take steps to avoid this level of delay and confusion in the future.\

Rituals and Traditions

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 15, 2012 - Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968 - An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Tuesday, January 17 - Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356 - One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

Tuesday, January 17 - Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346 - Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

Wednesday, January 18 - Confession of Peter - Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgment of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

Thursday, January 19 - Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156 - When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him. Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

Saturday, January 21 - Agnes, martyr, died around 304 - Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.



The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany