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*"You are My beloved Son;  
with You I am well pleased."*

Mark 1:11b

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**                # 396

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**Introit**

I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;

**I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;**

I waited patiently for the Lord;

**he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,

**and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.**

Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust,

**who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!**

You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!

**I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy**

**Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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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:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (ESV)

Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The 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. Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" and 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.

And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose 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." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the young man. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.' " So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

## **Gradual**

Praise the Lord, all nations!

**Extol him, all peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

**bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

## **Epistle Reading:** 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (ESV)

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and

the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

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**Holy Gospel:** St. John 1:43-51 (ESV)

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 of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him and said of him, "*Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!*" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered him, "*Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.*" Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "*Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these.*" And He said to him, "*Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.*"

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ’s Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination’s doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

**In our thoughts and prayers,**

- † Donna Brewer (mother of Krystal Bornemann), Darlene Raeser & Lillian Schmidt (mother of Clare Renner);
- † Lyle & Vicky Yeager & family, on the death of Lyle’s mother.

**Welcome to worship** in the season of Epiphany.

“Epiphany” means “appearance.” In this season, we rejoice that God has appeared to us and made Himself known to us in the appearance of His Son. Today, Philip invites us to “Come and see” Jesus. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon.



**LWML Mites** will be collected today following the gathering of our morning offering.

**Marriage: Blessing or Curse?:** Please join us as we continue with our Bible class this morning.

**Wittenberg Offering:** Next Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, we will have a special offering for Wittenberg Chapel. Please see the article on page 7 for more information.



**The 2018 Greeters List** is posted on the bulletin board. Please select the month you wish to be greeters.

**2017 Contribution Statements** have been emailed to those who have provided the office with an email addresses or are in your Church mailbox this morning.

**“Soup January”:** Donations of soup and crackers for



Women’s Action & Resource Center are welcome throughout January. Donations can be left on the shelves in the entryway.

**The Largest Baby Shower:** During January we will be collecting new baby items for the FirstChoice Clinics. A flyer has been posted for suggested items. Donations can be placed on the table in the social hall.

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### **Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 42 Offerings: \$3,852.00

“You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the Kingdom of the Father – and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty, and faith.

## **Wittenberg Mission Offering**

The purpose of Wittenberg Chapel is to serve our youth from our congregations attending college there with Word and Sacrament ministry and to reach out to the rest of UND the students on the campus with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The reason for the mission offering needed for the Wittenberg Chapel and ministry is that early in 2017 the District Board of Directors considered to end the Wittenberg ministry by closing and selling the facility. This action was because of the chapel roof leaking and fear of what it would cost to fix it. Along with that the district called pastor there retired. It was also a consideration of what it might take to update the parsonage that you the district own also. It just didn't seem that we as a district had the funds to continue that ministry with good stewardship of the gifts that you give. **Many of the district congregations, pastors, and people expressed great concern about this and desired that we keep the ministry going there.**

Therefore, the District Board of Directors checked into the roof repair on the chapel and updating the parsonage and decided that the \$47,900 to repair the chapel roof and \$20,000 updating of the parsonage was good stewardship and also that we would call a full time pastor for that position.

Between now and the January 21-24, 2018 District Convention in Dickinson, I would ask you and your congregation to consider a generous offering towards Wittenberg Chapel and Ministry. Your entire congregation may want to get involved in this effort including your Sunday School, youth, LWML, and all the members of your congregation

Your servant in Christ,

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