



## Thanksgiving For Baptism

*After each petition of thanksgiving:*

We pray with thanksgiving; **Blessed be God, who calls us by name, who claims us in the waters of baptism.**

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### WORD

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song

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## Lesson

John 1:35-51

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip 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." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And 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."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Come and See

Pastor Megan Torgerson

### Sermon Questions for Reflection:

Where have you seen Jesus showing you his power and asking you to follow him in your life?

How can you challenge yourself to live as a baptized and claimed child of God every single day?

What will you do this week to help others come and see what Jesus is about?

**APOSTLES' CREED**

*Following the Sermon and the Hymn of the Day, we respond to the proclamation of God's Word by expressing, as a community of worshipers, our commitment to God and biblical teaching. The word "creed" means "I believe." We confess the faith of the whole Christian church, and at the same time declare our personal adherence to that faith and our own dedication for the furtherance of God's plan in all the world. We stand as we speak it as a sign of our resolution and readiness to profess and defend our faith.*

**Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

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**RESPONSE AND MEAL**

We respond to the Word, and God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

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**The Prayers**

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

**Words of Institution**

*We welcome you to Holy Communion. We extend the hand of Christian fellowship and invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior to participate as His guest at His table. Communion will be by intinction, meaning that we will hand you a wafer and ask that you dip it into the wine. We have non-wheat wafers available; simply notify the pastor when you come forward. Children who do not yet commune are welcome to receive a blessing. Please indicate your participation in Communion on the Connection Card in the bulletin. If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion, please notify an usher and a pastor will come to you.*

**Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Communion Distribution/Offering**    *Lord, I Need You*

Reeves/Stanfill/Maher/  
Nockels/Carson

**THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY**

*The season of Epiphany reminds us how Jesus is manifested or revealed to the nations of the world. The wise men follow the star and when they find the infant Jesus, they understand that God has come into the world in human form. As you leave worship, how might you manifest, or reveal the presence of Christ in your life to a world in need of God's light and hope? By what you do and the things you say, your life might be an epiphany of God's grace and love to another person. Do not underestimate how God can use you when you leave worship on a Sunday morning.*

**SERVING TODAY**

- Pastor Mark Aune
- Pastor Megan Torgerson
- Intern Kiara Jorgenson
- Music Director: Lisa Griffin
- Band Members: Keri Hommez, Jodi Tripp, Scott Maleska, Dave Hofgren, Eric Solberg, Nathan Fryett
- Lay Reader: Ginny Rudolph  
David Ocar
- Media Team: Matt Howard  
Wayne Worth

**The White Roses** on the altar are placed there to celebrate the lives of Rita Anderson, who died on December 24, and Walter Aeilts, who died on January 2.

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**SENDING**

The Holy Spirit sends us into the world

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**Benediction**

Worship Leader:

Amen, Amen!

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives!

**Congregation:**

**Amen, Amen!**

**Let my song join the one that never ends**

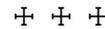
**Because He lives,**

**Because He Lives!**

**Closing Song**

*Open Up the Heavens*

McDonald/Ingram/  
Andrews/Garrard/Rozier



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Following worship we invite you to stop at the Information Center. It is staffed with individuals eager to answer any questions you may have. You are welcome to pick up our monthly newsletter, Augustana Life, at the Information Kiosk in the Narthex. It is also available online at [www.augustana.com](http://www.augustana.com), click on RESOURCES. Augustana uses the Narrative Lectionary as a basis for our weekly Bible readings. Next week we will read John 2:1-11.

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