

BENEDICTION

Scattering Proclamation (Reverend Nicole Collins)

Leader: Gracious God, may we come & see! May You continue to guide our hearts, guard our steps as we go forth with the Good News!

In the name of the Father, † Son & Holy Spirit

ALL AMEN (Please make the sign of the Cross)

POSTLUDE

† Thank you for worshiping with us! †

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Up & Coming Announcements

Our Lessons this evening were from: Psalm 40:1-11; Isaiah 49:1-7;

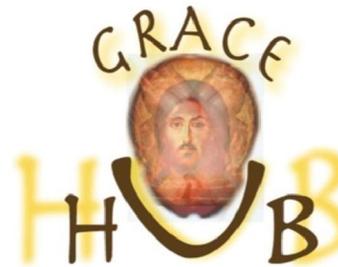
1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

- ◆ Our 8am service will officially be our LBW Traditional service
- ◆ 'Original Self; Living with Paradox and Originality.' by Thomas Moore. This is a multi-dimensional, devotional of sorts with Christian Existentialist motifs. It's a very easy read as well as readily available on Amazon from \$4 and up. Please feel free to ask for more details. At the moment this study will only be offered at the end of the month. This study will be held one hour before the 5pm Blended service
- ◆ All hymns will either be from the LBW or the With One Voice. A Special heartfelt thank you to First & Santa Cruz Lutheran church for their recent donation of 12 WOVs!

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(& the Grace Hub!)



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The Grace Hub

† Sunday Evening Worship †
January 15th, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
PRELUDE MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL" #713WOV

WE REFLECT & REJOICE

(inspired from 1 Corinthians from Epistles Now! ; & Psalm 40 from Psalms Now! ; Reverend Collins; & Setting 2 from the LCMS hymnal)
(Please stand if able)

Leader: I searched long and shouted loud for God. It finally paid off, and He responded. He reached into my pathetic emptiness and planted objective and purpose there. Now I feel like singing; there is genuine meaning for my life!

Silence is kept for reflection.

ALL: *It is amazing, how in our immaturity we tend to interpret God and to structure our faith according to the precepts and pronouncements of our human leaders... There is no doubt that God does speak through such. How else can He relate His wisdom and will to His creatures? This is through the accumulated experiences and insights of His many servants throughout the centuries.*

Leader: Today at the experience of Jesus Baptism, we recall our own and are drawn to live into the reality of being His children of Grace and Promise in the world. It is in these insights concerning God's saving Grace that we are to share with the human family about us.

ALL: *How privileged we are, and how responsible that makes us, to live and love and serve according to the precepts of God and by means of the Grace that He has granted us through Jesus Christ! God has redeemed and declared us worthy to be the ministers of Grace. This is our sole purpose and it gives meaning to our lives and enables us to discover joy even in the midst of the trials and conflicts that come our way. However we may interpret things, God reveals His love and redeeming power through Christ and His Cross.*

Please observe a moment of silence for reflection

Leader: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a servant of the Word, announce the Grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: AMEN (Please make the sign of the Cross) †

Scripture Lessons for the Evening (please be seated)

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— ⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Leader: *The Word of the Lord* **ALL:** Thanks Be to God

A Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John

Please Stand

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ALL: *Glory to You, O Lord*

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When 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?"

³⁹He 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. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He 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).

Leader: *The Word of the Lord* **ALL:** *Praise to You, O Christ*

Sermon by Reverend Nicole Collins: *"Empowered Purpose"*

HYMN OF THE DAY "LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD" #230LBW

✠ PEACE & PRAYER CIRCLE ✠

HOLY COMMUNION

Please take this opportunity to reflect in your heart how this Means of Grace— Christ actual presence feeds and restores your soul. As St. Paul would say: Listen with your heart wide open. Then, TASTE, SEE & DELIGHT that the Lord is Good!

LORD'S PRAYER: Please recite what version is comfortable for you.
(Please be seated)

The Disciple's Creed *(Based on a young Zimbabwe pastor)*

ALL: I'm a part of the fellowship of the unashamed. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I'm a disciple of His and I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed. My present makes sense. My future is secure. I'm done and finished with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap living, and dwarfed goals. I live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by Holy Spirit power. My face is set. My gait is fast. My goal is heaven. My road may be narrow, my way rough, my companions few, but my guide is reliable and my mission is clear. I will not be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice or hesitate in the presence of the adversary. I will not negotiate at the table of the enemy. I won't give up, shut up, or let up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, and preached up for the cause of Christ.

I am a disciple of Jesus. I must give until I drop, preach until all know, and work until He comes. And when He does come for His own, He'll have no problems recognizing me. My colors will be clear!

Prayer for Spiritual Formation *(Reverend Nicole Collins)*

Leader: Gracious and loving God,

May Your light purify and cauterize away all the darkness

May we LIVE into Your Voice

What You have ascribed to us as well as everything You have done for our sake
May we renew our hearts into a humble victory over sin, death and the power of evil

For Thine be the Glory and the Amen

As long, as we are Your servant leaders in this world

May Your Gospel forever reign.

— *(Please observe a moment of Silence)*

ALL: AMEN