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Sunday: Epiphany 2, Year B

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You discern my thoughts from far away.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! I try to count them- they are more than the sand.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

You are the rock of our salvation, O God, the source of our strength. You are the fountainhead from which flow living waters. When our souls thirst after righteousness, your justice sustains us. In need of encouragement, we behold your power and glory. We lift our hands in the sanctuary; with our lips we praise you. We raise our voices in the company of believers and call on your name. Fill us now with your Holy Spirit, and nourish us by your presence. Amen.

HYMN: Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak (722)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us as we make our confession. We grow lax in our discipline, and we disobey Christ. Our faith is flabby when put to the test; our courage vanishes in the face of temptation. Our joints suffer when we are called to act. We profess loyalty, while our bodies deny commitment. Have mercy upon us and forgive us our sin. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear Paul's words when he writes: "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? For you were bought with a price." Christ mercifully paid the price for our sin. Through him we may approach God with our temples made clean. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: Hearing the Word

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: God Is Calling through the Whisper (410)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from *The Larger Catechism*, 7.254)

What are the duties required in the Ninth Commandment?

The duties required in the Ninth Commandment are: the preserving and promoting of truth between all persons, and the good name of our neighbor, as well as our own; appearing and standing for the truth; and from the heart, sincerely, freely, clearly, and fully, speaking the truth, and only the truth, in matters of judgment and justice, and in all other things whatsoever; . . . discouraging talebearers, flatterers, and slanderers; love and care of our own good name, and defending it when need requireth; keeping of lawful promises; studying and practicing of whatsoever things are true, honest, lovely, and of good report.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION STATEMENT: **Our mission is to proclaim and demonstrate the inclusiveness of God's Love to the people of the Ozarks and the needy of the world.**

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

O God, you nourish us by the outpouring of your love. You strengthen us with your enlivening Spirit. Our bodies are sustained by your goodness and power. You are the source of every good act we perform and of every talent we possess. These gifts are but a portion of what you give us in abundance. Accept them as signs of our thanksgiving. Amen.

HYMN: Here I Am, Lord (69)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TRIPLE "AMEN" (601)

POSTLUDE