



2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Worship with Holy Communion

January 14, 2024

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church



We are glad you are here, and we pray God will be real to you as you worship with us. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation; therefore, we invite all people, including those of all races, ethnicities, gender identities and expressions, sexual orientations, ages, economic levels, and abilities. God loves all creation and holds us all, so we welcome you who walk through our doors and you who are outside those doors. We honor and appreciate the rich diversity of age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity and expression, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships. We commit ourselves to embracing the work of anti-racism, social and economic justice, and environmental care.

Communion - We will celebrate Holy Communion together via Zoom, as well as gathered in person. Please have bread/cracker(s) and a cup of wine/grape juice ready if you and those with you would like to participate. If you do not have access to wine or grape juice, you may receive Communion without the cup—Christ is present in the bread, as Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life.” (John 6:35)

GATHERING

Prelude

Twelve Short Pieces for the Organ: No. V

By Samuel Wesley



Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. An all gender restroom is located behind the worship space next to the church office. Please ask the Usher or Greeter for assistance. There is also a rocking chair in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please use it as you wish.

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

Please stand in body or spirit

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.



Gathering Song of Praise

We Are Marching In the Light of God

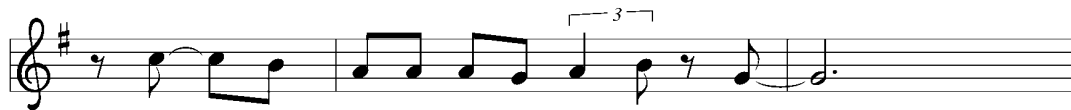
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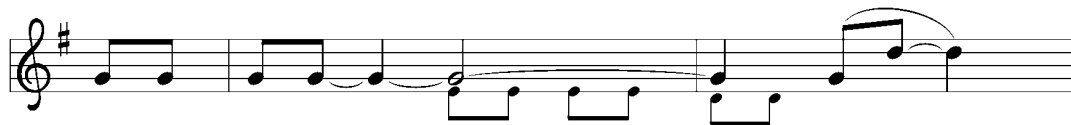
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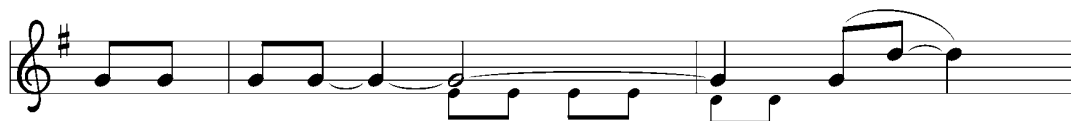
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Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



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We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

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Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-20

A reading from Samuel

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the 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. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and 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. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up 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." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.' " So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

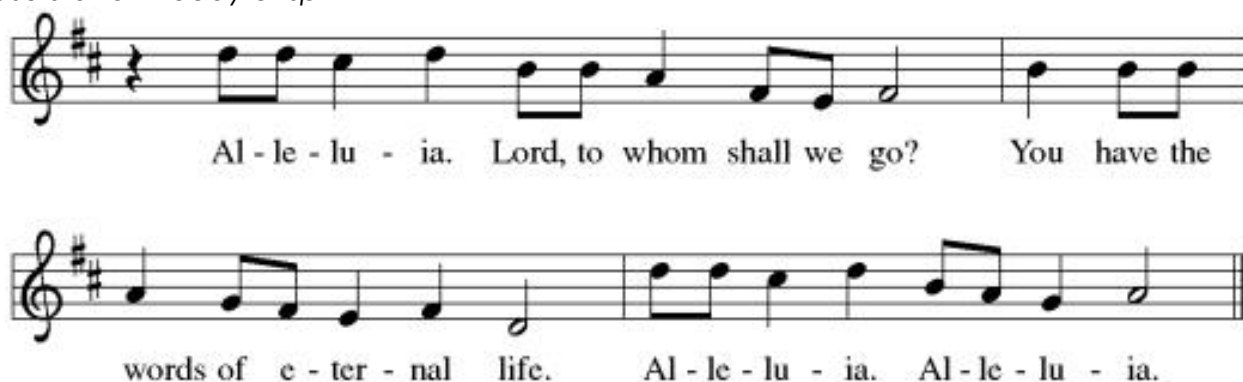
¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit



Gospel Reading

John 1:43-51

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip 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." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And 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 Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Children's Time

Sermon

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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Please Stand in body or spirit

Prayers of Intercession

*The response to each prayer is: God of grace, **receive our prayer.***

Sharing of Peace — *Take time to share the peace on Zoom and in person*

COMMUNION MEAL

For those worshipping virtually, please gather your bread and wine to participate in Holy Communion.

Offering

You may use one of our options for giving: The offering plate will be passed by the ushers, Venmo @BethelLutheran-Church phone # digits 6064, PayPal, see our website bethelpdx.org for link, online at: <http://bethelpdx.org/donate> Additionally you may give by mail. Thank you for supporting the many ministries of Bethel!

Offertory

Offering Prayer

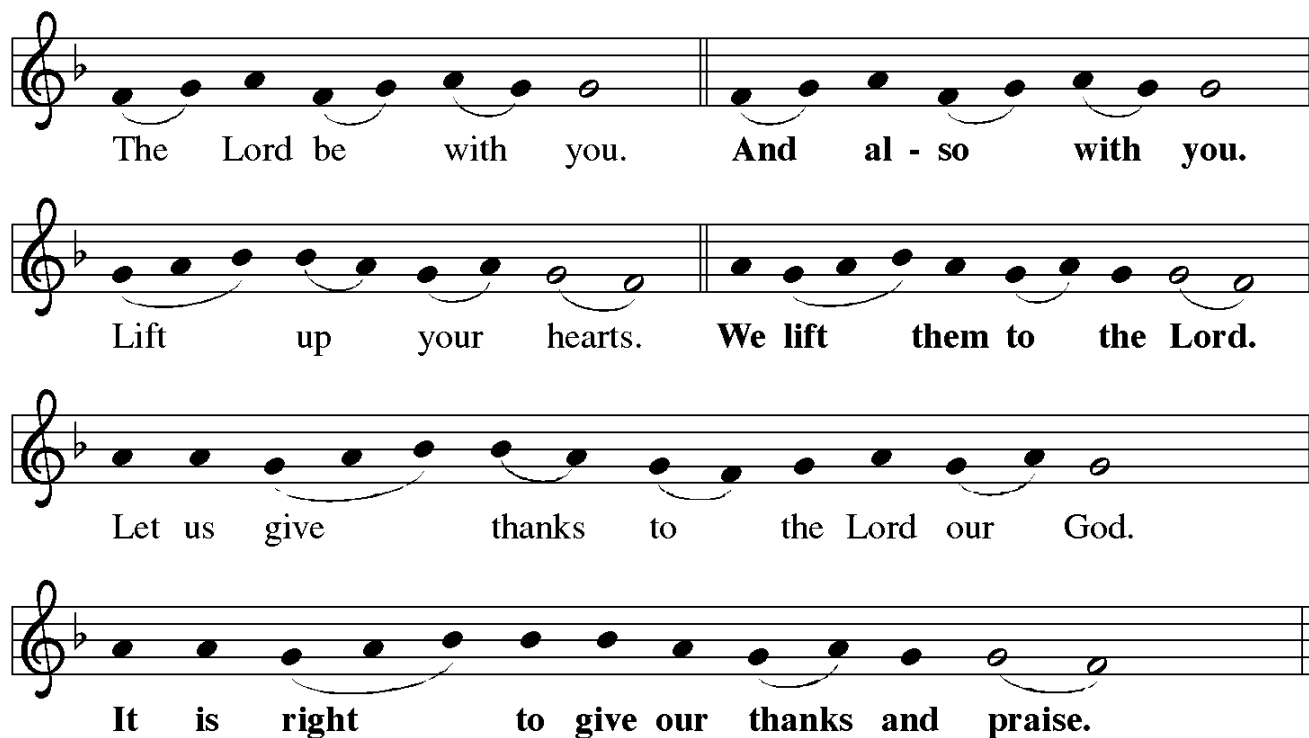
Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.**



Great Thanksgiving

The Pastor will guide you when to take the bread and cup to eat and drink.




The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Thanksgiving continues with the preface.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*The presiding minister continues with the Thanksgiving at the Table. At the end, all say: **Amen.***

The Lord’s Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is 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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Duetto II
By J.S. Bach

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Sending Song

Someone To Watch Over Me
By George Gershwin

The Sending.

Go in peace. You are God’s beloved.
Thanks be to God.

Stewardship of Service	This week – Jan 14, 2024	Next week – Jan. 21, 2024
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Leon LaCross	Pastor Leon LaCross
Music Director	Shlomo Farber	Shlomo Farber
Reader	Tana Bishop	TBA
Zoom Host	Joann Knoll	Volunteer needed!

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Pray For:

Pray for the people in Israel, Palestine, and all of the Middle East as they suffer war, violence, terror, and retribution. Show the world a path to peace and justice.

Let us continue to pray for all victims of gun violence.

Pray for peace and justice in Russia and Ukraine, Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Pray for peace and justice and safety among our houseless neighbors. Help us understand how we can share your love with them.

Pray for Bethel leaders, including Pastor Leon LaCross, Music Director Shlomo Farber, Admin Assistant Kerry Czuba, the 2023 and (soon!) 2024 Church Council members, and for all the members and friends of Bethel Lutheran Church.

Pray for Ju Ju Moody for a successful immigration process.

Pray for the Bethel Youth Drop-In Center Board as they prepare for the Summer 2024 Day Camp. Send us excellent applicants for Director and Staff.

Pray for Shlomo Farber, that his family and friends in Israel may be safe.

Pray for JulieAnn and Marlo Edman as they celebrate their move into a new home. Bless them and their hospitality as they welcome family, friends, and angels into their household.

Pray for the young leaders who were confirmed in November, that they grow in faith and gain a deeper understanding of Jesus as a guiding, loving force in their lives.

Pray for our children, who have returned to classes and studies. Pray they are safe on wet, dark streets. Give them stamina and joy!

Pray for the teachers, school staff, parents, guardians, and grandparents who teach our children and keep them safe.

Pray for those who are ill:

- **Mark Sjostrom**, Svea's uncle, as he recovers from cancer treatments and health complications
- **Neil Marshall** (Nash's Portland family) as Neil undergoes treatment for a brain tumor.
- **Faith Moser** (mother of Joann Noll) as Faith enters her second century!
- **David Gyles** for his improved lung health.
- **Leo Lawrence** for recovery from neuropathy surgery.
- **John Knight and family** as John continues in memory care.
- **Laura Day**, mother of Natalie Peterson, in her diagnosis and treatment of cancer.
- **Gary Andeen** as he receives treatments for lung cancer.
- **Amy Bishop McDonald** for her diagnosis and surgery for breast cancer.
- **Chuck Huntley**, brother of Marjorie Strieff, for his ongoing health.

- **Glenn Chase**, in thanks for his continued good health.
- **Jackie Calder**, in thanks for healing and health that allows her to travel and to accomplish loving volunteer work.
- **Mary Rix** as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer.
- **JulieAnn Edman** for continued healing as she undergoes her treatment.
- **Lorraine Griffey** for health, stamina, and joy.

Pray for all those who have passed away that they experience the loving embrace of God's love.

Pray for the family and friends of Mary Jo Swalwell, mother of Kerry Czuba, who died December 23, 2023, in Tucson, Arizona, at 82 years of age. Bless Kerry as she grieves and lays her mother to rest.

Continuing prayers for well-being for our loved ones Timothy, Elizabeth, Faith, Jim, Rob, Jacob, Miles, Andrew, Nash, Matthew, and Patricia--may they walk in light and peace.

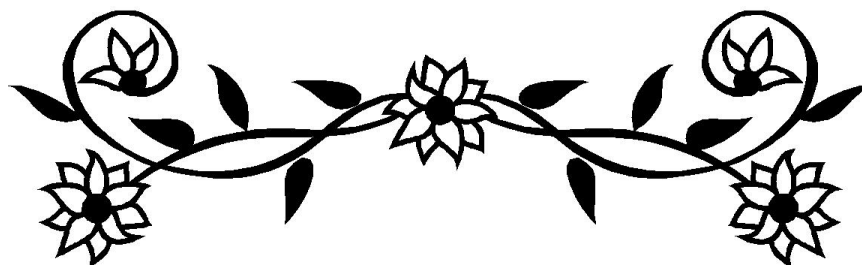
Pray in thanksgiving for all the blessings received this week.

Pray we know that God is close and that we are open to receiving and sharing God's love.

Pray for Bethel Lutheran Church. Pray especially for the potluck gathering and **Annual Congregational Meeting planned for January 28, 2024.** May we eat well and accomplish church business pleasing to God.

Mark Your Calendars...See what's happening at Bethel and Beyond this week:

01/15 Brief report due from each program head to come to Bethel's email and to Ronda Bard at ronda.bard@gmail.com
 01/18 Noon Crafternoon w/Pr. Leon
 01/18 4:30-5:30 PM Happy Hour on Zoom
 01/21 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom
 01/21 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in person or on Zoom
 01/21 11:15 AM Council Meeting



How do you hear?

Samuel heard God's voice in the night asking him to do something. Jesus asked people to follow him. How can *you* tell people about God and Jesus?

Look at the picture below and circle all the different ways you might try.



this week

Play a game of *telephone* around a circle. One person whispers a message to the next person, who whispers it to the next, and so on. What happens to the message?

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gather

Welcome to worship. During the season of Epiphany, we hear many wonderful stories about Jesus. Listen carefully to the sounds, stories, and songs during worship today. Circle the pictures that show what you hear.



What is your favorite worship sound?

Hear & Celebrate

Listen, God is calling...

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

Old Testament Story

One of today's Bible stories is about a young boy who worked with a priest in the temple. One night, this young boy heard his name called many different times. Listen carefully as the story is read, and use the key below to answer the following questions.

1. What is the name of the boy? $\frac{S}{1} \frac{M}{5} \frac{L}{2}$
2. What is the name of the priest? $\frac{\quad}{2} \frac{L}{3}$
3. Where was the boy sleeping?
 $\frac{\quad}{4} \frac{N}{1} \frac{\quad}{1} \frac{M}{1} \frac{T}{1} \frac{\quad}{3} \frac{N}{3} \frac{TH}{2} \frac{\quad}{2} \frac{T}{2} \frac{MPL}{2} \frac{\quad}{2}$
4. What exactly did the voice say?
 $\frac{S}{1} \frac{M}{5} \frac{\quad}{2} \frac{L}{2}, \frac{S}{1} \frac{M}{5} \frac{\quad}{2} \frac{LI}{2}$
5. How many times did the voice call his name? $F \frac{\quad}{4} \frac{\quad}{5} R$
6. Who did the voice belong to? $\frac{TH}{2} \frac{\quad}{4} \frac{L}{4} \frac{RD}{4}$
7. How did the boy answer?
 $\frac{“}{3} \frac{’M}{3} \frac{L}{3} \frac{ST}{3} \frac{N}{2} \frac{NG}{3}, \frac{WH}{1} \frac{T}{1} \frac{D}{4} \frac{Y}{4} \frac{\quad}{5}$
 $\frac{W}{1} \frac{NT}{2} \frac{M}{2} \frac{\quad}{4} \frac{T}{4} \frac{D}{4} \frac{?”}{4}$

Key: 1 = A 2 = E 3 = I 4 = O 5 = U

Jesus calls the first disciples

John 1:43-51

New Testament Story

Jesus went to Galilee and found some people to be his disciples, and together they traveled around the country sharing good news about God and God's love. Answer the following questions, using the same key.

1. Who did Jesus find in Galilee? $\text{P} \frac{\text{H}}{3} \frac{\text{L}}{3} \text{P}$
2. What did Jesus say to him? $\text{F} \frac{\text{L}}{4} \frac{\text{L}}{4} \frac{\text{W}}{4} \text{M} \frac{\text{L}}{2}$
3. Who did Philip find? $\text{N} \frac{\text{TH}}{1} \frac{\text{N}}{1} \frac{\text{L}}{2}$
4. What did Philip say to him? $\text{C} \frac{\text{M}}{4} \frac{\text{ND}}{2} \text{S} \frac{\text{L}}{2} \frac{\text{L}}{2}$
5. Where in the Bible can you find this story?
- $\text{TH} \frac{\text{L}}{2} \text{G} \frac{\text{L}}{4} \text{SP} \frac{\text{L}}{2} \text{F} \frac{\text{J}}{4} \text{HN}$



God, help me to hear you
calling my name. Amen



Sing songs about Jesus together.